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PREFACE

"But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to a day of eternity. Amen."

— 2 Peter 3:18

A Literal Translation of the Bible is the final volume in a series designed to incite thorough and close study of God's holy Scriptures. This series (originally promoted as The Break-Through-the-Language-Barrier Series) originated in the heart of this translator as a fervent desire for all lovers of God to know their God and Savior, Jesus Christ, as only a full understanding of the Bible can reveal Him. Such a knowledge of the altogether lovely Savior requires diligent study, investing both time and spiritual involvement. This Series is designed to save the Bible student time. In a lifetime of study of the Scriptures these ten volumes should save him or her thousands of hours. And that time could and should be used to meditate and pray over the revelatory words that God has given us as our heritage. May God the Spirit work in you to **"work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is working in you both to will and to work for the sake of His good pleasure."** — Philippians 2:12,13.

These are the volumes developed by an intensive effort during the past fifteen years, (years they were completed in parenthesis): *New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon* (1971); *New Englishman's Greek Concordance* (1971); *New Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew-Aramaic-English Lexicon with Index* (1980); *The Interlinear Bible*, (in 4 volumes, 1976-1980; in One Volume Edition, 1981); *New Englishman's Hebrew Concordance* (1984); *The Interlinear Bible* (second edition, with Strong's numbers over each original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek word of the Bible, 1984-1986); *A Concise Lexicon to the Biblical Languages* (1986); *A Literal Translation of the Bible* (1986)¹. These volumes provide the serious Bible student with the means for a quantum jump in the knowledge of God and His ways, His thoughts, and His purposes. The result for any earnest student of the Bible will be approval from God, acknowledgment that he or she is **"a workman unashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth,"** — 2 Timothy 2:15. Nothing less than our spiritual happiness and godly character is at stake as we study the Bible, our only source of strength to cope with this ungodly age.

The living God has warned every living soul that **"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God"** — Matt. 4:4. And He has directly provided us with the God-breathed words by which we are to live: **"Every Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so that the man of God may be perfect, having been fully furnished for every good work"** — 2 Timothy 3:16. Since all men, from the least intelligent to the most brilliant, from all backgrounds and in all lands and languages, must be able to read and understand the Scriptures in order to hear, believe, and obey in order to have everlasting life, God has provided us the Bible in easy-to-understand words! For He chose out words in common use among the Hebrew people to form the Old Testament, and later words commonly used in the Greek-speaking world, to form the New Testament. Whatever mysteries, whatever things hard to be understood (Eph. 3:8-10; 2 Peter 3:15) there may be in the Bible, the words expressing them are not so lofty as to impede understanding. This is proven by the fact that some of the most renowned men of God, even many of the apostles,

¹For full descriptions, see the forthcoming book, *An Informed Look at Home Bible Study Books*, Jay P. Green, Sr.

were unlearned men. Yet these understood and obeyed God's words, and they fulfilled His will.

In a world now inhabited by billions of people, few of them today read Hebrew and Greek. And since the Scriptures are intended for every nation and tongue, a translation into the common language of each person is needed. In the sixteenth century William Tyndale wrote in the preface to his translation: "which thing moved me to translate the New Testament. Because I perceived by experience that it was impossible to establish the lay people in any truth, except the Scripture were plainly laid before their eyes in their mother tongue, that they might see the process, order and meaning of the text." Tyndale labored to translate so that "every plowboy might understand." And thousands of people in his day, and in the coming century, learned to read in order to be able to read and understand the words of God. And such a great spiritual revolution followed that the noted English historian J. R. Green felt compelled to write: "No greater moral change ever passed over a nation than passed over England in the latter part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. England became a people of a Book and that Book was the Bible. It was read by every class of people. And the effect was amazing. The whole moral tone of the nation changed."

WHY IS ANOTHER TRANSLATED NEEDED NOW?

In the midst of the seventeenth-century spiritual revolution in England the original Authorized Version (King James Version) appeared. And such a golden age of theology followed that most of the classic works, whether expository or devotional, those still being printed today, were written in that century. It should be evident to any unbiased student of history that it was an honest translation that was the very matrix from which came a civilization blessed with more knowledge, more abundance, more individual freedom to worship, more solid intellectual development, more time to read and meditate on God's word, and more of all the blessings which tend to draw men to God. *The King James Version* was flawed, as all translations tend to be flawed, but considering the available resources of the day, and the development of theology, it was and is an honest attempt to present God's word as it was written. The same may not be said of many, if not most, of the flood of 'versions' poured from the presses recently².

² *A Literal Translation of the Bible* is needed now because God has further warned us that "And if anyone hears My words, and does not believe, I do not judge him . . . the word which I spoke, that which will judge him in the last Day." (John 12:48). Yet taken in total the recent 'versions' leave out hundreds of the words of God, even though those words are fully authenticated by ninety-nine per cent or more of extant factual evidence in manuscripts, ancient versions, and quotations from the early fathers. Dozens of verses have been either totally removed, or else have had doubt thrown on them; and hundreds of verses have been distorted by the addition or subtraction of words, with no notice given to the reader of what has been done. Here are some of the losses to the reader of these 'versions': (1) By the removal of one little Greek word meaning "without a cause," Jesus when angry is made liable to the judgment, and thus made to be a sinner (Matt. 5:22); (2) God's assurance to us that our Savior was "God manifested in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16) is denied in virtually every one of these new 'versions'; (3) the deity of Christ is systematically

¹The world has always housed a horde of pretentious scoffers who claim that the Word of God as literally written cannot be understood by anyone but a so-called scholar. Plainly they feel that God's Word must first be masticated by them, and then mixed with their humanistic saliva, before the average person can understand it. The fact is, their intent is not to make the Scriptures understandable, but palatable to unbelievers and misled Christians. This volume will prove that the literal words of God can be both readable and understandable. For God's judgment of the 'conceptual ideas' of these corrupters of God's Word, see 1 Corinthians 1:19-24. Thankfully, believers will be judged by the literal words breathed by God the Spirit, and not by 'scholars' notional emendations to the Bible.

removed, or questioned —in the NASV He is made to be a begotten god, rather than having been begotten as a Son; but God cannot be begotten, He must have forever been, else not God; (4) the power of His cleansing blood is denied in GNMM, the 'translator' simply refusing to translate the word for blood; (5) our Lord's omnipresence is stolen away from Him because these so-called 'translations' leave out the words "who is in Heaven" (John 3:3). To cover up the stealing away of these words, some 'versions' put 'whose home is in Heaven,' a reading which does not appear in any manuscript; (6) they have denied or else thrown doubt on the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus, in many cases making Joseph the begetting father, or even some other (Luke 2:33); (7) many places they have changed "Son of God" to 'son of man'; (8) they have Christ suffering, but not for us (1 Cor. 5:7); (9) they have Christ sacrificed, but not for us (1 Peter 4:1); (10) they have removed both Luke's and Mark's witness to the ascension of Christ; (11) to these unbelieving translators propitiation becomes merely a 'remedy for the defilement of sins; justification by faith is marred by presenting faith as a meritorious work which procures righteousness; (12) the God-breathed inspiration of the Scriptures is misrepresented by an insipid substitution, 'every inspired scripture has its use;' (13) to them the miraculous darkness on Resurrection Day was merely an 'eclipse;' redemption merely a 'release;' belief degenerates into a mild 'yielding of allegiance;' righteousness in some of these modern 'versions' becomes only 'goodness;' (14) the demon-possession healed by the Lord Jesus Christ is pretended to be no more than 'epilepsy.' Any good-hearted soul should be able to discern that Satan is at work, twisting and perverting the words of God, as He did in the Garden of Eden. That is why a simple, honest, literal translation of God's words is much needed today.

THE PURPOSE AND PLAN OF THIS TRANSLATION

This work first appeared in *The Interlinear Bible*, the purpose of which was to provide God's children the means to check out all versions of the Bible. For if one sees the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek words, and the literal meaning under each of them, then it can be seen how far astray some of these pretended 'translations' go. This separate volume is in response to a host of requests for a carrying Bible with the literal meanings of the original words of the Bible, those penned by the prophets, apostles and historians chosen by God the Spirit to convey all those words by which we are to be judged.¹

The plan of this volume then is to provide every English-reading person with the words of God in their literal richness of expression. The Hebrews were basically a pastoral people. Their language originally was pictorial, and as such it is descriptive by nature. For example, their place names were descriptive: "The Graves of Lust; The Valley of the Giants," etc. In this volume these true meanings are revealed, not mere transliteration of the Hebrew letters being made to suffice. The personification of everything (there were no neuters to the Hebrews, nor any merely secular objects), gleams through a literal translation — for all things and all men were perceived in relation to God Almighty. This literal translation tends to bring the reader into the frame of mind that existed in the times the Biblical words were written, and thus promotes a full understanding. As for the Greek, it is noted as a language that has a word for every occasion. This vivid variety of expression is evident in the Holy Scriptures. Yet the Greek commonly in use, rather than the classical Greek, was written by Peter the unlearned fisherman, Luke the learned Physician, and by Paul the trained theologian. In conveying to the Bible student the commands and principles of God, it is important that the translator also convey in literal, simple English what

¹Watch for the book, *Unholy Hands on the Bible*, now in preparation by Jay P. Green, Sr.

God has written for His people. A translation of the Bible is no place to show off the vocabulary and erudition of the translator.

There are mysterious things, things hard to understand (2 Peter 3:15,16) in the Scriptures, but it is not the literal meanings of the Hebrew or Greek words that cause this to be so. The **“different gospel”** preached by those **“troubling you and desiring to pervert the gospel of Christ,”** cannot be derived from the literal words written by the Divine penmen. For these holy men were **“borne along by the Holy Spirit,”** (2 Peter 1:21). The plan of this volume is not to lead (or mislead) the reader, but to bring him or her face to face with God by simply giving the literal meaning of the words which He had written for our spiritual direction. In doing this we adhere to His maxim, **“Let God be true, and every man a liar”** (Romans 3:4).

DISTINCTIVE TRANSLATIONS IN THIS VOLUME

In the application of our principle of translating each word literally, many distinctive translations will meet the eye of the reader. For instance, it disturbs some that in most places in the New Testament the name of the mother of Jesus is written in Greek, **Μαριαμ**, Miriam, or Mariam, rather than Mary. Apparently she came to be known as Mary because there is no word for Miriam in Latin. So both the mother of Jesus, and her sister Mary of Clopas came to be called Mary in our Bibles. Other distinctive translations are: the descriptive names of place, the instructions in the titles to certain Psalms, the correct names of the history books, etc. Some technical names have been retained (**Shephelah** for lowlands, **Negeb** for southland, **Arabah** for the barren depression of the Jordan valley). In this volume the Red Sea is actually the **Sea of Reeds**; left-handed persons are seen to be **impeded in the right hand**; Jephthah is rescued from the charge of human sacrifice⁴; Joseph's master is revealed to be a eunuch, adding light to his wife's lust. Literal meanings often make actions of Bible characters to come alive, *e.g.*, king Ahab saying of the king of Syria, **“he is coiling himself toward me,”** (2 K. 5:7); people came to Jesus with the sick and the lame and **“flung them down at His feet,”** (Matt. 15:30); Jesus **bending down** and then **bending back up** creates a mental picture of the action to the reader (John 8:6,7). Of all the available translations, in this volume alone you will find proper distinction between vexers, haters, foes, adversaries, enemies or oppressors. Trouble, distress, desolation, pain, etc. are distinguished. Surely, lovers of God are lovers of God's words. The distinctive literal meanings of those words in this volume will cause God's children to more thoroughly discern the Divine mind. Obedience and blessing will follow.

SOME DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THE TRANSLATOR

There are many interpretative decisions made by any Bible translator. Some of these are handled by the format of the work. Always the context has a bearing on the translation of a word. For example, it makes quite a difference whether a person is cured, or is saved, yet the same Greek word may be translated either way. It is the context that will determine which is used. And at times the context covers not merely the surrounding verses, but an entire chapter or even a Biblical book. These are some of the decisions made:

1. Words supplied for sense were kept to a minimum, and these are ***always printed in italic type***. The reader will know that any word in italic is not a translation of any original word of the text, but is supplied for sense.

2. The original manuscripts have no punctuation, capitalization, or other grammatical helps to the reader. We have attempted to aid the reader by

⁴The Hebrew word translated as “to lament” in the KJV should bear the literal translation of “to tell again” (לְתַלֵּךְ). His daughter sacrificed her future as a wife and mother because of her father's vow. There certainly was no human sacrifice, nor vow to do such a thing.

punctuation, being careful not to divide words that appear to belong together. We have capitalized in the manner now approved in English works. But we have also capitalized the names and the pronouns of God in all three Persons. This is true when they are recognized as such either by the Biblical penman, or by a person addressing God. But when the person addressing God, such as the Pharisees addressing the Lord Jesus, does not recognize His deity, then the pronouns used are NOT capitalized in this volume. In a number of places we have capitalized I AM, since in those places Christ Jesus is so identifying Himself as the original Creator (See Colossians 1:16). Or so we concluded. We recognize this is highly interpretative, but believe the Bible student is aided by such helps.

3. The premise that **"the Scriptures cannot be broken"** is demonstrated throughout this volume. With the firm conviction that each word is God-breathed, and that none have been allowed to pass away (Matt. 5:18), we have prayerfully sought to give the meaning of each word in its most literal and understandable form. Chapters are of course arbitrary, but we have followed the commonly used chapters divisions, and the versing in the Bibles of our day. At places we have assigned different sentence structure, even supplying new subject and verb in order to aid the reader to quickly gain the sense. In one place (at the end of chapter 1 and the beginning of chapter 2 of Ephesians) we have ended a chapter with a dash, and have begun chapter 2 with a small letter, because plainly the apostle Paul did not intend for his thought to be interrupted before verse 8 of chapter 2.

In every case there is a desire to cause the Bible student to more fully understand what God has written for the building up of his spiritual character. May it never be said to you, as our God and Savior, Jesus Christ, said to the unbelieving Jews, **"You err, not knowing the Scriptures"** (Matt. 22:29). Rather may you **"know the things freely given to us by God, which things are not in words taught in human wisdom, but in words taught of the Holy Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things"** (1 Corinthians 2:12,13).

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THE BOOK OF GENESIS

CHAPTER 1

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth; ²and the earth being without form and empty, and darkness on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moving gently on the face of the waters, ³then God said, Let light be! And there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that *it was* good, and God separated between the light and darkness. ⁵And God called the light, Day. And He called the darkness, Night. And there was evening, and there was morning the first day.

⁶And God said, Let an expanse be in the midst of the waters, and let it divide between the waters *and* the waters. ⁷And God made the expanse, and He separated between the waters which *were* under the expanse and the waters which *were* above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse, Heavens. And there was evening, and there was morning the second day.

⁹And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be collected to one place, and let the dry land appear. And it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry land, Earth. And He called the collection of the waters, Seas. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹¹And God said, Let the earth sprout tender sprouts, *the* plant seeding seed, the fruit tree producing fruit according to its kind, whichever seed *is* in it on the earth. And it was so. ¹²And the earth bore tender sprouts, *the* plant seeding seed according to its kind, and the fruit tree producing fruit according to its kind, whichever seed *is* in it. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning the third day.

¹⁴And God said, Let luminaries be in the expanse of the heavens, to divide between the day and the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years. ¹⁵And let them be for luminaries in the expanse of the heavens, to give light on the earth. And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great luminaries: the great luminary to rule the day,

and the small luminary and the stars to rule the night. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens, to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and to rule over the day and over the night; and to divide between the light and the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, Let the waters swarm *with* the swarms *having* a soul of life; and let the birds fly over the earth, on the face of the expanse of the heavens. ²¹And God created the great sea animals, and all that creeps, *having* a living soul, which swarmed the waters, according to its kind; and every bird *with* wing according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas; and let the birds multiply in the earth. ²³And there was evening, and there was morning the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, Let the earth bring forth the soul of life according to its kind: cattle, and creepers, and its beasts of the earth, according to its kind. And it was so. ²⁵And God made the animals of the earth according to its kind, and cattle according to its kind, and every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ²⁶And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

²⁷And God created the man in His own image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female.

²⁸And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, and over birds of the heavens, and over all animals creeping on the earth. ²⁹And God said, Behold, I have given you every plant seeding seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree

in which *is* the fruit of a tree seeding seed — it shall be food for you. ³⁰And to every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to every creeper on the earth, in which *is* a living soul, every green plant *is* for food. And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that He had made; and, behold, *it was* very good. And there was evening, and there was morning the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

¹And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their host. ²And on the seventh day God completed His work which He had made. And He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. ³And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because He rested from all His work on it, which God had created to make.

⁴These are the births of the heavens and of the earth when they *were* created in the day that Jehovah was making earth and heavens — ⁵and every shrub of the field was not yet on the earth, and every plant of the field had not yet sprung up; for Jehovah God had not sent rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground. ⁶And mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. ⁷And Jehovah God formed the man *out of* dust from the ground, and blew into his nostrils *the* breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁸And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden to the east; and He put there the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground Jehovah God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The Tree of Life *was* also in the middle of the garden; also the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. ¹⁰And a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it was divided and became four heads. ¹¹The name of the first *was* Pishon — it *is* the *one* surrounding all the land of Havilah, where gold *is*; ¹²and the gold of that land *is* good; there *is* bdellium gum resin, *and* the onyx stone. ¹³And the name of the second river *is* Gihon — it *is* the *one* surrounding all the land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river *is* Hiddakel — it *is* the *one*

going east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

¹⁵And Jehovah God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden, to work it and to keep it. ¹⁶And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden; ¹⁷but of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil you may not eat, for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die.

¹⁸And Jehovah God said, It is not good, the man being alone. I will make a helper suited to him. ¹⁹And Jehovah God formed every animal of the field, and every bird of the heavens out of the ground. And *He* brought *them* to the man, to see what he would call it. And all which the man might call it, *each* living soul, that *was* its name. ²⁰And the man called names to all the cattle, and to the bird of the heavens, and to every animal of the field. But no helper suited to him was found for a man. ²¹And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh underneath. ²²And Jehovah God formed the rib which He had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. ²³And the man said, This now at last *is* bone of my bones, and flesh from my flesh. For this shall be called Woman, because this has been taken out of man. ²⁴Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed.

CHAPTER 3

¹And the serpent was cunning above every animal of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, *Is it* true that God has said, You shall not eat from any tree of the garden? ²And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, ³but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die. ⁴And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, ⁵for God knows that in the day you

eat of it, your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil. ⁶And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to make *one* wise. And she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked. And they sewed leaves of the fig-tree, and made girdles for themselves.

⁸And they heard the sound of Jehovah God walking up and down in the garden at the breeze of the day. And the man and his wife hid themselves from the face of Jehovah God in the middle of the trees of the garden. ⁹And Jehovah God called to the man and said to him, Where are you? ¹⁰And he said, I have heard Your sound in the garden, and I was afraid, for I *am* naked, and I hid myself. ¹¹And He said, Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat? ¹²And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me, she has given to me of the tree, and I ate. ¹³And Jehovah God said to the woman, What *is* this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate.

¹⁴And Jehovah God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all beasts, and above every animal of the field. You shall go on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed — He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. ¹⁶He said to the woman, I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception; you shall bear sons in sorrow, and your desire shall be toward your husband; and he shall rule over you. ¹⁷And He said to the man, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat from it, the ground shall be cursed because of you; you shall eat of it in sorrow all the days of your life. ¹⁸And it shall bring forth thorns and thistles for you, and you shall eat the plant of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread

until your return to the ground. For you have been taken out of it; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return. ²⁰And the man called the name of his wife, Eve; because she became the mother of all living. ²¹And Jehovah God made coats of skin for the man and his wife, and clothed them.

²²And Jehovah God said, Behold! The man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and also take from the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever. ²³And Jehovah God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground out of which he was taken. ²⁴And He drove the man out. And He caused to dwell the cherubs at the east of the Garden of Eden, and the flaming sword whirling around to guard the way of the Tree of Life.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the man knew his wife Eve. And she conceived and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man *with the help* of Jehovah. ²And she continued to bear his brother, Abel. And Abel became a shepherd of flocks. And Cain became a tiller of the ground. ³And in the end of days, it happened that Cain brought an offering to Jehovah from the fruit of the ground. ⁴And Abel brought, he also, from the firstlings of his flocks, even from their fat. And Jehovah looked to Abel and to his offering. ⁵And He did not look to Cain and to his offering. And Cain glowed greatly *with anger*, and his face fell. ⁶And Jehovah said to Cain, Why have you angrily glowed, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, is there not exaltation? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire *is* toward you; but you should rule over it.

⁸And Cain talked with his brother Abel. And as they were in the field, Cain rose up against His brother Abel, and killed him. ⁹And Jehovah said to Cain, Where *is* your brother Abel? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰And He said, What have you done? The voice of the blood of your brother cries to Me from the ground. ¹¹And now you *are* cursed more than the ground which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood

from your hand. ¹²When you till the ground, it will not again give its strength to you. You shall be a vagabond and a fugitive on the earth. ¹³And Cain said to Jehovah, My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Lo, You have driven me out from the face of the earth today. And I shall be hidden from Your face. And I shall be a vagabond and a fugitive on the earth. And it will be *that* anyone who finds me shall kill me. ¹⁵And Jehovah said to him, If anyone kills Cain, he shall be avenged sevenfold. And Jehovah set a mark on Cain, so that anyone who found him should not kill him. ¹⁶And Cain went out from the presence of Jehovah. And *he* lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. ¹⁷And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enos. And he built a city, and he called the name of the city according to the name of his son, Enoch.

¹⁸And Irad was born to Enoch; and Irad fathered Mehujael. And Mehujael fathered Methusael; and Methusael fathered Lamech. ¹⁹And Lamech took two wives to himself: the name of the first was Adah; and the name of the second was Zillah. ²⁰And Adah bore Jubal; he was the father of those living in tents, and with cattle. ²¹And the name of his brother *was* Jubal; he was the father of all those playing the harp and the organ. ²²And Zillah also bore Tubalcain, the hammerer of every engraving tool of bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubalcain *was* Naamah. ²³And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice, you wives of Lamech; listen to my words—for I have killed a man because of my wound, and a young man because of my hurt; ²⁴for Cain is avenged sevenfold, and Lamech seventy-seven.

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son. And she called his name, Seth, for God has appointed to me another seed in place of Abel, because Cain killed him. ²⁶And a son was also born to Seth, and he called his name, Enos. Then it was begun to call on the name of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 5

¹This is the book of the generations of Adam: In the day that God created man,

He made him in the likeness of God. ²He created them male and female, and blessed them, and called their name Adam in the day when they were created. ³And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years and fathered a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and called his name Seth. ⁴And the days of Adam after he fathered Seth were eight hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ⁵And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years. And he died.

⁶And Seth lived one hundred and five years, and fathered Enos. ⁷And after he fathered Enos, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ⁸And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years. And he died.

⁹And Enos lived ninety years and fathered Cainan. ¹⁰After he fathered Cainan, Enos lived eight hundred and fifteen years, and he fathered sons and daughters. ¹¹And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years. And he died. ¹²And Cainan lived seventy years and fathered Mahalaleel. ¹³And after he fathered Mahalaleel, Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁴And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years. And he died. ¹⁵And Mahalaleel lived sixty-five years and fathered Jared. ¹⁶And after he fathered Jared, Mahalaleel lived eight hundred and thirty years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁷And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred and ninety five years. And he died.

¹⁸And Jared lived one hundred and sixty two years and fathered Enoch. ¹⁹And after he fathered Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ²⁰And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years. And he died.

²¹And Enoch lived sixty-five years and fathered Methuselah. ²²And Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he fathered Methuselah. And he fathered sons and daughters. ²³And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴And Enoch walked with God; then he was not — for God took him.

²⁵And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years and fathered Lamech. ²⁶And after he fathered Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ²⁷And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.

²⁸And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years and fathered a son. ²⁹And he called his name Noah, saying, This one shall comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed. ³⁰And after he fathered Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ³¹And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years. And he died. ³²And Noah was five hundred years old. And Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

CHAPTER 6

¹And it came about that men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them. ²The sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were good. And they took wives for themselves from all those whom they chose. ³And Jehovah said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man; in their erring he is flesh. And his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

The giants were in the earth in those days, and even afterwards when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore to them—they were heroes which *existed* from ancient time, the men of name.

⁴And Jehovah saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the day long. ⁵And Jehovah repented that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved to His heart.

⁶And Jehovah said, I will wipe off man whom I have created from the face of the earth, from man to beast, to the creeping thing and to the bird of the heavens; for I repent that I made them. ⁷And Noah found grace in the eyes of Jehovah.

⁸These are the generations of Noah. Noah, a righteous man, had been per-

fect among his family — Noah walked with God. ⁹And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹⁰And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹¹And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupted. For all flesh had corrupted its way on the earth. ¹²And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And behold, I will destroy them *along with* the earth. ¹³Make an ark of cypress timbers for yourself. You shall make rooms in the ark; and you shall cover it with asphalt inside and out. ¹⁴And you shall make it this way: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁵You shall make a window in the ark, and you shall finish it above to a cubit. And you shall set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third stories. ¹⁶And behold, I, even I, am bringing a flood of waters on the earth in order to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life from under the heavens. Everything which is on the earth shall die. ¹⁷And I will establish My covenant with you. And you shall come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁸And you shall bring into the ark two of every kind, of every living thing of all flesh, to keep alive with you; they shall be male and female; ¹⁹from the fowl after its kind, and from the cattle after its kind, from every creeping thing of the ground after its kind—two from each shall come in to you to keep alive. ²⁰And take for yourself all food that is eaten, and gather to yourself. And let it be for you and for them for food. ²¹And Noah did so, according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

CHAPTER 7

¹And Jehovah said to Noah, You and all your house come into the ark, for I have seen you righteous before Me in this generation. ²You shall take to yourself from every clean animal by sevens, male and female; and from the animal that is not clean by two, male and female. ³And take

of the fowl of the heavens by sevens, male and female, to keep alive seed on the face of the earth. ⁴For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and will wipe away every living substance that I have made from off the face of the earth. ⁵And Noah did according to all that Jehovah commanded him.

⁶Noah was a son of six hundred years, and the flood of waters was on the earth. ⁷And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. ⁸And they went in to Noah into the ark, male and female of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of fowl, and of every thing that creeps on the earth, ⁹two by two, as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰And in time, after the seven days, the waters of the flood came into being on the earth. ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, in the seventeenth day of the month, in this day all the fountains of the great deep were risen, and the windows of the heavens were opened up. ¹²And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³In this same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark; ¹⁴they, and every animal after its kind, and every beast after its kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind; and every fowl after its kind, every bird of every wing. ¹⁵And they went in to Noah and to the ark, two and two of all flesh, in which is the breath of life. ¹⁶And those going in went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him. And Jehovah shut behind him.

¹⁷And the flood was on the earth forty days. And the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. ¹⁸And the waters prevailed, and were greatly increased on the earth. And the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters were strong, exceedingly violent on the earth, and all the high mountains under the heavens were covered. ²⁰The waters grew strong, fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were

covered. ²¹And all flesh that moved on the earth died: the fowl, and cattle, and beast, and every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, and all mankind; ²²all died in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land. ²³And every living thing which was on the face of the earth was wiped away, from man to cattle, and to the creeping things, and the fowl of the heavens. And they were wiped off from the earth, and only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the waters were strong on the earth a hundred and fifty days.

CHAPTER 8

¹And God remembered Noah and every living thing, and all the cattle, which were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ²And the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were stopped, and the rain from the heavens was restrained. ³And the waters retreated from the earth, going and retreating. And the waters diminished at the end of a hundred and fifty days.

⁴And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And the waters were going and falling until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. ⁶And it happened, at the end of forty days, and Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

⁷And he sent out a raven, and it went out, going out and returning until the waters were dried up from off the earth. ⁸He also sent out from him the dove, to see if the waters had gone down from off the face of the earth. ⁹But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of all the earth. And he put out his hand and took her, and pulled her in to him into the ark.

¹⁰And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. ¹¹And the dove came in to him in the evening. And, behold! In her mouth was a newly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had gone down from off the earth. ¹²And he waited another

seven days and sent forth the dove. And she did not return again to him any more.

¹³And in the six hundred and first year, at the beginning, on the first of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked. And, behold! The face of the earth was dried. ¹⁴And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵And God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out from you every living thing that is with you, of all flesh, of fowl, of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creeps on the earth; and let them swarm on the earth, and bear, and multiply on the earth. ¹⁸And Noah went out, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him; ¹⁹every animal, every creeping thing, and every fowl; all which creeps on the earth. They went forth out of the ark according to their families.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to Jehovah, and took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And Jehovah smelled the delightful odor, and Jehovah said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for the sake of man, because the imagination of the heart of man is evil from his youth. Yea, I will not again smite every living thing as I have done; ²²while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

CHAPTER 9

¹And God blessed Noah and his sons. And He said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²And your fear and your dread shall be on all the animals of the earth, and on every bird of the heavens, on all that moves on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hands. ³Every creeping thing which is alive shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green plant. ⁴But you shall not eat flesh in its life, its blood. ⁵And surely the blood of your lives I will demand. At the hand of every animal I will demand it, and at the hand of man. I will demand the life of

man at the hand of every man's brother. ⁶Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood shall be shed by man. For He made man in the image of God. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply. Swarm over the earth and multiply in it.

⁸And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹Behold, I, even I, am establishing My covenant with you, and with your seed after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature which is with you, among fowl, among cattle, and among every animal of the earth with you, from all that go out from the ark, to every animal of the earth. ¹¹And I have established My covenant with you, and all flesh shall not be cut off again by the waters of a flood; nor shall there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth. ¹²And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I am about to make between Me and you, and every living soul which is with you, for everlasting generations: ¹³I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴And it will be when I gather the clouds on the earth, then the bow shall be seen in the clouds. ¹⁵And I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you, and every living soul in all flesh. And the waters shall not again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶And the bow shall be in the clouds, and I shall see it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living soul, in all flesh which is on the earth.

¹⁷And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.

¹⁸And the sons of Noah that went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham is the father of Canaan. ¹⁹These are the three sons of Noah, and the whole earth was overspread from them.

²⁰And Noah, a man of the ground, began and planted a vineyard. ²¹And he drank from the wine, and was drunk. And he uncovered himself inside his tent. ²²And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father. And he told his two brothers outside. ²³And Shem and Japheth took a garment and put it on both their shoulders. And they went backwards

and covered the nakedness of their father, their faces backward. And they did not see the nakedness of their father. ²⁴And Noah awoke from his wine. And he came to know what his younger son had done to him. ²⁵And he said, Cursed be Canaan. He shall be a slave of slaves to his brothers. ²⁶And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Shem; and may Canaan be his slave. ²⁷God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall live in the tents of Shem, and Canaan shall be their slave.

²⁸And Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood. ²⁹And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years. And he died.

CHAPTER 10

¹And these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood.

²The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. ³And Gomer's sons were Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁴And Javan's sons were Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. ⁵The coasts of the nations were divided by these in their lands, each by his tongue, by their families, in their nations.

⁶And Ham's sons were Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, and Canaan. ⁷And the sons of Cush were Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And Raamah's sons were Sheba and Dedan. ⁸And Cush fathered Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the land. ⁹He was a mighty hunter before Jehovah; so it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before Jehovah. ¹⁰And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹From that land he went forth to Assyria and built Nineveh, and Rehoboth the city, and Calah, ¹²and Resen between Nineveh and Calah, which is a great city. ¹³And Mizraim fathered Ludim, and Ananiam, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, ¹⁴and Pathrusim, and Casluhim, who came from the Philistines and Caphtorim.

¹⁵And Canaan fathered his firstborn Sidon, and Heth, ¹⁶and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, ¹⁷and

the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, ¹⁸and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. And afterward the families of the Canaanites were routed.

¹⁹And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as you come to Gerar, as far as Gaza, as you go in towards Sodom and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even to Lasha. ²⁰These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their tongues, in their countries, in their nations.

²¹And to Shem was born, even to him, the father of all the sons of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. ²²The sons of Shem were Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. ²³And Aram's sons were Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. ²⁴And Arpachshad fathered Shalach; and Shalach fathered Eber. ²⁵And two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. ²⁶And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, ²⁷and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, ²⁸and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, ²⁹and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. These all were the sons of Joktan. ³⁰And their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go to Sephar, an eastern mountain. ³¹These were the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their tongues, in their lands, according to their nations.

³²These were the families of the sons of Noah, by their generations, in their nations. And from these the nations were divided in the earth after the flood.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the whole earth was of one lip and of one speech. ²And it happened, as they pulled up stakes from the east, they found a level valley in the land of Shinar. And they lived there. ³And each one said to his neighbor, Come, let us make brick, and burning burn them. And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴And they said, Come, let us build a city and a tower with its head in the heavens, and make a name for ourselves, that we not be scattered on the face of all the earth. ⁵And Jehovah came down to

see the city and the tower which the sons of Adam had built. ⁶And Jehovah said, Behold, the people *is* one, and the lip one to all of them, and this they are beginning to do, and now all which they have purposed to do will not be restrained from them. ⁷Come, let Us go down and confuse their language so that they cannot understand one another's speech. ⁸And Jehovah scattered them from there, over the face of all the earth. And they stopped building the city. ⁹On account of this its name is called Babel, because Jehovah confused the language of all the earth there. And Jehovah scattered them abroad from there on the face of all the earth.

¹⁰These are the generations of Shem: Shem was a son of a hundred years and fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood. ¹¹And after he fathered Arpachshad, Shem lived five hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ¹²And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years and fathered Shalach. ¹³And after he fathered Shalach, Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁴And Shalach lived thirty years and fathered Eber. ¹⁵And after he fathered Eber, Shalach lived four hundred and three years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁶And Eber lived thirty-four years and fathered Peleg. ¹⁷And after he fathered Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

¹⁸And Peleg lived thirty years and fathered Reu. ¹⁹And after he fathered Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ²⁰And Reu lived thirty-two years and fathered Serug. ²¹And after he fathered Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ²²And Serug lived thirty years and fathered Nahor. ²³And after he fathered Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ²⁴And Nahor lived twenty-nine years and fathered Terah. ²⁵And after he fathered Terah, Nahor lived a hundred and nineteen years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ²⁶And Terah lived seventy years and fathered

Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

²⁷And these are the generations of Terah: Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai. And the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

³⁰And Sarai was barren; she had no child. ³¹And Terah took his son Abram, and Lot, Haran's son, his son's son, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife. And *he* went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldeans, to go into the land of Canaan. And they came to Haran and lived there. ³²And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Jehovah had said to Abram, Go out from your land, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing. ³And I will bless those who bless you, and curse the one despising you. And in you all families of the earth shall be blessed.

⁴And Abram went out, even as Jehovah had spoken to him. And Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out from Haran. ⁵And Abram took his wife Sarai, and his brother's son, Lot, and all their substance that they had gained, and the persons they had gotten in Haran. And they went out to go into the land of Canaan. And they came into the land of Canaan. ⁶And Abram passed through the land as far as the place of Shechem, to the Oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. ⁷And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said I will give this land to your seed. And he built an altar there to Jehovah, who appeared to him. ⁸And he moved from there to a mountain on the east of Bethel, and stretched his tent *with* Bethel toward the sea, and Ai on the east. And he built an

altar there to Jehovah, and called on the name of Jehovah. ⁹And Abram pulled up *stakes*, going on and pulling up toward the Negeb.

¹⁰And a famine was in the land, so Abram went down into Egypt to stay there. For the famine *was* heavy in the land. ¹¹And when he had drawn near to come to Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, Behold, please, I know that you *are* a beautiful woman to look upon. ¹²And it will be, when the Egyptians see you, then they will say, This is his wife; and they will kill me, and they will save you alive. ¹³Please say that you are my sister, so that it may be well with me for your sake, and my soul shall live because of you. ¹⁴And it happened, when Abram had come into Egypt, the Egyptians saw the woman, that she *was* very beautiful. ¹⁵And Pharaoh's princes saw her, and *they* praised her before Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶And he did good to Abram because of her. And he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-slaves, and slave-girls, and she-asses, and camels. ¹⁷And Jehovah touched Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸And Pharaoh called for Abram and said, What *is* this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me she *is* your wife? ¹⁹Why did you say, She *is* my sister? And so I was taking her for my wife. Now, then, see your wife. Take *her* and go. ²⁰And as Pharaoh commanded *his* men as to him, even they sent away him and his wife and all that he had.

CHAPTER 13

¹And Abram went up out of Egypt into the Negeb, he and his wife and all that he *had*, and Lot *being* with him. ²And Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold. ³And he went on his journeys from the south, even to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been there at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴to the place of the altar which he had made there at the first. And Abram called on the name of Jehovah there. ⁵And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶And the land was not able to bear them, for dwelling together, for their

wealth was great, so that they could not dwell together. ⁷And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. And the Canaanite and the Perizzite lived then in the land.

⁸And Abram said to Lot, Please let there be no strife between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we *are* men, brothers. ⁹Is not all the land before you? Please separate from me. If you *go* to the left, then I will go to the right. Or if you *go* to the right, then I will go to the left. ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the circuit of Jordan, that it was well-watered — before Jehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah — even like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt as you come to Zoar. ¹¹Then Lot chose all the circuit of Jordan for himself. And Lot pulled up toward the east. And they were separated, each one from his brother. ¹²And Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the circuit, and tented as far as Sodom. ¹³And the men of Sodom were evil and sinners before Jehovah — exceedingly so.

¹⁴And after Lot had separated from him, Jehovah said to Abram, Now lift up your eyes and look northward and southward and eastward and westward from the place where you are. ¹⁵For all the land which you see I will give to you, and to your seed forever. ¹⁶And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can count the dust of the earth, then your seed also will be counted. ¹⁷Rise up! Walk through the land, in its length and in its breadth, for I will give it to you. ¹⁸Then Abram moved *his* tent and came and lived among the oaks of Mamre, which *were* in Hebron; and he built an altar to Jehovah there.

CHAPTER 14

¹And in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of the nations, ²they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. ³All these *were* joined together to the valley of Siddim, which is the Salt Sea. ⁴They served Chedor-

laomer *for* twelve years, and the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵And in the fourteenth year Chedor-laomer and the kings that were with him came and struck the giants in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, ⁶and the Horites in the hills of Seir, as far as Elparan, which is by the wilderness. ⁷And they turned back and came to Enmishpat which is Kadesh, and struck all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who lived in Hazazon Tamar. ⁸And the king of Sodom went out, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. And they set the battle with them in the valley of Siddim, ⁹with Chedor-laomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal the king of the nations, and Amraphel the king of Shinar, and Arioch the king of Ellasar — four kings with the five. ¹⁰And the valley of Siddim *was* full of asphalt pits and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there. And they that remained fled to the mountain. ¹¹And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and went away. ¹²And they took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, and his goods, and left; and he was living in Sodom.

¹³And one who had escaped came and told Abraham the Hebrew; for he was living among the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, *the* brother of Escol and Aner. And these had a covenant with Abram. ¹⁴And when Abram heard that his brother was captured, even then he led out his trained men, born of his household, three hundred and eighteen. And *they* pursued as far as Dan. ¹⁵And he divided against them by night, he and his slaves, and *he* struck them, and chased them as far as Hobah, which is on the left of Damascus.

¹⁶And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother, and also the women and the people.

¹⁷And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, after he returned from smiting Chedor-laomer and the kings which *were* with him, to the valley of Shaveh, it *being* the valley of the king. ¹⁸And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God.

¹⁹And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth; ²⁰and blessed *be* the most high God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him a tithe of all.

²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the persons and take the goods for yourself. ²²And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, the most high God, the possessor of Heaven and earth, ²³that I will not take from all that is yours, from a thread to a shoe-latchet, and *that* you *may* not say, I have made Abram rich. ²⁴Nothing for me; only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

CHAPTER 15

¹After these things the word of Jehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not fear, Abram; I am your shield, your reward will increase greatly. ²And Abram said, Lord Jehovah, what will You give to me, *since I am going* childless, and the son of the inheritance of my house is Eleazar of Damascus? ³And Abram said, Behold! You have given no seed to me; and lo, the son of my house is inheriting of me! ⁴And behold! The word of Jehovah *came* to him saying, This one shall not be your heir. But he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir. ⁵And he brought him outside and said, Look now at the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And he said to him, So shall your seed be. ⁶And he believed in Jehovah. And He counted it to him for righteousness. ⁷And He said to him, I *am* Jehovah who caused you to come out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it. ⁸And he said, My Lord Jehovah, by what shall I know that I shall inherit it? ⁹And He said to him, Take for Me a heifer three years old, and a she-goat three years old, and a ram three years old, and a turtledove, even a nestling. ¹⁰And he took all these for Him, and he divided them in the middle; and he laid each piece against one another, but he did not divide the bird. ¹¹And the birds of prey came

down on the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

¹²And it happened as the sun was setting, and a deep sleep fell on Abram; and behold, a terror of great darkness falling on him! ¹³And He said to Abram, You must surely know that your seed shall be an alien in a land not theirs; and they shall serve them. And they shall afflict them four hundred years; ¹⁴and I also will judge that nation whom they shall serve; and afterward they shall come out with great substance. ¹⁵And you shall come to your fathers in peace. You shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶And in the fourth generation they shall come here again; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. ¹⁷And it was, the sun had gone down, and it was dark, behold! A smoking furnace, and a torch of fire that passed between those pieces! ¹⁸In that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹the Kenite, and the Kenizite, and the Kadmonite, ²⁰and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the giants, ²¹and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Girgashite, and the Jebusite.

CHAPTER 16

¹And Sarai, Abram's wife, did not bear to him; and to her *belonged* a female slave, an Egyptian, and her name was Hagar. ²And Sarai said to Abram, See, now, Jehovah has kept me from bearing; go in now to my slave-girl; perhaps I may be built up from her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³And Sarai, Abram's wife, took her slave-girl, Hagar, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan. ⁴And he went in to Hagar and she conceived; and she saw that she had conceived, and her mistress was despised in her eyes. ⁵And Sarai said to Abram, My injury be upon you; I gave my slave-girl into your bosom, and she saw that she had conceived, and I was despised in her eyes. Let Jehovah judge between me and you. ⁶But Abram said to Sarai, See, your slave-girl is in your hand. Do to her what is good in your eyes. And

Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from before her.

⁷And the Angel of Jehovah found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness; by the fountain in the way of Shur. ⁸And He said, Hagar, Sarai's slave-girl, where did you come from? And where do you go? And she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress, Sarai. ⁹And the Angel of Jehovah said to her, Return to your mistress and submit yourself under her hand. ¹⁰And the Angel of Jehovah said to her, I will exceedingly multiply your seed, so that it shall not be numbered for multitude. ¹¹And the Angel of Jehovah said to her, See you are with child and shall bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because Jehovah has attended to your affliction. ¹²And he shall be a wild ass of a man; his hand against all, and the hand of everyone against him; and he shall live before all his brothers. ¹³And she called the name of Jehovah, the One speaking to her, You, a God of vision! For she said, Even here have I looked after the One seeing me? ¹⁴On account of this, the well was called, The Well of the Living One Seeing Me. Behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered. ¹⁵And Hagar bore a son to Abram, and Abram called the name of his son whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

CHAPTER 17

¹And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the Almighty God! Walk before me and be perfect; ²and I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly. ³And Abram fell on his face. And God spoke with him, saying, ⁴As for Me, behold, My covenant *is* with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵And your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶And I will make you very fruitful, greatly so. And I will give you (for) nations. And kings shall come out of you. ⁷And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your seed after you. ⁸And I will

give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.

⁹And God said to Abraham, You shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations. ¹⁰This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you: Every man-child among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin. And it shall be a token of the covenant between Me and you. ¹²And a son of eight days shall be circumcised among you, every male in your generation, he that is born in the house, or bought with silver from any son of a foreigner who is not of your seed. ¹³Surely the child of your house and the purchase of your money must be circumcised. My covenant shall be in your flesh for a perpetual covenant. And an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, his soul shall be cut off from his people—he has broken My covenant.

¹⁴And God said to Abraham, You shall not call your wife Sarai by her name Sarai, for Sarah *shall be* her name; ¹⁵and I have blessed her and have also given to you a son from her. Yea, I have blessed her and she shall become nations; kings of people shall be from her. ¹⁶And Abraham fell on his face and laughed. And he said in his heart, Shall a *child* be born to a son of a hundred years? And shall Sarah bear, a daughter of ninety years? ¹⁷And Abraham said to God, O that Ishmael might live before You! ¹⁸And God said, Your wife Sarah truly shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. And I have established My covenant with him for a perpetual covenant with his seed after him. ¹⁹And as to Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²⁰And I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year. ²¹And He finished talking with him. And God went up from Abraham.

²²And Abraham took his son Ishmael

and all the children of his house, and all that were bought with his silver — every male among the men of the house of Abraham. And he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins in that same day, even as God spoke to him.

²³And Abraham was a son of ninety-nine years *when* being circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁴And His son Ishmael was a son of thirteen years *when* being circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵In the same day that Abraham *was* circumcised, *so was* Ishmael his son. ²⁶And all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with silver from a son of a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

CHAPTER 18

¹And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre. And he *was* sitting at the door of the tent in the heat of the day. ²And *he* lifted up his eyes and looked; and, behold, three men were standing by him. And he saw, and *he* ran to meet them from the entrance of the tent. And he bowed to the ground. ³And *he* said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, I beg You, do not leave from near Your servant. ⁴Please allow a little water to be taken and You wash Your feet, and rest under the tree. ⁵And I will bring a bite of bread and will sustain Your heart. Then You may pass on, for this is why You have passed over to Your servant. And they said, Do so, as you have said. ⁶And Abraham ran into the tent to Sarah and said, Hurry, *prepare* three measures of fine meal, knead *it* and make cakes. ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and brought a son of the herd, tender and good, and gave *it* to a youth. And he hurried to prepare *it*. ⁸And he took curds and milk and the son of the herd which he had prepared, and *he* set them before them. And he stood by them under the tree. And they ate.

⁹And they said to him, Where is your wife Sarah? And he said, See, in the tent. ¹⁰And He said, I will certainly return to you at the time of life; and, behold, a son *shall be* to your wife Sarah. And Sarah *was* listening at the entrance to the tent, and it *was* behind Him. ¹¹And Abraham and Sarah *were* aged, going on in days. The custom as to women had ceased to be

to Sarah. ¹²And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After my being old, shall there be pleasure to me, my lord also being old? ¹³And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why has Sarah laughed at this, saying, Indeed, truly shall I bear, even I who am old? ¹⁴Is anything too difficult for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, at the time of life, and *there will be* a son to Sarah. ¹⁵And Sarah denied, saying, I did not laugh—for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh.

¹⁶And the men rose up from there and looked on the face of Sodom. And Abraham was going with them, to send them away.

¹⁷And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing? ¹⁸And Abraham shall become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have known him, so that whatever he may command his sons and his house after him, even they may keep the way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice; to the intent that Jehovah may bring on Abraham that which He has spoken of him. ²⁰And Jehovah said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and their sin is exceedingly heavy. ²¹I will go down and see if they have at all done according to the cry coming to Me. And if not, I will know.

²²And the men faced around from there and went toward Sodom. And Abraham was still standing before Jehovah. ²³And Abraham drew near and said, Is it so? Will You cut off the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city; is it so You will cut off and will not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous ones that are within it? ²⁵Far be it from You to act in this way, to put to death the righteous with the wicked. Far be it from You. The Judge of all the earth, shall He not do right? shall He not do right?

²⁶And Jehovah said, If I find fifty righteous within the city, in Sodom, the. I will spare all the place because of them. ²⁷And Abraham answered and said, Behold, I beg You, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, and I am dust and ash. ²⁸Perhaps there will be lacking from

the fifty righteous; will You destroy all the city for the five? And He said, If I find forty-five there, I will not destroy. ²⁹And he continued still to speak to Him and said, Perhaps forty will be found there. And He said, I will not do *it* because of the forty. ³⁰And he said, Please do not let my Lord be angry, that I may speak; perhaps thirty will be found there. And He said, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there. ³¹And he said, Behold, I beg You, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord; perhaps twenty will be found there. And He said I will not destroy because of the twenty. ³²And he said, I beg You, let not my Lord be angry that I may speak only this time; perhaps ten will be found there. And He said, I will not destroy because of the ten. ³³And when Jehovah had finished speaking to Abraham, then Abraham returned to his place.

CHAPTER 19

¹And the two angels came into Sodom at evening. And Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom. And Lot saw, and *he* rose up to meet them and bowed his face to the earth. ²And he said, Behold, now, my lords, please turn into your servant's house and lodge, and wash your feet; and rise early and go to your way. And they said, No, for we will lodge in the street. ³And he much urged them, and they turned in to him and came into his house. And he made a feast for them. And he baked cakes, and they ate. ⁴Before they had laid down, even the men of the city, the men of Sodom, circled the house; from the young to the aged, all the people from its limits. ⁵And they called to Lot and said to him, Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them. ⁶And Lot went out to them, to the door, and he closed the door behind him. ⁷And he said, My brothers, please do not act evilly. ⁸Behold, now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please let me bring them out to you and do to them as you see fit; only do not do a thing to these men, because on account of this they came *into* the shade of my roof.

⁹And they said, Stand back! And they said, This one came in to visit, and must he

always judge? Now we will do evil to you rather than to them. And they pressed on the man, upon Lot violently, and drew near to break the door. ¹⁰But the men put out their hands and pulled Lot to them, into the house, and shut the door. ¹¹And they struck the men at the door of the house with blindness, from the small to the great; and they struggled to find the door. ¹²And the men said to Lot, Who still is here to you? Bring out of this place your sons and your sons-in-laws and your daughters, and whoever *belongs* to you in the city. ¹³For we are about to destroy this place, for the cry of them *is* great before Jehovah, and Jehovah has sent us to destroy it. ¹⁴And Lot went out to speak to his sons-in-laws, those taking his daughters, and *he* said, Rise up, go out from this place, for Jehovah is about to destroy the city. And he seemed as one joking to his sons-in-laws.

¹⁵And when the dawn rose, then the angels urged Lot, saying, Rise up, take your wife and your two daughters who *are* found, lest you be cut off in the perversity of the city. ¹⁶And he lingered. And the men lay hold of his hand and the hand of his wife, and on the hand of his two daughters., Jehovah having mercy on him. And they caused him to go out, and *they* put him down outside the city. ¹⁷And it happened as they led them outside, he said, Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay in all the plain. Escape to the mountain, lest you be swept away. ¹⁸And Lot said to them, Oh no, Lord! ¹⁹Behold, now, Your servant has found grace in Your sight, and You have magnified Your mercy which You have shown to me in saving my life. And I am not able to escape to the mountain lest *some* evil overtake me and I die. ²⁰Behold, now, this city is near, to flee there, and it is a little one. Please let me escape there! Is it not a little thing, that my soul may live? ²¹And He said to him, See, I have lifted up your face also as to this thing, without overthrowing the city *for* which you have spoken. ²²Hurry, escape there, for I am not able to do anything until you have come there. So the name of the city was called Zoar.

²³The sun had risen on the earth, and Lot came into Zoar.

²⁴And Jehovah rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from Jehovah out of the heavens. ²⁵And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all those living in the cities, and the produce of the ground. ²⁶And his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷And Abraham started up early in the morning, *going* to the place where he had stood there before Jehovah. ²⁸And he gazed toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain. And he saw. And, behold, the smoke of the country went up like the smoke of a furnace. ²⁹And when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham; and he sent Lot out from the overthrow when overturning the cities in which Lot lived.

³⁰And Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the mount. And his two daughters *were* with him. For he feared to live in Zoar. And he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters. ³¹And the firstborn said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is no man in the land to come in to us as *is* the way of all the earth. ³²Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him, that we may keep alive seed of our father. ³³And they caused their father to drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father. And he did not know when she lay down nor when she rose up. ³⁴And on the next day it happened, the firstborn said to the younger, Behold, I lay with my father last night. Let us cause him to drink wine tonight also. And you go in and lie with him, so that we may keep alive seed of our father. ³⁵And they caused their father to drink wine that night also. And the younger rose up and lay with him. And he did not know when she lay down, or nor when she rose up. ³⁶And both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. ³⁷And the firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he *is* the father of Moab to this day. ³⁸And the younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi; he *is* the father of the Ammonites to this day.

CHAPTER 20

¹And Abraham moved from there to the land of the south, and lived between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar. ²And Abraham said with regards to his wife Sarah, *She is my sister*. And Abimelech the king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. ³But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, Behold, you *are* about to die because of the woman you have taken, she *being* married to a husband. ⁴And Abimelech had not come near her. And he said, O Lord, will You slay even a righteous nation? ⁵Did he not say to me, *She is my sister*? And she, even she herself said, *He is my brother*. In the honor of my heart and the purity of my hands I have done this. ⁶And God said to him in a dream, Yes, I know that you did this in the honor of your heart, and I also withheld you from sinning against Me. On account of this I did not allow you to touch her. ⁷And now return the wife of the man, for he *is* a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you shall live. And if you do not return *her*, know that you shall surely die, you and all that are yours.

⁸And Abimelech started up early in the morning and called for all his servants. And *he* spoke all these words in their ears. And the men were greatly afraid. ⁹And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, What have you done to us? And in what have I offended you that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done things to me that ought not to be done. ¹⁰And Abimelech said to Abraham, What did you see that you have done this thing? ¹¹And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place, and they will kill me for my wife's sake. ¹²And yet she really is my sister, daughter of my father; only not daughter of my mother. And she became my wife. ¹³And when God made me wander from my father's house I said to her, This *is* your kindness which you do to me: at every place where we come there, say of me, *He is my brother*. ¹⁴Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male slaves, and slavegirls, and gave to Abraham. And he returned his wife Sarah to him.

¹⁵Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before you. Live where it pleases you. ¹⁶And he said to Sarah, I, behold, I have given a thousand of silver to your brother. Behold, it is for you a covering of the eyes to all who *are* with you. And with all *this* you are justified. ¹⁷And Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his concubines, and they gave birth. ¹⁸For Jehovah had completely closed up every womb of the house of Abimelech on the matter of Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

CHAPTER 21

¹And Jehovah visited Sarah as He had said. Yea, the Lord did to Sarah as He had spoken. ²And Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time appointed, that which God had spoken with him. ³And Abraham called the name of the son who was born to him, whom Sarah had borne to him, Isaac. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, a son of eight days, as God had commanded him.

⁵And Abraham was a son of a hundred years when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶And Sarah said, God has made laughter for me; all who hear will laugh with me. ⁷And she said to Abraham, Will Sarah suckle sons? For I have borne a son to his old age.

⁸And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned. ⁹And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, *he* whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. ¹⁰And she said to Abraham, Drive away this slavegirl and her son, for the son of this slavegirl shall not inherit with my son, with Isaac. ¹¹And the thing was very crushing in the eyes of Abraham, on account of his son. ¹²And God said to Abraham, Let it not be crushing in your eyes because of the boy, and on your slavegirl. All that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, for in Isaac your seed shall be called. ¹³And also I will make a nation of the son of the slavegirl, for he *is* your seed. ¹⁴And Abraham started up early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water. And *he* gave to Hagar, putting *them* on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away. And she left

and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵And the water from the skin was finished, and she put the boy under one of the shrubs. ¹⁶And she went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away. For she said, Let me not see the death of the boy. And she sat opposite and raised her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the young boy. And the angel of God called to Hagar out of the heavens. And He said to her, What ails you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the boy, there where he is. ¹⁸Rise up; lift up the boy and make your hand strong on him, for I will make of him a great nation. ¹⁹And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin *with* water, and gave drink to the young boy.

²⁰And God was with the boy. And he grew up. And he lived in the wilderness and became a great archer. ²¹And he lived in the wilderness of Parah. And his mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt. ²²And at that time Abimelech and Phicol, the general of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, God is with you in all that you do. ²³And now swear to me here by God, that you will not lie to me, and to my son, and to my heir, according to the kindness which I have sworn to you. Do to me and to the land in which you have lived. ²⁴And Abraham said, I will swear. ²⁵And Abraham reproved Abimelech on account of a well of water which the slaves of Abimelech had seized. ²⁶And Abimelech said, I do not know who has done this thing; and also you have not told me; even I have not heard, except today. ²⁷And Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave to Abimelech, and both of them cut a covenant. ²⁸And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. ²⁹And Abimelech said to Abraham, What are these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves? ³⁰And he said, You shall take the seven ewe lambs from my hand so that it may become *for* me a witness that I dug this well. ³¹On account of this that place *is* called The Well of Sheba, because the two of them swore there. ³²And they cut a covenant in Beer-sheba. And Abimelech and Phicol, the general of his

army, rose up; and they returned to the land of the Philistines. ³²And he planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and there he called on the name of Jehovah the everlasting God.

³⁴And Abraham lived in the land of the Philistines many days.

CHAPTER 22

¹And after these things, testing Abraham, God said to him, Abraham! And he said, Behold me. ²And He said, Now take your son, Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go into the land of Moriah. And there offer him for a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will say to you. ³And Abraham started up early in the morning and saddled his ass, and *he* took *two* of his youths with him, and his son Isaac. And he split wood for a burnt offering, and rose up and went to the place which God had said to him. ⁴And on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from a distance. ⁵And Abraham said to his young men, You stay here with the ass. I and the boy will go on to that *place*, that we may worship, and may return to you. ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on his son Isaac; and he took the fire and the knife in his hand. And the two went together. ⁷And Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, My father. And he said, Behold me. And he said, See, the fire and the wood! But where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering? ⁸And Abraham said, My son, God will see *to it with* a lamb for Himself, for a burnt offering. And the two of them went together. ⁹And they came to the place which God had said to him. And Abraham built there the altar, and arranged the wood. And he bound his son Isaac and laid him on the alter, on the wood. ¹⁰And Abraham put out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹And the Angel of Jehovah called to him from the heavens and said, Abraham! And he said, Behold me. ¹²And He said, Do not lay your hand on the boy, nor do anything to him. For now I know that you are a God-fearer, and you have not withheld your son, your only one, from Me. ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked. And behold! A ram behind him was

entangled in a thicket by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah Will See; so that it is said until this day, In the mount of Jehovah it will be seen.

¹⁵And the Angel of Jehovah called to Abraham out of the heavens a second time. ¹⁶And He said, I have sworn by Myself, declares Jehovah, that on account of this thing you have done, and not have withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷that blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which *is* on the shore of the sea. And your Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies. ¹⁸And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed *as* reward *in* that you have obeyed My voice. ¹⁹And Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba. And Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

²⁰And after these things it was told to Abraham, saying, Behold! Milcah, she also, has borne sons to your brother Nahor: ²¹Uz, his firstborn, Buz, and Kemuel, the father of Aram, ²²and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. ²³And Bethuel fathered Rebekah. Milcah bore these eight to Nahor, the brother of Abraham. ²⁴And his concubine called Reuman, she also bore Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

CHAPTER 23

¹And the life of Sarah was a hundred and twenty-seven years, the years of the life of Sarah. ²And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba, it *is* Hebron, in the land of Canaan. And Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. ³And Abraham rose up from before his dead and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying, ⁴I am an alien and a visitor with you. Give to me a possession among you, so that I may bury my dead from before the eyes. ⁵And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him, ⁶Hear us, my lord. You *are* a prince among us. Bury your dead in the best of our burying-places. Not a man of us will

withhold his burying-place from you, from burying your dead. ⁷And Abraham rose up and bowed himself to the people of the land, to the sons of Heth. ⁸And he spoke with them, saying, If it is your desire to bury my dead from before the eyes, hear me. Ask for me of Ephron the son of Zohar, ⁹that he may give to me the cave of Machpelah which he has, which *is* in the edge of his field. In full silver let him give it to me among you, for a possession of a burying-place. ¹⁰And Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite replied to Abraham in the ears of the sons of Heth, to all those entering the gate of his city, saying, ¹¹No, my lord, hear me. I have given the field to you; also the cave that *is* in it, I have given it to you. Before the eyes of the sons of my people I have given it to you. Bury your dead.

¹²And Abraham bowed before the people of the land, ¹³and spoke to Ephron in the ears of the people of the land, saying, Only if you would hear me. I have given the silver for the field; take *it* from me, that I may bury my dead there. ¹⁴And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him, ¹⁵My lord, hear me; the land *is* worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that between me and you? And bury your dead. ¹⁶And Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver of which he had spoken in the ears of the sons of Heth, four hundred silver shekels *which* passes with the merchant. ¹⁷And was certified the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the cave and the field in it, and all the trees in the field, which *were* in all its borders around it, ¹⁸to Abraham for a purchase before the sons of Heth, with all entering the gate of his city.

¹⁹And after this Abraham buried his wife Sarah at the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre; it *is* Hebron, in the land of Canaan. ²⁰And the field *was* certified, and the cave in it, to Abraham for a burial possession from the sons of Heth.

CHAPTER 24

¹And Abraham *was* old, going on in days, and Jehovah had blessed Abraham in all things. ²And Abraham said to his

slave, oldest *in* his house, the one who governed in all that *was* to him, Please put your hand under my thigh. ³And I will cause you to swear by Jehovah, God of the heavens and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanite, among whom I dwell. ⁴But you shall go to my country and to my kindred and take a wife for my son, for Isaac. ⁵And the slave said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to go after me to this land; shall I indeed bring back your son into the land from where you came out? ⁶And Abraham said to him, Take heed for yourself that you not take my son back there. ⁷Jehovah, God of Heaven, who took me from the house of my father and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, I will give this land to your Seed; He shall send His Angel before you, and you shall take a wife from there for my son. ⁸And if the woman will not be willing to go after you, then you shall be clear from this my oath; only do not take back there my son. ⁹And the slave put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore to him concerning this thing.

¹⁰And the slave took ten camels of the camels of his master, and *he* left. And all the goods of his master were in his hand. And he rose up and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. ¹¹And he made kneel the camels outside the city, by a well of water at the time of the evening, the time that women go out to draw. ¹²And he said, Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, I beg you, cause *her* to meet before me this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. ¹³Lo, I am standing by the well of water, and the daughters of men of the city are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴And let the girl to whom I shall speak *this*: Please let down your pitcher that I may drink; and she will say, Drink and also I will water your camels; *let it be her* You have designed for Your servant, for Isaac. And by this I shall know that You have shown kindness to my master. ¹⁵And it happened before he had finished speaking. Behold! Rebekah came out, *she* who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, the brother of Abraham, *with* her pitcher on her neck.

¹⁶And the girl *was* very good of form, a virgin, a man not knowing her. And she went down to the well and filled her pitcher and came up. ¹⁷And the slave ran to meet her and said, Please let me sip a little water from your pitcher. ¹⁸And she said, Drink, my lord. And she hurried and let down her pitcher on her hand and gave drink to him. ¹⁹And she finished giving drink to him. And she said, I also will draw for your camels until they have finished drinking. ²⁰And she hurried and emptied her pitcher into the trough. And she again ran to the well to draw, and drew for all his camels. ²¹And watching her, the man kept silent in order to know if Jehovah had prospered his way, or not.

²²And it happened when the camels had finished drinking the man took a golden ring, its weighing a half-shekel, and two bracelets for her hands, then of gold their weighing. ²³And he said, Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room for us to stay in your father's house? ²⁴And she said to him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor. ²⁵And she said to him, Both straw and fodder *are* plentiful with us, also a room to stay. ²⁶And the man bowed and worshiped Jehovah. ²⁷And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, who has not left off His kindness and His truth with my master, I *being* in the way, Jehovah guided me to the house of the brother of my master.

²⁸And the girl ran and told these things to the house of her mother. ²⁹And Rebekah *had* a brother, his name *being* Laban. And Laban ran out to the man, to the fountain. ³⁰And when he saw the ring, and the bracelets on the hands of his sister, and when he heard the words of his sister Rebekah, saying, So the man spoke to me, then he came to the man and saw him standing by the camels at the fountain. ³¹And he said, Come in, blessed of Jehovah! Why are you standing outside? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels. ³²And the man came into the house. And he unloaded the camels and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. ³³And *food* was set before him to eat, but he said, I will not

eat until I have spoken my message. And he said, Speak. ³⁴And he said, I am the slave of Abraham. ³⁵And Jehovah has blessed my master much, and he is great. And *He* has given to him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and male slaves and slavegirls, and camels and asses. ³⁶And my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given to him all that *is* his. ³⁷And my master caused me to swear, saying, You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanite, in whose land I live. ³⁸But you shall go to the house of my father and to my family, and you shall take a wife for my son. ³⁹And I said to my master, Perhaps the woman will not go after me. ⁴⁰And he said to me, Jehovah, before whom I walk, will send His Angel with you and prosper you way. And you shall take a wife for my son from my family, from my father's house. ⁴¹Then you shall be released from my oath, when you have come to my family, and if they do not give *one* to you; then you shall be released from my oath. ⁴²And today I came to the well. And I said, Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, if You will, I pray, prosper the way in which I am about to go. ⁴³Behold, I stand at the well of water, and when the virgin comes out to draw water, and I say to her, Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher, ⁴⁴and she says to me, Both you drink and also I will draw for your camels, may she *be* the woman whom Jehovah has designed for my master's son. ⁴⁵Before I had finished speaking within my heart, even behold, Rebekah was going out, her pitcher on her neck. And she went down to the well and drew. And I said to her, Please let me drink. ⁴⁶And she hurried and let down her pitcher from her and said, Drink, and I also will water your camels. And I drank, and also she watered the camels. ⁴⁷And I asked her and I said, Whose daughter are you? And she said, The *daughter* of Bethuel the son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him. And I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her hands. ⁴⁸And I bowed and worshiped Jehovah, and I blessed Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, who had guided me in the true way, to take for his son the daughter of the brother of my master.

⁴⁹And now, if you are going to do kindness and truth with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me so that I may turn to the right or to the left.

⁵⁰And Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing has come from Jehovah; we are not able to speak to you good or evil. ⁵¹Behold! Rebekah is before you, take *her* and go. And let her become the wife of the son of your master, as Jehovah has spoken. ⁵²And when the slave of Abraham heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth to Jehovah. ⁵³And the slave brought out vessels of silver and vessels of gold and garments, and *he* gave to Rebekah. And he gave precious things to her brother and to her mother. ⁵⁴And they ate and drank, he and the men who *were* with him; and they stayed the night. And they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away to my master. ⁵⁵And her brother and her mother said, Let the girl stay with us, perhaps ten days. Afterwards she may go. ⁵⁶And he said to them, Do not delay me, *for* Jehovah has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master. ⁵⁷And they said, we will call the girl and ask of her mouth. ⁵⁸And they called Rebekah and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go. ⁵⁹And they sent away their sister Rebekah, and her nurse, and Abraham's slave and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, Our sister, may you become myriads of thousands, and may your seed possess the gate of their haters. ⁶¹And Rebekah and her young women rose up, and they rode on the camels and went after the man. And the slave took Rebekah and went.

⁶²And Isaac had come from the gate of the Well of the Living One My Beholder—and he was dwelling in the land of the Negeb. ⁶³And Isaac had gone out to meditate in the field as *it* turned evening. And he raised his eyes and looked. And behold, camels were coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah lifted her eyes and she saw Isaac. And she quickly dismounted from the camel. ⁶⁵And she said to the slave, Who is this man walking in the field to meet us? And the slave said, It is my master. And she took the veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the slave told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷And Isaac brought her

into the tent of his mother Sarah. And he took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mother.

CHAPTER 25

¹And Abraham added and took a wife, and her name was Keturah. ²And she bore to him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. ³And Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim and Leummim. ⁴And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Ephraim, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *were* the sons of Keturah. ⁵And Abraham gave all that was his to Isaac. ⁶And to the sons of the concubines who *were* to Abraham, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away eastward, from his son Isaac, while still alive, to an eastern land.

⁷And these are the days of the years of the life of Abraham, which he lived, one hundred seventy five years. ⁸And Abraham expired and died in a good old age, aged and satisfied, and was gathered to his people. ⁹And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him at the cave of Machpelah, at the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre, ¹⁰the field which Abraham bought from the sons of Heth. Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried there. ¹¹And it happened after the death of Abraham, God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac lived by The Well of the Living One, My Beholder.

¹²And these *are* the generations of Ishmael, the son of Abraham, whom Hagar the Egyptian, the slavegirl of Sarah, bore to Abraham. ¹³And these *are* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the first-born of Ishmael was Nebajoth; then Kedlar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ¹⁴and Mishma, and Duman, and Massa, ¹⁵Haddad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ¹⁶These were the sons of Ishmael, and these their names in their settlements and in their camps, twelve chiefs according to their nations. ¹⁷And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred thirty-seven years. And he expired and died, and was gathered to his

people. ¹⁸And they lived from Havilah to Shur, which is facing Egypt *as* you come toward Assyria; he settled facing all his brothers.

¹⁹And these are the generations of Isaac, the son of Abraham: Abraham fathered Isaac. ²⁰And Isaac was a son of forty years when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Padan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to him for a wife. ²¹And Isaac prayed to Jehovah for his wife, for she was barren. And Jehovah was entreated for him, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²And the sons struggled together within her. And she said, *If this is* right, why am I this way? And she went to ask Jehovah. ²³And Jehovah said to her, Two nations *are* in your womb; even two peoples shall break from your body. And one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

²⁴And her days were fulfilled to bear. And behold! Twins *were* in her womb. ²⁵And the first came out, all of him red like a hairy robe; and they called his name Esau. ²⁶And afterward his brother came out, and his hand was holding to the heel of Esau; and his name was called Jacob. And Isaac *was* a son of sixty years when she bore them. ²⁷And the boys grew up. And Esau became a man knowing hunting, a man of the field. And Jacob was a simple man, living in tents. ²⁸And Isaac loved Esau, for game was in his mouth. And Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹And Jacob boiled soup. And Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, Please let me eat of the red, this red soup, for I *am* faint —on account of this his name is called Edom. ³¹And Jacob said, Sell me your birthright today. ³²And Esau said, Behold, I *am* going to die, and what *good is* this, a birthright to me? ³³And Jacob said, Swear to me today. And he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴And Jacob gave bread and soup of lentils to Esau. And he ate and drank, and rose up and left. And Esau despised the birthright.

CHAPTER 26

¹And a famine was in the land besides the famine which was in the days of

Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, to Gerar. ²And Jehovah appeared to him and said, Do not go down into Egypt; stay in the land which I shall say to you. ³Stay in this land, and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands. And I will cause to rise My oath which I swore to your father Abraham. ⁴And I will increase your seed like the stars of the heavens, and I will give to your seed all these lands. And all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves in your seed, ⁵because Abraham heeded to My voice and heeded My charge, My commands, My statutes, and My laws.

⁶And Isaac lived in Gerar. ⁷And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, She *is* my sister, for he was afraid to say, My wife, lest the men of the place kill me on account of Rebekah, for she *was* beautiful of form. ⁸And it happened when *his* days were many to him there, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through the window and saw; and, behold, Isaac was sporting with his wife Rebekah. ⁹And Abimelech called Isaac and said, See, surely she *is* your wife, and how have you said, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I said, lest I die on account of her. ¹⁰And Abimelech said, What is this you have done to us? One of the people had in a little lain with your wife, and you would have caused to come on us guilt.

¹¹And Abimelech commanded all the people, saying, Anyone touching this man and his wife shall surely be put to death.

¹²And Isaac sowed in that land. And a hundredfold *was* found in that year, and Jehovah blessed him. ¹³And the man grew great, and he went on, going on *to* be great, until he became exceedingly great. ¹⁴And possessions of flocks and possessions of herds, and many slaves were his. And the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵And all the wells which the slaves of his father dug in the days of his father Abraham, the Philistines had stopped them and filled them *with* dirt. ¹⁶And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go from us, for you are stronger than we.

¹⁷And Isaac went from there and camped in Gerar Valley, and lived there.

¹⁸And Isaac returned and dug the wells of

water which they dug in the days of his father Abraham; and the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. And he called names to them like the names which his father had called them. ¹⁹And Isaac's slaves dug in the torrent-bed, and they found there a well of living water. ²⁰And the shepherds of Gerar fought with the shepherds of Isaac, saying, The water *is* ours; and he called the name of the well, Contention, for they had contended with him. ²¹And they dug another well, and *they* also fought over it; and he called its name, Opposition. ²²And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not fight over it; and he called its name, Broad Places. And *he* said, For now Jehovah has broadened for us and we shall be fruitful in the land.

²³And he went from there to Beer-sheba.

²⁴And Jehovah appeared to him in the same night, and said, I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you; and I will bless you and increase your seed, because of My servant Abraham. ²⁵And he built an altar there and called on the name of Jehovah. And he pitched his tent there. And the slaves of Isaac dug a well there.

²⁶And Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and his aide Ahuzzath, and Phicol the general of his army. ²⁷And Isaac said to them, Why have you come to me, *since* you hate me and sent me away from you? ²⁸And they said, Seeing we have seen that Jehovah has been with you, and we have said, let there be an oath now between us, between us and you, and let us cut a covenant with you, ²⁹whether you will do with us evil, as we did not touch you, and as we did only good with you, and we sent you away in peace; you now *being* blessed of Jehovah. ³⁰And he made a feast for them, and they ate and drank.

³¹And they started up early at dawn, and each swore to his brother. And Isaac sent them away, and they left him in peace.

³²And it happened on that day Isaac's slaves came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, We found water. ³³And he called it Shibah; so the name of the city *is* Beer-sheba until this day.

³⁴And Esau was a son of forty years.

And he took a wife, Judith, the daughter of Beeri the Hittite; also Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. And they were a grief of spirit to Isaac and to Rebekah.

CHAPTER 27

¹And it happened when Isaac was old and his eyes were dim for seeing, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, My son! And he said to him, Behold me. ²And he said, See, now, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³And now please lift up your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go to the field and hunt game for me. ⁴And make for me delicious things, such as I love, and bring to me, and I will eat; so that my soul may bless you before I die. ⁵And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. And Esau went to the field to hunt game, to bring it in. ⁶And Rebekah spoke to her son Jacob, saying, Behold, I heard your father speaking to your brother Esau saying, 'Bring game to me and make delicious things that I may eat, and may bless you before Jehovah before I die. ⁸And now my son hear my voice, that which I command you. ⁹Go now to the flock and bring me from there two good kids of the goats. And I will make them into delicious things for your father, such as he loves; ¹⁰and you shall bring it to your father and let him eat, so that he may bless you before his death. ¹¹And Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I a smooth man. ¹²Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall be like a deceiver in his eyes, and I shall bring a curse on me, and not blessing. ¹³And his mother said to him, Your curse be on me, my son; only listen to my voice and go, take for me. ¹⁴And he went and took and came to his mother. And his mother made delicious things, such as his father loved. ¹⁵And Rebekah took the clothing of her elder son Esau, the costly ones which were with her in the house. And she dressed her younger son Jacob; ¹⁶and she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands, and on the smoothness of his neck. ¹⁷And she put the delicious things and the bread which she had made in the hand of her son Jacob. ¹⁸And he went in to his father and said, My

father. And he said, Behold me. Who are you, my son? ¹⁹And Jacob said to his father, I am your firstborn, Esau. I have done as you said to me. Rise up now, sit and eat of my game, so that your soul may bless me. ²⁰And Isaac said to his son, How then have you quickly found it, my son? And he said, Because Jehovah your God made it come to me.

²¹And Isaac said to Jacob, Come near now and let me feel you, whether then you are my son Esau, or not. ²²And Jacob came near to his father Isaac. And he felt him, and he said, The voice is the voice of Jacob and the hands are Esau's hands. ²³And he did not know him, because his hands were like the hairy hands of his brother Esau. And he blessed him. ²⁴And he said, Are you then my son Esau? And he said, I am. ²⁵And he said, Bring to me and let me eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you. And he came near to him; and he took and he ate. And he came to him, and he drank wine. ²⁶And his father Isaac said to him, Now come and kiss me, my son. ²⁷And he came near and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his clothes. And he blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which Jehovah has blessed. ²⁸And my God give you of the dew of the heavens, and of the fatness of the earth, and much grain and wine. ²⁹May the nations serve you and peoples bow to you; be a ruler to your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow to you, and cursed be those who curse you, and blessed be those who bless you.

³⁰And it happened that when Isaac had made an end blessing Jacob, then it happened, Jacob had only just left from the face of his father Isaac, and his brother Esau came in from his hunting. ³¹And he also made delicious things and came to his father. And he said to his father, Let my father rise and eat from the game of his son, so that your soul may bless me. ³²And his father Isaac said to him, Who are you? And he said, I am your son, your firstborn, Esau. ³³And Isaac shuddered with a very great anxiety. And he said, Who then was the one who hunted game and came to me; and I ate from all before you came; and I blessed him? Yea, he shall be blessed.

³⁴When Esau heard the words of his father he cried out a great and very bitter cry. And he said to his father, Bless me, me also, my father. ³⁵And he said, Your brother came with deceit and took your blessing. ³⁶And he said, *It is* because his name *is* called Jacob, and this twice he took me by the heel; he took my birthright and, behold, now he has taken my blessing. And he said, Have you not reserved a blessing for me? ³⁷And Isaac answered and said to Esau, Behold, I have set him over you *as* a ruler, and I have given him all his brothers for servants; I have girded him *with* grain and wine. And what then can I do for you, my son? ³⁸And Esau said to his father, Is one blessing *left* to you, my father? Bless me, me also, my father. And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. ³⁹And his father Isaac answered and said to him, Behold, your abode shall be from the fat of the earth and from the dew of the heavens above; ⁴⁰and you shall live by your sword, and you shall serve your brother; and when it shall be that you fight, you shall break his yoke from your neck.

⁴¹And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him. And Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning *for* my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob. ⁴²And the words of her older son Esau were told to Rebekah. And she sent and called her younger son Jacob. And she said to him, See, your brother Esau *is* going to ease himself on you, to kill you. ⁴³And now, my son, listen to my voice, and rise, flee for yourself to my brother Laban, to Haran. ⁴⁴And stay with him some days until your brother's fury turns away, until your brother's anger turns back from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. And I will send you and take you from there. Why should I also be bereaved of two of you *in* one day?

⁴⁵And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life before the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these from the daughters of the land, what *is* my life to me?

CHAPTER 28

¹And Isaac called Jacob. And he

blessed him and commanded him, and said to him, You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. ²Rise up, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel, your mother's father. And take a wife for yourself from there, from the daughters of Laban the brother of your mother. ³And may God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful, and add to you; and may you become an assembly of nations. ⁴And may He give to you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your seed with you, for you to possess the land of your travels, which God gave to Abraham. ⁵And Isaac sent away Jacob. And he went to Padan-aram, to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau. ⁶And Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and had sent him away to Padan-aram to take a wife for himself from there. In his blessing he had commanded him saying, You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan; ⁷and that Jacob listened to his father and his mother, and went to Padan-aram. ⁸And when Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan were evil in the eyes of his father Isaac, then Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, the son of Abraham, Nebajoth's sister. To his wives he *added her* for his wife.

⁹And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹⁰And he came on a place and stayed the night there, for the sun had gone. And he took stones of the place and placed *them* at his head; and he lay down in that place. ¹¹And he dreamed. And, behold, a ladder was placed on the earth, its top reaching to the heavens. And, behold, the angels of God *were* going up and going down on it! ¹²And, behold, Jehovah stood above it and said, *I am* Jehovah the God of your father Abraham, and the god of Isaac; the land on which you are lying, I will give it to you and to your seed. ¹³And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your seed. ¹⁴And, behold, *I will be* with you and will guard you in every *place* in which you may go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not forsake you

until I have surely done that which I have spoken to you. ¹⁶And Jacob awakened from his sleep, and said, Surely Jehovah is in this place, and I did not know. ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, How fearful is this place! This is nothing except the house of God, and this *is* the door to Heaven.

¹⁸And Jacob started up early in the morning and took the stone which he had placed at his head, and *he* placed it *as* a pillar; and he poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹And he called the name of that place, The House of God. And yet the name of the city *was* at first Luz. ²⁰And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God is with me and keeps me in this way which I *am* going, and gives to me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹and I return in peace to the house of my father, then Jehovah shall be my God, ²²and this stone which I have placed *as* a memorial pillar shall become the house of God; and all which You shall give to me, I will tithe the tenth to You.

CHAPTER 29

¹And Jacob lifted his feet and went to the land of the sons of the east. ²And he looked, and, behold, a well in the field. And, behold, three flocks of sheep *were* lying by it; for from that well they watered the flocks, and the stone on the mouth of the well *was* great. ³And all the flocks were usually gathered there, and they rolled the stone off the mouth of the well and watered the sheep, and replaced the stone on the mouth of the well, to its place.

⁴And Jacob said to them, My brothers, from where *are* you? And they said, We *are* from Haran. ⁵And he said to them, Do you know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*. ⁶And he said to them, *Is* he well? And they said, Well. And, behold, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep. ⁷And he said, See, the day is still high; *it is* not time to gather the livestock. Water the sheep and go feed *them*. ⁸And they said, We are not able until all the flocks are gathered and they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep. ⁹He still *was* speaking with them, and Rachel came with the sheep which *were* her father's; for she was a shepherdess. ¹⁰And it happened

when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban, brother to his mother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well and watered the sheep of Laban, the brother of his mother. ¹¹And Jacob kissed Rachel and lifted up his voice and wept. ¹²And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* the son of Rebekah. And she ran and told her father.

¹³And when Laban heard the report of Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him. And *he* took him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. ¹⁴And Laban said to him, Truly you are my bone and my flesh. And he lived with him a month of days. ¹⁵And Laban said to Jacob, Are you not my brother? And should you serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall be your wages? ¹⁶And Laban *had* two daughters, the name of the older, Leah, and the name of the younger, Rachel. ¹⁷And the eyes of Leah *were* weak, and Rachel was beautiful of form and beautiful of appearance.

¹⁸And Jacob loved Rachel, and said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel, your younger daughter. ¹⁹And Laban said, *It is* better for me to give her to you *than* to give her to another man; live with me. ²⁰And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they were in his eyes like a few days, in that he loved her. ²¹And Jacob said to Laban, Give my wife, for my days are fulfilled; and let me go in to her. ²²And Laban gathered all the men of the place and made a feast.

²³And it happened in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to him; and he went in to her. ²⁴And Laban gave to her Zilpah, his slavegirl, to his daughter Leah *as* a slave.

²⁵And it happened in the morning; behold! She *was* Leah. And he said to Laban, What have you done to me? *Did* I not serve with you for Rachel? And why have you tricked me? ²⁶And Laban said, It is not done this way in our place, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Fulfill the week of this one and we will also give you this *other* one, for the service which you will serve with me, yet another seven

years. ²⁸And Jacob did so, and he fulfilled the week of this one, and he gave to him his daughter Rachel, to him for a wife. ²⁹And Laban gave his slavegirl Bilhah to his daughter Rachel, to her for a slavegirl. ³⁰And he also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel *more than* Leah. And he served with him yet another seven years.

³¹And Jehovah saw that Leah *was* hated. And He opened her womb, but Rachel *was* barren. ³²And Leah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Reuben; for she said, Surely Jehovah has looked on my affliction, for now my husband will love me. ³³And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, Surely Jehovah has heard that *I am* hated and has given this one to me also. And she called his name Simeon. ³⁴And she conceived again and bore a son. And she said, Now, *this* time, my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne to him three sons. So his name was called Levi. ³⁵And she conceived again and bore a son. And she said, *This* time I praise Jehovah. So she called his name Judah. And she ceased from bearing.

CHAPTER 30

¹And Rachel saw that she did not bear to Jacob, and Rachel was jealous of her sister. And she said to Jacob, Give me sons; and if there is none, I shall die. ²And Jacob's anger glowed against Rachel, and he said, *Am* I in God's place, who has kept back from you the fruit of the womb? ³And she said, Behold, my servant Bilhah! Go in to her and let her bear on my knees; yea, let me be built up from her, me also. ⁴And she gave her slavegirl Bilhah to him for a wife. And Jacob went in to her. ⁵And Bilhah conceived and bore a son to Jacob. ⁶And Rachel said, God has judged and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son. So she called his name Dan. ⁷And Bilhah, Rachel's slavegirl, conceived again, and bore a second son to Jacob. ⁸And Rachel said, with struggles of God I have struggled with my sister; yea, I have been able. And she called his name Naphtali.

⁹And Leah saw that she had ceased from bearing. And she took Zilpah, her

slavegirl, and gave her to Jacob for a wife. ¹⁰And Leah's slavegirl Zilpah bore a son to Jacob. ¹¹And Leah said, With fortune. And she called his name Gad. ¹²And Zilpah, Leah's slavegirl, bore a second son to Jacob. ¹³And Leah said, In my happiness; for the daughters shall call me happy. And she called his name Asher.

¹⁴And in the days of wheat harvest Reuben went out and found love-apples in the field. And he brought them to his mother Leah. And Rachel said to Leah, Please give to me from the love-apples of your son. ¹⁵And she said to her, Is your taking my husband a little thing? Will you also take my son's love-apples? And Rachel said, So he shall be with you tonight, for your son's love-apples. ¹⁶And Jacob came in from the field at evening. And Leah went out to meet him. And she said, You must come in to me, for surely I have hired you with my son's love-apples. And he lay with her during that night. ¹⁷And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore a fifth son to Jacob. ¹⁸And Leah said, God has given my hire; I gave my slavegirl to my husband. And she called his name Issachar.

¹⁹And Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob. ²⁰And Leah said, God has given me a good present. *This* time my husband will live with me, because I have borne six sons to him. And she called his name Zebulun. ²¹And afterwards she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah. ²²And God remembered Rachel; and God listened to her and opened her womb. ²³And she conceived and bore a son. And she said, God has taken away my reproach. ²⁴And she called his name Joseph, saying, May Jehovah add to me another son.

²⁵And when Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, Send me away so I may go to my own place and to my land. ²⁶Give my wives and my children, *for* whom I have served you, and let me go. For you know my service *with* which I have served you. ²⁷And Laban said to him, If I have found favor in your eyes, *stay*. I have seen omens, also Jehovah has blessed me because of you. ²⁸And he said, Set your wages on me and I will give.

²⁹And he said to him, You know how I have served you and what has come to be, your livestock *being* with me. ³⁰For little was yours before my mouth, and it has spread out into a host. And Jehovah has blessed you at my foot. And now when I work for my house, I also? ³¹And he said, What shall I give you? And Jacob said, You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will remain. I will feed your flock and keep *it*. ³²I will pass among all your flock today, taking from there every speckled and spotted sheep, and every black sheep among the lambs, also the spotted and speckled goats; *these* shall be my wages. ³³And my righteousness shall testify for me in the day to come. When you come in about my wages, before your face everyone that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the lambs, it *is* stolen with me. ³⁴And Laban said, Yes, if *it be so* let it be as you speak. ³⁵And he turned out in that day all the striped and spotted lambs, and all the speckled and spotted goats, every one which *had* white, and every black one among the lambs. And he gave them into the hands of his sons. ³⁶And he put three days' journey between himself and Jacob. And Jacob was feeding the remaining flocks of Laban.

³⁷And Jacob took for himself white rods of a fresh *tree*, and the almond and plane tree. And he peeled white stripes in them, laying bare the white on the rods. ³⁸And he set the rods which he had peeled by the troughs, by the water troughs where the flocks came to drink, across from the flocks. And they were in heat when they came to drink. ³⁹And the flocks bore striped, speckled and spotted *offspring*. ⁴⁰And Jacob separated the lambs, and *he* set the faces of the flock toward the striped, and every black one in the flocks of Laban. And he put his own droves by themselves, and did not put them with the flock of Laban. ⁴¹And it happened that whenever the strong flocks conceived, Jacob placed the rods before the eyes of the flocks, before the troughs, that they might conceive by the rods. ⁴²And he did not set *them before* the weak flocks. And it came to be, the weak for Laban, and the strong for Jacob. ⁴³And the man increased very

much, and were many flocks to him, and slavegirls, and male slaves, and camels and asses.

CHAPTER 31

¹And he heard the words of the sons of Laban, saying, Jacob has taken away all that *was* to our father, and from that which to our father he has gotten all this wealth. ²And Jacob saw the face of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. ³And Jehovah said to Jacob, Go back to the land of your fathers and to your kindred. And I will be with you. ⁴And Jacob sent and called for Rachel and for Leah, to *come* to the field, to his flocks. ⁵And he said to them, I see your father's face, that it is not toward me as before. But the God of my father has been with me. ⁶And you know that with all my power I have served your father. ⁷And your father has cheated me and has changed my wages ten times. And God has not let him do evil to me. ⁸If he said this: The speckled shall be your wages, then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said this: The striped shall be your wages, then all the flocks bore striped. ⁹And God has taken away the livestock of your father and has given to me. ¹⁰And at the time the flock was in heat, I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream: And behold! The ram leaping on the flock *were* striped, speckled, and spotted. ¹¹And the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, Jacob! And I said, Behold me. ¹²And He said, Lift up your eyes and see all the rams leaping on the flock; *they are* striped, speckled and spotted. For I have seen all that Laban *is* doing to you. ¹³I am the God of Bethel, there where you anointed the pillar, where you vowed a vow to Me. Now rise up; go out of this land and go back to the land of your kindred. ¹⁴And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, *Is there* yet to us a portion and an inheritance in the house of our father? ¹⁵Are we not counted strangers by him. For he has sold us, and he has also entirely spent our silver. ¹⁶For all the wealth which God has taken from our father, it is for us and for our sons. And now all that which God has said to you, do.

¹⁷And Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels. ¹⁸And he drove all

the livestock, and *he took* all his goods which he had gotten, livestock of his property which he had gotten in Padan-aram, to come to his father Isaac, to the land of Canaan.

¹⁹And Laban went to shear his sheep. And Rachel stole the household idols which *were* her father's. ²⁰And Jacob deceived the heart of Laban the Syrian, for he did not tell him that *he was* about to flee. ²¹And he and all that was to him fled. And he rose up and crossed the River and set his face to Mount Gilead. ²²And on the third day Laban was told that Jacob had fled. ²³And he took his brothers with him and pursued him, seven days journey. And he overtook him in Mount Gilead. ²⁴And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream of the night. And *He* said to him, Watch out for yourself, that you not speak with Jacob from good to evil.

²⁵And Laban overtook Jacob. And Jacob had pitched his tent at the Mount. And Laban with his brothers had pitched at Mount Gilead. ²⁶And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done? And you have deceived my heart and have taken my daughters like captives of the sword. ²⁷Why did you hide so as to flee, and have deceived me, and have not told me? And I would have sent you away with rejoicing and with music, with tabret and with harp. ²⁸And you have not let me kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have been foolish to do *this*. ²⁹It is in the power of my hand to do you harm. But the God of your fathers spoke to me last night, saying, Watch out for yourself that you do not speak with Jacob from good to evil. ³⁰And now surely you have gone because you have longed after your father's house. Why have you stolen my gods? ³¹And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I *was* afraid. For I say, Lest by force you take your daughters from me. ³²With whomever you find your gods, he shall not live before our brothers here. See for yourself what *is* with me, and take *it* to you. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

³³And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tent of

the two slavegirls; and he did not find. And he went out of Leah's tent and came into Rachel's tent. ³⁴And Rachel had taken the household idols and put them into the camel's saddle; and *she* sat on them. And Laban felt around all the tent, but did not find. ³⁵And she said to her father, Let no anger be in the eyes of my lord, for I am not able to rise before your face, for the way of women *is* to me. And he sought and did not find the household idols.

³⁶And Jacob was angry, and he argued with Laban. And Jacob answered and said to Laban, What *is* my transgression; what my sin that you have hotly pursued me? ³⁷For you have felt around all my articles; what have you found from all the articles of your house? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers and let them decide between the two of us. ³⁸Now I *was* with you twenty years. Your ewes and your she-goats have not failed to bear, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock. ³⁹I did not bring to you the mangled; I replaced it. From my hand you exacted it, that stolen by day and that stolen by night. ⁴⁰I *was there*; by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night. And my sleep fled from my eyes. ⁴¹Now *have been* twenty years in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock. And you have changed my wages ten times. ⁴²Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been for me, truly now you would have sent me empty. God has seen my affliction and the toil of my palm, and *last* night He judged.

⁴³And Laban answered and said to Jacob, The daughters *are* my daughters and the sons my sons. And the flocks *are* my flocks; yea all which you see, it *is* mine and my daughters'. What can I do to these today, or to their sons whom they have borne? ⁴⁴And now come, let us cut a covenant, you and me; and let it be a witness between you and me. ⁴⁵And Jacob took a stone and set it up as a memorial. ⁴⁶And Jacob said to his brothers, Gather stones. And they took stones and they made a heap. ⁴⁷And Laban called it Heap of the Testimony. And Jacob called it *in Hebrew* Heap

of Testimony. ⁴⁸And Laban said, This heap *is* a witness between you and me today; so he called its name Heap of Testimony; ⁴⁹also, Watchtower; for he said, May Jehovah watch between you and me, for we are hidden, each from his neighbor. ⁵⁰If you will *not* afflict my daughters, and if you will *not* take wives above my daughters, no man is with us. See, God is a witness between you and me.

⁵¹And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the pillar which I have set between you and me. ⁵²This heap *is* a witness, and the pillar *is* a witness. As for me, I will not pass over this heap to you; and as for you, you will not pass over this heap and this pillar for evil to me. ⁵³The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, the God of their father, let judge between us. And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. ⁵⁴And Jacob sacrificed a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread and stayed on the mountain.

⁵⁵And Laban rose up early in the morning and kissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them. And Laban went away and returned to his own place.

CHAPTER 32

¹And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ²And when he saw them, Jacob said, This *is* the camp of God. And he called the name of that place, Refuge.

³And Jacob sent messengers before his face to his brother Esau, to the land of Seir, the field of Edom. ⁴And he commanded them, saying, You shall say to my lord, to Esau: Your servant Jacob says this: I have sojourned with Laban and remained until now. And it is that oxen, and asses, flocks, and slaves and slave-girls *are* mine. And I have sent to tell my lord, to find favor in your eyes. ⁵And the messengers came back to Jacob, saying, We came to your brother Esau, and also *he is* coming to meet you, and four hundred men *are* with him. ⁶And Jacob was afraid, and he was very distressed. And he divided the people with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two camps. ⁷And he said, If Esau comes

to the one company and strikes it, then it will be, the company that is left shall escape.

⁸And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, Jehovah, who said to me, Go back to your land and to your kindred and I will deal well with you. ⁹I am not worthy of all the mercies and all the truth which You have done for Your servant, for I passed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies. ¹⁰Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and strike me, mother to sons. ¹¹And You said, I will surely deal well with you, and I will make your seed like the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

¹²And he remained there that night. And he took a present from what came into his hand, for his brother Esau: ¹³two hundred she-goats, twenty he-goats, two hundred rams, ¹⁴thirty nursing camels with their thirty colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten young asses. ¹⁵And he gave into the hand of his slaves every drove by itself. And *he* said to his slaves, Pass over before my face and put a space between drove and drove. ¹⁶And he commanded the first ones, saying, When my brother Esau meets you and asks, saying, Whose *are* you, and where do you go, and whose *are* these before your face? ¹⁷Then you will say, Your servant Jacob's. It *is* a present sent to my lord, to Esau; and, behold, also *he is* behind us. ¹⁸And he also commanded the second, also the third, even all the ones going after the droves, saying, Your shall speak this word to Esau when you find him. ¹⁹And you shall also say, Behold, your servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will cover his face by the present, the one going before my face, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will lift up my face. ²⁰And the present passed before his face, and he remained in the camp that night.

²¹And he rose up that night and took his two wives, and his two slavegirls, and his eleven children. And *he* passed over the ford Jabbok. ²²And he took them and sent

them over the stream, and sent over that which was his.

²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the ascending of the dawn. ²⁵And He saw that He had not prevailed against him. And He touch on his hip-socket, and Jacob's hip-socket was unhinged as he wrestled with Him.

²⁶And he said, Send me away, for the dawn has ascended. And he said, I will not let you go unless You bless me. ²⁷And He said to him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob. ²⁸And he said, Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, because you have wrestled with God and with men, and have prevailed. ²⁹And Jacob asked and said, Please reveal Your name. And he said, Why this that you ask about My name? And He blessed him there. ³⁰And Jacob called the name of the place Penuel, because I saw God face to face, and and my life is delivered. ³¹And the sun rose on him as he passed over Penuel, and he was limping on his thigh. ³²On account of this the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that *is* on the hip-socket until this day, because He touched on Jacob's hip-socket, *on* the sinew of the thigh.

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¹And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. And he divided the children to Leah, and to Rachel, and to the two slave-girls. ²And he put the slave-girls and their children first; and Leah and her children behind; and Rachel and Joseph last. ³And he passed over in front of them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came even to his brother.

⁴And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him. And they wept. ⁵And he lifted up his eyes and saw the women and the children. And he said, Who are these *with* you? And he said, The children *with* whom God has favored your servant. ⁶And the slave-girls came near, they and their children; and they bowed. ⁷And Leah and her children also came near and bowed. And afterward Rachel and Joseph came near and bowed. ⁸And he said, Whose *is*

all this camp which I met? And he said, To find favor in the eyes of my lord. ⁹And Esau said, I have much, my brother. Let what you have be to yourself. ¹⁰And Jacob said, No, please, if I now have found favor in your eyes, take my present from my hands. For I have seen your face, like seeing the face of God; and you are pleased with me. ¹¹Please take my blessing which has been brought to you, because God has favored me, and because I have all *things*. And he urged him; and he accepted. ¹²And he said, Let us depart and go, and I will go with you. ¹³And he said to him, My lord knows that the children are tender, and the flocks and the herds with me *are* suckling. And *if* they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die. ¹⁴Please let my lord go before the face of his servant, and I will move on by stages at my ease, according to the pace of the livestock which *are* before me, and according to the pace of the children, until I come in to my lord to Seir. ¹⁵And Esau said, Please let me place with you *some* of the people who *are* with me. And he said, Why, then? Let me find favor in the eyes of my lord. ¹⁶And Esau returned on his way toward Seir that day.

¹⁷And Jacob traveled to Succoth. And he built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. For this reason he called the name of the place Succoth.

¹⁸And Jacob came in peace to the city of Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, as he came from Padan-aram. And he camped in front of the city. ¹⁹And he bought that part of the field where he had pitched his tent, from the hand of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for a hundred pieces of money. ²⁰And he set up an altar there. And he called it, El, the God of Israel.

CHAPTER 34

¹And Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. ²And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, and took her, and lay with her, and humiliated her. ³And his soul clung to Dinah, the daughter of Jacob. And he loved the girl, and spoke to the heart of the girl. ⁴And Shechem spoke

to his father Hamor, saying, Take this girl for me for a wife. ⁵And Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. And his sons were with his livestock in the field. And Jacob kept silent until they had come.

⁶And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. ⁷And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard, and the men were furious, and they were very angry, because he had done foolishness in Israel, to lie with the daughter of Jacob, and it should not be done in this way.

⁸And Hamor spoke with them, saying, My son Shechem's soul is bound to your daughter. Please give her to him for a wife. ⁹And you intermarry with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. ¹⁰And live with us, and the land is before you; live and trade in it, and get property in it. ¹¹And Shechem said to her father, and to her brothers, Let me find favor in your eyes, and what you say to me I will give. ¹²Heap on me ever so much bride-price and gift, and I will give as you say to me; but give me the girl for a wife. ¹³And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor, speaking with deceit because he had defiled their sister Dinah. ¹⁴And they said to them, We are not able to do this thing, to give our sister to a man who is uncircumcised. For it is a reproach to us. ¹⁵Only on this condition will we consent to you; if you will become like us, to have every male of you circumcised. ¹⁶Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us; and we will live with you and will become one people. ¹⁷And if you do not listen to us, to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will go.

¹⁸And their words pleased Hamor and the son of Hamor, Shechem. ¹⁹And the young man did not hesitate to do the thing, for he delighted in Jacob's daughter. And he was more honorable than all the house of his father. ²⁰And Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city. And they spoke with the men of their city, saying, ²¹These men are peaceable with us; and, Let them live in the land and trade in it; and, Lo, the land is wide on both hands before them. Let us take their

daughters for ourselves for wives, and let us give our daughters to them. ²²Only in this way will the men consent to us to live with us, to become one people: that every male of us be circumcised as they are circumcised. ²³Shall not their livestock, and their property, and all their beasts of burden be ours? Only let us consent to them, and let them live with us. ²⁴And all those going out of the gate of the city listened to Hamor, and to his son Shechem. And every male was circumcised, all those going out of the gate of the city. ²⁵And it happened on the third day, they being pained, that the two sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword. And they came on the city in its security, and killed every male. ²⁶And they killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword. And they took Dinah from the house of Shechem, and left. ²⁷The sons of Jacob came on the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister.

²⁸They took their flocks and their herds and their asses, and whatever was in the city, and whatever was in the field. ²⁹And they took all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives, and looted all that was in the house. ³⁰And Jacob said to Simeon and to Levi, You have troubled me, to make me stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites, and among the Perizzites. And I being few in number, and they gathering against me, they will strike me, and I and my house shall be wasted. ³¹And they said, Should he treat our sister like a harlot?

CHAPTER 35

¹And God said to Jacob, Rise up, go to Bethel and live there. And make an altar to God there, who appeared to you when you fled before your brother Esau. ²And Jacob said to his house, and to all those with him, Put away the strange gods which are in your midst, and purify yourselves, and change your clothing. ³And let us rise up and go up to Bethel. And I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress. And He was with me in the way in which I went. ⁴And they gave all the strange gods in their hand to Jacob, and the earrings which were in their

ears. And Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* near Shechem.

⁵And they pulled up *stakes*. And the terror of God *was* on the cities all around them, and they did not chase after the sons of Jacob. ⁶And Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan; it *is* Bethel. And he and all the people with him *came*. ⁷And he built an altar there and called the place El-Bethel; because God revealed Himself to him there when he fled from the face of his brother. ⁸And Deborah died, the nurse of REbekah, and *she* was buried below Beth-el, under the oak. And he called its name, Oak of Weeping.

⁹And God appeared to Jacob again when he came out of Padan-aram, and *He* blessed him. ¹⁰And God said to him, Your name *is* Jacob; your name will not any more be called Jacob, but Israel will be your name. And He called his name Israel.

¹¹And God said to him, I *am* God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall be from you. And kings shall go forth from your loins. ¹²And the land which I gave to Abraham and to Isaac, I will give it to you; and after you I will give the land to your seed. ¹³And God went up from him, in the place where He had spoken with him. ¹⁴And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. And he poured out a drink offering on it; he poured oil on it. ¹⁵And Jacob called the name of the place, there where God had spoken with him, Beth-el.

¹⁶And they pulled up *stakes* from Beth-el. And there was yet a length of land to come to Ephrath. And Rachel bore; and she had hard labor in her bearing. ¹⁷And it happened, when she had hard labor in her bearing, even the midwife said to her, Do not fear, for this also *is* a son for you. ¹⁸And it happened, when her soul *was* going forth — for she died — even she called his name Ben-oni. But his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹And Rachel was buried on the way to Ephrath, it *is* Bethlehem. ²⁰And Jacob set up a pillar on her grave; it *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave until today. ²¹And Israel pulled up and pitched his tent beyond the Tower of the Flocks. ²²And as Israel lived in that land, it happened; even Reuben went and lay with

Bilhah, his father's concubine. And Israel heard.

And the sons of Jacob were twelve. ²³The sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's first-born; and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun. ²⁴The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁵And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's slave-girl: Dan and Naphtali. ²⁶And the sons of Zipah, Leah's slave-girl: Gad and Asher. These *were* Jacob's sons who were born in Padan-aram. ²⁷And Jacob came to his father Isaac, to Mamre, to the City of Arba; it *is* Hebron where Abraham and Isaac turned in. ²⁸And the days of Isaac were a hundred and eighty years. ²⁹And Isaac expired and died and was gathered to his people, old and satisfied of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

CHAPTER 36

¹And these are the generations of Esau; that *is*, Edom. ²Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite; and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; ³and Basemath, the daughter of Ishmael, sister of Nebajoth. ⁴And Adah bore Eliphaz and Reuel. ⁵And Ololibamah bore Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. These *were* the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan. ⁶And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his livestock; and he went to a land away from his brother Jacob. ⁷For their possessions had become *too* great *for them* to dwell together. And the land was not able to bear their travels, because of their livestock. ⁸And Esau dwelt on Mount Seir. Esau *is* Edom.

⁹And these *were* the generations of Esau, the father of Edom on Mount Seir; ¹⁰these the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the son of Adah, Esau's wife; Reuel, the son of Basemath, Esau's wife. ¹¹And the sons of Eliphaz *were* Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. ¹²And Timna was a concubine to Esau's son, Eliphaz, and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These *were* the sons of Esau's wife Adah.

¹³And the sons of Reuel *were* Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These *were* the sons of Basemath, the wife of Esau.

¹⁴And these *were* the sons of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, the wife of Esau; even she bore Jeush to Esau, and Jalam, and Korah.

¹⁵These *were* the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau: Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zekpho, Chief Kenaz, ¹⁶Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, Chief Amalek. These *were* the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These *were* the sons of Adah.

¹⁷And these *were* the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nathath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, Chief Mizzah. These *were* the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. These *were* the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

¹⁸And the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief Jeush, Chief Jalam, Chief Korah. These *were* the chiefs of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. ¹⁹These *were* the sons of Esau, and these their their chiefs — he *is* Edom.

²⁰These *were* the sons of Seir the Horite living in the land: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, ²¹and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. These *were* the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom. ²²And the sons of Lotan: Hori and Heman; and Lotan's sister, Timna. ²³And these *were* the sons of Shobal: Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. ²⁴And these *were* the sons of Zibeon, even Aiah and Anah—he *is* Anah who found the hot springs in the desert as he fed the asses for his father Zibeon. ²⁵And these *were* the sons of Anah: Dishon; and Olibamah the daughter of Anah. ²⁶And these *were* the sons of Dishan: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

²⁷These *were* the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. ²⁸These *were* the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, Chief Anah, ²⁹Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, Chief Dishan. These *were* the chiefs of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

³¹And these *were* the kings who reigned

in the land of Edom before the reigning of a king over the sons of Israel. ³²And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city, Dinhabah. ³³And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah, from Bozrah, reigned in his place. ³⁴And Jobab died, and Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. ³⁵And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedah, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place; and the name of his city, Avith. ³⁶And Hadad died, and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place. ³⁷And Samlah died, and Shaul from Rehoboth by the River reigned in his place. ³⁸And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. ³⁹And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name, Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

⁴⁰And these *were* the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their families, according to their places, by their names: Chief Timnah, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth, ⁴¹Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, ⁴²Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar, ⁴³Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. These *were* the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwellings, in the land of their possession—he *is* Esau, the father of Edom.

CHAPTER 37

¹And Jacob lived in the land of his father's travels, in the land of Canaan.

²These *are* the generations of Jacob: Joseph, a son of seventeen years, was feeding the flock with his brothers, with Bilhah's sons and with Zilpah's sons, his father's wives. And he was a youth. And Joseph brought an evil report of them to their father. ³And Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was a son of old age to him. And he made a robe *reaching to the feet*. ⁴And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, and they hated him. And they were not able to speak to him for peace.

⁵And Joseph dreamed a dream, and told *it* to his brothers. And they increased to hate him still more. ⁶And he said to them,

Now hear this dream which I have dreamed: *'And, behold! We were binding sheaves in the middle of the field. And, behold, my sheaf rose up and also stood up. And, behold, your sheaves came around and bowed themselves to my sheaf. ⁸And his brothers said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us, or shall you really rule over us? And they hated him still more because of his dreams, and because of his words. ⁹And he dreamed still another dream, and told it to his brothers. And he said, Behold, I have dreamed another dream: And, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars were bowing themselves to me. ¹⁰And he told it to his father, and to his brothers. And his father rebuked him, and said to him, What is this dream which you have dreamed? Shall we indeed come to bow ourselves to the earth to you, I, your mother, and your brothers? ¹¹And his brothers were jealous of him. But his father observed the word.*

¹²And his brothers went to feed the flock of their fathers in Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, Are not your brothers feeding in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Behold me. ¹⁴And he said to him, Now go, see the welfare of your brothers, and the welfare of the flock, and bring word back to me. And he sent him out of the valley of Hebron. And he came to Shechem. ¹⁵And a man found him. And, behold, he was wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, What do you seek? ¹⁶And he said, I am looking for my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding. ¹⁷And the man said, They have left here, for I heard them say, Let us go towards Dothan. And Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan. ¹⁸And they saw him from a distance. And before he came near to them, they plotted against him, to kill him. ¹⁹And they said, each to his brother, Behold, this master of dreams is coming. ²⁰And, Come now, and let us kill him, and throw him into one of the pits. And let us say, An evil beast has eaten him. And let us see what will become of his dreams. ²¹And Reuben heard, and he delivered him from their hands, and said, Let us not smite his soul. ²²And Reuben said to them, Do not shed blood.

Throw him into this pit here in the desert, but do not lay a hand on him—so that he might deliver him from their hands, to return him to his father. ²³And when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped his long coat from Joseph, the long coat on him, reaching to his feet. ²⁴And they took him and threw him into the pit, the pit being empty, no water in it. ²⁵And they sat down to eat bread. And they lifted up their eyes and looked. And, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead! And their camels were bearing spices, and balsam gum, and myrrh, going down to take them to Egypt. ²⁶And Judah said to his brothers, What gain is it that we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and do not let our hand be on him. For he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers listened. ²⁸And men, Midianites, traders, passed. And they drew up and took Joseph out of the pit, and they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt.

²⁹And Reuben came back to the pit. And, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he tore his clothes. ³⁰And he returned to his brothers and said, The child, he is not. And I, where shall I go? ³¹And they took Joseph's long coat, and killed a ram of the goats, and dipped the long coat in the blood. ³²And they sent the long coat reaching to the feet, and they took it to their father, and said, We have found this. Now look, is it your son's long coat? ³³And he knew it, and said, My son's long coat! An evil beast has eaten him. Surely Joseph is torn in pieces. ³⁴And Jacob tore his clothing and put sackcloth on his loins. And he mourned many days for his son. ³⁵And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him. And he refused to be comforted, and said, I will go down to Sheol mourning for my son. And his father wept for him.

³⁶And the Midianites sold him into Egypt, to Potiphar, a eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief of the executioners.

CHAPTER 38

¹And it happened at that time that Judah went down, away from his brothers, and turned aside to a man of Adullam named

Hirah. ²And Judah saw there a daughter of a Canaanite man named Shuah. And he took her, and went in to her. ³And she conceived and bore a son. And he called his name Er. ⁴And she conceived again and bore a son and called his name Onan. ⁵And she continued still and bore a son. And she called his name Shelah. And he was at Chezib when she bore him. ⁶And Judah took a wife for his firstborn, Er, named Tamar. ⁷And Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the eyes of Jehovah. And Jehovah killed him. ⁸And Judah said to Onan, Go in to your brother's wife and marry *her*, and raise up seed to your brother. ⁹And Onan knew that the seed would not be his. And it happened when he went into his brother's wife, he wasted *his semen* to the ground, not giving seed to his brother. ¹⁰And what he did was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and He also killed him. ¹¹And Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, Live *as* a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah is grown. For he said, Lest he also die like his brothers. And Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

¹²And the days were many, and the wife of Judah, the daughter of Shuah, died. And Judah was comforted, and *he* went up to the shearers of his flocks, he and his friend Hirah of Adullam, to Timnah. ¹³And Tamar was told, saying, Behold, your father-in-law *is* going up to Timnah to shear his flocks. ¹⁴And she took off her widow's robes from her, and veiled herself with a veil, and disguised herself. And *she* sat at the entrance of Enaim, which *is* on the way to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him for a wife. ¹⁵And Judah saw her. And he thought her *to be* a harlot, because she had veiled her face. ¹⁶And he turned aside to her by the roadway, and said, Come now, let me come in to you. For he did not know that she *was* his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me that you may come in to me? ¹⁷And he said, I will send a kid of the goats from the flock. And she said, Will you give me a pledge until you send *it*? ¹⁸And he said, What *is* the pledge which I shall give to you? And she said, Your signet ring, and your bracelet and your staff in your hand.

And he gave to her, and came in to her. And she conceived by him. ¹⁹And she rose up and left, and took off her veil from her face. And *she* put on her widow's robes.

²⁰And Judah sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his friend, the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand. And he did not find her. ²¹And he asked the men of her place, saying, Where *is* the harlot that *was* at Enaim, by the roadway? And they said, There was no harlot here. ²²And he returned to Judah and said, I have not found her. And also the men of the place said, There *was* no harlot here. ²³And Judah said, Let her take *them* for herself, that we not become a laughing-stock. See, I sent this kid, and you did not find her.

²⁴And after three months, it happened. It was told to Judah, saying, Your daughter-in-law Tamar has committed adultery, and also, behold, *she* is pregnant by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her out and let her be burned. ²⁵She *was* being brought out, and she sent to her father-in-law, saying I *am* pregnant by a man to whom these *belong*. And she said, Note now whose *are* these, the signet ring, the bracelet, and the staff? ²⁶And Judah knew and said, She is more righteous than I, because I did not give her to my son Shelah. And he never knew her again.

²⁷And in the time of her bearing, behold, it happened! Twins *were* in her womb. ²⁸And in her bearing, it happened that one put forth a hand, and the midwife took it and tied crimson on his hand, saying, This one came out first. ²⁹And it happened as he withdrew his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, How have you broken a break for yourself? And one called his name Pharez. ³⁰And then his brother came out, on whose hand *was* the crimson. And one called his name Zarah.

CHAPTER 39

¹And Joseph was carried down to Egypt. And bought him Potiphar, a eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief of the executioners, an Egyptian man, from the hand of the Ishmaelites who had carried him down there. ²And Jehovah was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. And he was

in the house of the Egyptian, his master. ³And his master saw that Jehovah *was* with him, and Joseph *was* prospering in his hand everything which he did. ⁴And Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. And he appointed him over his house, and he gave all he owned into his hand. ⁵And it came about that from the time he appointed him over his house and over all he owned, Jehovah blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake. And the blessing of Jehovah *was* on all that he had, in the house and in the field. ⁶And he left all he owned in Joseph's hand. And he did not know anything that he had, except the bread which he *was* eating. And Joseph *was* beautiful in form and beautiful of appearance.

⁷And after these things, it happened that his master's wife lifted up her eyes to Joseph, and said, Lie with me. ⁸And he refused, and said to his master's wife, Behold, my master does not know what is in the house with me, and all that he owns he has given into my hand. ⁹No one in this house is greater than I, and he has not withheld anything from me except you, because you *are* his wife. And how should I do this great evil and sin against God? ¹⁰And it happened, as she spoke to Joseph day *after* day, he did not listen to her, to lie beside her, to be with her. ¹¹And it happened *on* this day, that he went into the house to do his work. And none of the men of the house *were* there in the house. ¹²And she caught him by his robe, saying, Lie with me! And he left his robe in her hand and fled, and went outside. ¹³And it happened, when she saw that he had left his robe in her hand, and had fled outside, ¹⁴she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought to us a Hebrew man to mock at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice. ¹⁵And when he heard that I raised my voice and cried, he left his robe by me and fled, and went outside. ¹⁶And she kept his robe beside her until the coming of his master to his house. ¹⁷And she spoke these same words to him, saying, The Hebrew slave whom you brought in to us came in to me, to mock at me. ¹⁸And it happened at my raising my

voice and crying out, he left his robe beside me and fled outside.

¹⁹And it happened, when his master heard his wife's words which she spoke to him, saying, According to these words your slave did to me, his anger glowed. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison-house, the place where the king's prisoners *were* bound. ²¹And Jehovah *was* with Joseph, and extended kindness to him. And He gave him favor in the eyes of the warden of the prison-house. ²²And the warden of the prison-house gave all the prisoners in the prison-house into Joseph's hand. And all which they did there, he was doing. ²³There was no looking of the warden of the prison-house to anything in his hand, in that Jehovah *was* with him, and Jehovah *was* prospering what he *was* doing.

CHAPTER 40

¹And after these things, it happened, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt sinned against their lord, against the king of Egypt. ²And Pharaoh was angry against his two eunuchs, against the chief of the cupbearers and against the chief of the bakers. ³And he gave them into custody, in the house of the chief of the executioners, into the prison-house, the place where Joseph *was* bound. ⁴And the chief of the executioners assigned Joseph *to be* with them, and he ministered to them. And they were in custody *many* days. ⁵And they dreamed a dream, both of them, each his dream in one night, each according to the interpretation of his dream, the cupbearer and the baker who *belonged* to the king of Egypt, who *were* bound in the prison-house. ⁶And Joseph came in to them in the morning. And he looked at them, and, behold, they *were* sad. ⁷And he asked the eunuchs of Pharaoh who *were* with him in custody, in the house of his lord, saying, Why *are* your faces sad today? ⁸And they said to him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations *belong* to God? Now tell it to me. ⁹And the chief of the cupbearers told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine

was before me. ¹⁰And in the vine *were* three branches. And at its budding, it went up *into* blossom, its clusters ripened *into* grapes. ¹¹And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into the cup of Pharaoh; and I gave the cup into the hand of Pharaoh. ¹²And Joseph said to him, *This is the interpretation*: the three branches, they *are* three days. ¹³Yet within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and will return you to your place. And you will give the cup of Pharaoh into his hand according to the former custom when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴But make mention of me along with yourself, when it is well with you; and please do kindness with me and mention me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house. ¹⁵For truly I was stolen from the land of the Hebrews; and here also I have not done anything that they should have put me into the dungeon.

¹⁶And the chief of the bakers saw that the interpretation was good. And he said to Joseph, I also in my dream saw three baskets of white bread on my head. ¹⁷And in the top basket *some* from all the food of Pharaoh, the work of a baker. And the birds *were* eating them from the basket off my head. ¹⁸And Joseph answered and said, *This is its interpretation*: the three baskets *are* three days. ¹⁹Yet within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh off you.

²⁰And it happened, on the third day, the day of Pharaoh's birth, he made a feast for all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers, and the head of the chief of the bakers, in the midst of his servants. ²¹And he restored the chief of the cupbearers to his cupbearer *office*; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's palm. ²²And he hanged the chief of the bakers, as Joseph interpreted to them. ²³And the chief of the cupbearers did not mention Joseph, but forgot him.

CHAPTER 41

¹And it happened at the end of two years of days, Pharaoh was dreaming. And, lo, *he was* standing by the River. ²And, behold, seven cows were going up from the River, beautiful of appearance and fat of

flesh; and they were eating in the reeds. ³And, behold, seven other cows *were* going up after them from the River, evil of appearance and lean of flesh. And they were standing beside the cows on the lip of the River. ⁴And the evil-appearing and lean-fleshed cows were eating the seven cows of beautiful and fat appearance. And Pharaoh awoke. ⁵And he slept and dreamed a second time. And, behold, seven ears of grain were coming up on one stalk, fat and good. ⁶And, behold, seven ears of grain, lean and blasted by the east *wind*, sprouting forth after them. ⁷And the seven lean ears were swallowing the seven fat and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke; and, lo, *it was* a dream. ⁸And it happened in the morning his spirit was troubled. And he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dream, and *there* was no interpreter of them to Pharaoh.

⁹And the chief of the cupbearers spoke with Pharaoh, saying, I mention my sin today. ¹⁰Pharaoh was angry against his servants, and gave me into custody in the house of the chief of the executioners, me and the chief of the bakers. ¹¹And we dreamed a dream in one night, he and I; we each dreamed according to the interpretation of his dream. ¹²And a Hebrew youth was with us, a slave to the chief of the executioners. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams to us; he interpreted to each according to his dream. ¹³And it came about; as he had interpreted to us, so it was; he returned me to my place, and he hanged him.

¹⁴And Pharaoh sent and called Joseph; and they rushed him from the dungeon. And he shaved and changed his clothing and came in to Pharaoh. ¹⁵And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one to interpret it; and I have heard about you, saying, you hear a dream to interpret it. ¹⁶And Joseph replied to Pharaoh, saying, Not I! God will answer the welfare of Pharaoh. ¹⁷And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, lo, I *was* standing on the lip of the River. ¹⁸And, behold, seven cows *were* going up from the River, fat of flesh and beautiful of form, and were feeding in the reeds. ¹⁹And, behold, seven other cows *were* going up

after them, poor and very evil of form, and lean of flesh; I have not seen *any* like them in all the land of Egypt for badness. ²⁰And the cows, the lean and the evil, ate the first seven fat cows. ²¹And they went into their stomachs, and it could not be seen that they had gone into their stomachs; and their appearance was *as* evil as at the beginning. And I awakened.

²²And I looked in my dream. And, behold, seven ears of grain *were* coming up on one stalk, full and good. ²³And, behold, seven ears, withered, lean, blasted by the east *wind*, sprouting forth after them. ²⁴And the lean ears were swallowing the seven good ears. And I spoke to the magicians, but not one is making known *the meaning* to me.

²⁵And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The Pharaoh is one. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. ²⁶The seven good cows, they *are* seven years; and the seven good ears, they *are* seven years; it *is* one dream. ²⁷And the seven thin and evil-appearing cows going up after them, they *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted by the east *wind* will be seven years of famine. ²⁸This *is* the word that I spoke to Pharaoh: what God is about to do, He has shown Pharaoh. ²⁹Behold! Seven years of great plenty *are* coming in all the land of Egypt. ³⁰And seven years of famine will arise after them, and all the plenty of the land of Egypt will be forgotten; and the famine will consume the land. ³¹And the plenty in the land will not be remembered *because of* that famine afterwards; for it *will be* very severe.

³²And as to the dream being repeated to Pharaoh twice, the thing *is* settled because *it is* from God, and God is hastening to do it. ³³And now let Pharaoh look for a man who is intelligent and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴Let Pharaoh act, and let him appoint rulers over the land, and take a fifth of the land of Egypt in the seven years of plenty. ³⁵And let them gather all the food of these coming good years. And let them heap up grain under Pharaoh's hand *as* food in the cities, and let them keep *it*. ³⁶And let the food be for a store for the land, for the seven years of famine which will be in the land of Egypt; and let not the land be cut off by famine.

³⁷And the word was good in Pharaoh's eyes, and in the eyes of all his servants.

³⁸And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find any man like this, *in* whom *is* the Spirit of God? ³⁹And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Since God has taught you all this, there is no one wise and intelligent like you. ⁴⁰You shall be over my house, and at your mouth all my people shall kiss *the hand*. Only in respect to the throne will I be greater than you. ⁴¹And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Behold, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. ⁴²And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand and put it on the hand of Joseph; and he clothed him *with* fine linen robes, and put a golden chain on his neck. ⁴³And he caused him to ride in a chariot which *was* the second to him. And they cried before him, Bow the knee! And he put him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without *a word* from you not a man shall lift his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁵And Pharaoh called Joseph by the name of Zaphenath-paaneah. And He gave him Asenath the daughter of Poti-phaera, priest of On, for a wife. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶And Joseph was thirty years old as he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the face of Pharaoh and passed over in all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁷And the land produced by handfuls in the seven years of plenty. ⁴⁸And he gathered all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and he put food in the cities. The food of the field of the city which *was* around it, he put in the middle of it. ⁴⁹And Joseph heaped up grain like the sand of the sea, exceedingly much, until he ceased to count it, because it was without number.

⁵⁰And two sons were born to Joseph before the year of the famine came in, whom Asenath the daughter of Poti-phaera, priest of On, bore to him. ⁵¹And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh; for *he said*, God has made me forget all my toil, and all the house of my father. ⁵²And the name of the second he called Ephraim; for *he said*, God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.

⁵³And the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt were ended. ⁵⁴And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said. And the famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵And all the land of Egypt hungered, and the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all Egypt, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do. ⁵⁶And the famine was on the face of all the land. And Joseph opened all which *was* in them, and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine was strong in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷And all the earth came to Egypt to buy, to Joseph. For the famine was strong in all the earth.

CHAPTER 42

¹And Jacob saw that grain was in Egypt. And Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look at each other? ²And he said, Behold! I have heard grain is in Egypt. Go down there and buy for us from there, that we may live and not die. ³And Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. ⁴And Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he said, Lest harm happen to him. ⁵And among those coming, the sons of Israel came to buy. For the famine was in the land of Canaan. ⁶And Joseph *was* the ~~pr~~ontate over the land, he selling to all the people of the earth. And Joseph's brothers came in and bowed to him, face down to the earth. ⁷And Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them; but *he* remained a stranger to them and spoke harsh things to them, and said to them, From where have you come? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. ⁸And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. ⁹And Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them. And he said to them, You *are* spies! You have come in to see the bareness of the land. ¹⁰And they said to him, No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹We are all of us sons of one man; we are honest; your servants are not spies. ¹²And he said to them, No, but you have come to see the bareness of the land. ¹³And they said, Your servants *are* twelve brothers; we *are* sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, lo, the youngest is

with our father today; and one *is* not. ¹⁴And Joseph said to them, This is that which I have spoken to you, saying, You *are* spies! ¹⁵By this you shall be tested. *As* Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave here except your younger brother come in here. ¹⁶Send one of you and let him bring your brother; and you be bound, and let your words be proven, whether truth *is* with you. And if not, *as* Pharaoh lives, so you *are* spies. ¹⁷And he gathered them into custody three days. ¹⁸And on the third day Joseph said to them, *Do this* and live. I fear God. ¹⁹If you *are* honest, let one of your brothers be bound in your prison, and you go bring grain *for* the famine of your houses. ²⁰And you bring your youngest brother to me, and let your words be true, and you shall not die. And so they did.

²¹And they said each to his brother, We *are* truly guilty because of our brother whom we saw *in* distress of his soul, when he begged us, and we did not hear. So tis pain has come to us. ²²And Reuben replied to them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Do not sin against the yough, and you did not listen? And, behold, his blood is also required. ²³And they did not know that Joseph heard, for the interpreter *was* between them. ²⁴And he turned away from them and wept, and returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. ²⁵And Joseph commanded, and they filled their vessels *with* grain and returned their silver, each into his sack, and gave to them food for the way; and he did so to them. ²⁶And they lifted their grain on their asses and walked from there. ²⁷And one opened his sack to give fodder to his ass in the camp, and he saw his silver. And, behold! It *was* in the mouth of his sack! ²⁸And he said to his brothers, My silver has been put back, and also look in my sack. And their hearts went, and they were each terrified, saying to his brother, What is this God has done to us?

²⁹And they came to their father Jacob to the land of Canaan. And *they* told him all that met them, saying, ³⁰The man, the lord of the land, spoke harsh things to us and considered us as spies in the land. ³¹And we said to him, We *are* honest; we are not spies. ³²We *are* twelve brothers,

sons of our father; the one *is* not, and the youngest *is* with our father today in the land of Canaan. ³³And the man, the lord of the land, said to us, By this I shall know that you *are* honest; leave your one brother with me, and take and go for the famine of your houses. ³⁴And bring your youngest brother to me, and I may know that you *are* not spies, but you *are* honest. I will give your brother to you and you may travel in the land.

³⁵And it happened. They were emptying their sacks, and, behold, each one's bundle of silver was in his sack; and they saw the bundles of their silver, and they were afraid. ³⁶And their father Jacob said to them, You have bereaved me. Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and you will take Benjamin? All of these are against me. ³⁷And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him to you. Give him into my hand, and I will return him to you. ³⁸And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. And *if* harm should happen to him in the way in which you go, you would bring down my gray hair in sorrow to the grave.

CHAPTER 43

¹And the famine was severe in the land. ²And it happened, when they had finished eating the grain which they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, Go back; buy a little food for us. ³And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man testified repeatedly, saying to us, You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you. ⁴If you are sending our brother with us, we will go down and buy food for you. ⁵And if you are not sending, we will not go; for the man said to us, You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you. ⁶And Israel said, Why did you do evil to me to tell the man you still *had* a brother? ⁷And they said, The man keenly asked about us and about our kindred, saying, *Is* your father still alive? Is there a brother to you? And we answered him according to these words. Could we know certainly that he would say, Bring down your brother? ⁸And Judah said to his father Israel, Send the youth with me, and *le* tus rise up and go, and we may live and not die, both we,

and you, and our little ones. ⁹I will be surety for him; you may require him from my hand. If I do not bring him to you and set him before you, I shall be a sinner against you all the days. ¹⁰For if we had not delayed truly now we would have returned this twice. ¹¹And their father Israel said to them, If *it* be so, then do this: take from the produce of the land in your vessels and bring down a present to the man, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts and almonds. ¹²And take double silver in your hand, and the silver they put back in the mouth of your sacks take back in your hand; perhaps it *was* an oversight. ¹³And take your brother and rise up; return to the man. ¹⁴And may God Almighty give mercy to you before the man; and may he send your other brother to you, and Benjamin. And I, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved. ¹⁵And the men took this present, and they took double silver in their hand, and Benjamin. And they rose up and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

¹⁶And Joseph saw Benjamin with them. And *he* said to the one over his house, Bring the men into the house, and slaughter and prepare an animal; for the men shall eat with me at noon. ¹⁷And the man did as Joseph said. And the man brought the men into Joseph's house. ¹⁸And the men were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house. And they said, Because of the silver that *was* returned in our sacks before, we are being brought in, to throw himself on us and to fall on us, and to take us and our asses for slaves. ¹⁹And they came near to the man who *was* over Joseph's house and spoke to him at the door of the house. ²⁰And they said, O my lord, coming we came down to buy food. ²¹And it happened, when we came to the camp and opened our sacks, behold, the silver of each one *was* in the mouth of his sack; our silver in its weight. And we bring it back in our hand. ²²And we have brought other money in our hand to buy food. We do not know who put our silver in our sacks. ²³And he said, Peace to you; do not fear; your God and the God of your father has given a treasure to you in your sacks; your silver came to me. And he brought Simeon out to them.

²⁴And the man brought the men to Joseph's house. And he gave water, and they washed their feet. And he gave fodder for their asses. ²⁵And they prepared the present for the coming of Joseph at noon. For they had heard that they would eat bread there. ²⁶And Joseph came into the house. And they brought the present in their hand to him, into the house. And they bowed to him, to the earth. ²⁷And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is there peace to your father, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive? ²⁸And they said, Peace is to your servant, to our father; he is still alive. And they fell down and bowed. ²⁹And he raised his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, the son of his mother. And he said, Is this your youngest brother of whom you spoke to me? And he said, May God bless you, my son. ³⁰And Joseph hurried, for his emotions were deeply moved toward his brother. And he looked for a place to weep; and he came into the inner room and wept there. ³¹And he washed his face and controlled himself, and went out and said, Set out bread. ³²And they set out for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians eating with him by themselves — for the Egyptians cannot eat bread with the Hebrews; for it is an abomination in Egypt. ³³And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the younger according to his youth. And the men were astonished, each to his neighbor. ³⁴And one carried portions from before him to them, and Benjamin's portion was greater than the portions of all of them, five hands. And they drank and were drunken with him.

CHAPTER 44

¹And he commanded the one over his house, saying, Fill the sacks of the men with food, as much as they are able to carry; and put the silver of each one in the mouth of his sack. ²And put my cup, the cup of silver, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and the silver for his grain. And he did according to Joseph's word, that which he spoke. ³At the morning light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. They had gone out from the city, not having gone far, and Joseph said to the one

over his house, Rise up, pursue the men and overtake them, and say to them, Why have you repaid evil for good? Is this not *that* in which my lord is accustomed to drink, and he surely divines by it? You have done evil in what you have done.

⁶And he overtook them and spoke these words to them. ⁷And they said to him, Why should my lord speak according to these words? Far be it from your servants to do according to this word. ⁸See, the silver which we found in the mouth of our sacks, we returned to you from the land of Canaan. And how should we steal silver or gold from the house of your lord? ⁹With whomever it may be found, with him of your servants, he shall die; and we also will become slaves to my lord. ¹⁰And he said, Now also let it be according to your words; with whomever it is found with him, he shall become a slave to me, and you shall be innocent. ¹¹And they hurried, and each one brought down his sack to the earth. And each one opened his sack. ¹²And he searched, with the oldest first, and with the youngest last, and the cup was found in the sack of Benjamin.

¹³And they tore their clothes; and they each one loaded his ass and returned to the city. ¹⁴And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there. And they fell before him to the earth. ¹⁵And Joseph said to them, What is this deed which you have done? Did you not know that a man like me would practice divination? ¹⁶And Judah said, What can we say to my lord? What can we speak, and in what can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we are slaves to my lord, both we and he in whose hand the cup was found. ¹⁷And he said, Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose hand the cup was found, he shall become a slave to me; and you go up in peace to your father.

¹⁸And Judah came near to him and said, O my lord, please let your servant speak a word in the ears of my lord, and let not your anger glow on your servant, for you are like Pharaoh. ¹⁹My lord asked his servants, saying, Is there a brother or a father to you? ²⁰And we said to my lord, An aged father is to us, and a young child of his old

age; and his brother is dead; and he alone is left of his mother; and his father loves him. ²¹And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, and let me see him. ²²And we said to my lord, The youth is not able to leave his father; and *if* he should leave his father, he will die. ²³And you said to your servants, If your youngest brother does not come down with you, you shall not see my face any more. ²⁴And it happened, when we had gone up to your servant, my father, we told him the words of my lord. ²⁵And our father said, Go back, buy a little food for us. ²⁶And we said, We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, we will go down. For we cannot see the face of the man *if* our youngest brother is not with us. ²⁷And your servant, my father, said to us, You know that my wife bore two to me. ²⁸And one went out from me. And I said, Indeed, he surely is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him until now. ²⁹And *if* you take this one also from my face, and harm happen to him, you will bring my gray hair to the grave in sorrow. ³⁰And now when I come to your servant, my father, and the youth is not with us, and his soul *being* bound to his soul, it will be when he sees that the youth is not, he will die. And your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father to the grave in sorrow. ³¹For your servant was surety for the youth *with* my father, saying, If I do not bring him to you, I shall be a sinner against my father all the days. ³²And now please let your servant remain *as* a slave to my lord instead of the youth; and let the youth go up with his brothers. ³³For how can I go to my father, and the youth not be with me? Lest I look on the evil which will find my father.

CHAPTER 45

¹And Joseph was not able to control himself in regard to those standing beside him. And he called out, Cause every man to go out from me. And no man stood before him *as* Joseph was making himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph. *Is* my father still alive? And his brothers were not

able to answer him, for they trembled before him. ⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, Now come near to me. And they came near. And he said, *I am* your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be grieved, and let no anger be in your eyes because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to save life. ⁶For the famine *has been* in the midst of the land for two years. And *there are* still five years in which no plowing and harvest will be. ⁷And God sent me before you to put a remnant in the land for you, and to keep alive for you a great deliverance. ⁸And now you did not send me here, but God. And He has placed me for a father to Pharaoh, and for a lord in all his house, and a ruler in all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, So says your son Joseph, God has placed me as a lord to all Egypt. Come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰And you shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your sons and sons of your sons, and your flocks, and your herds, and all you have. ¹¹And I will nourish you there, for *there are* still five years of famine; lest you be made poor, you and your house and all which belongs to you.

¹²And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that my mouth *is* speaking to you. ¹³And you tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and all that you have seen. And hurry and bring down my father here. ¹⁴And he fell on the neck of his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers, and wept on them. And afterwards his brothers spoke with him.

¹⁶And the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, The brothers of Joseph have come. And it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants. ¹⁷Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brothers, Do this; load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan. ¹⁸And take your father, and your houses, and come to me. And I will give to you the good of the land of Egypt; and you shall eat the fat of the land. ¹⁹And you are commanded; you do this: Take for yourselves wagons from the land of Egypt, for your little ones, and for your wives. And take your father and come. ²⁰And your eye, let

it have no regard for your vessels, for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.

²¹And the sons of Israel did so. And Joseph gave wagons to them according to the mouth of Pharaoh, and he gave provision to them for the way. ²²He gave to all of them, to each one, changes of clothing. And he gave to Benjamin three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of clothing. ²³And to his father he sent this: ten asses bearing the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses bearing grain, and bread, and food for his father for the way. ²⁴And he sent his brothers away; and they went. And he said to them, Do not quarrel along the way. ²⁵And they went up from Egypt and came *into* the land of Canaan, to their father Jacob. ²⁶And they told him, saying, Joseph *is* still alive, and he *is* ruler in all the land of Egypt. And his heart froze up, for he did not believe them. ²⁷And they spoke to him all Joseph's words which he had spoken to them. And he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him; and the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸And Israel said, *It is enough!* My son Joseph *is* alive; I will go and see him before I die.

CHAPTER 46

¹And Israel and all belonging to him departed, and he came to Beer-sheba. And he sacrificed sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God said to Israel in visions of the night, and He spoke, Jacob! Jacob! And he answered, Behold me. ³And He said, I am God, the God of your fathers. Do not fear to go down into Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. ⁴I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will also surely return you. And Joseph shall put his hand on your eyes.

⁵And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, and their little ones, and their wives in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶And they took their livestock and their property which they had acquired in the land of Canaan. And they came into Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him. ⁷His sons and the sons of his sons *were* with him, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him into Egypt.

⁸And these *were* the names of the sons

of Israel, those coming into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: the firstborn of Jacob *was* Reuben. ⁹And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. ¹⁰And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanitess. ¹¹And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ¹²And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah. And Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez: Hezron, and Hamul. ¹³And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron. ¹⁴And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. ¹⁵These *were* the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan-aram, and his daughter Dinah. All the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty-three.

¹⁶And the sons of Gad: Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. ¹⁷And the sons of Asher: Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and their sister Serah. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel. ¹⁸These *were* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore these to Jacob, sixteen souls. ¹⁹The sons of Rachel the wife of Jacob: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁰And Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph in the land of Egypt, whom Asenath the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him. ²¹And the sons of Benjamin: Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, and Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard. ²²These *were* the sons of Rachel which were born to Jacob; all the souls *were* fourteen.

²³And the son of Dan *was* Hushim. ²⁴And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. ²⁵These *were* the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel; and she bore these to Jacob, all the souls *were* seven. ²⁶All the souls belonging to Jacob coming into Egypt, those springing from his loins, besides the wives of the sons of Jacob, all the souls *were* sixty-six. ²⁷And the sons of Joseph which were born to him in Egypt, two souls. All the souls belonging to the house of Jacob coming into Egypt *were* seventy.

²⁸And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to give directions before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. ²⁹And Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet his father Israel to Goshen. And he appeared to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time. ³⁰And Israel said to Joseph, This time let me die after seeing your face, because you *are* still alive. ³¹And Joseph said to his brothers, and to the house of his father, I will go up and tell Pharaoh. And I will say to him, My brothers and the house of my father, who *were* in the land of Canaan, have come in to me. ³²And the men *are* shepherds of flocks, for they have been men of livestock. And their flocks and their herds, and all which belongs to them they have brought in. ³³And it shall be, when Pharaoh calls to you and says, What *is* your occupation? ³⁴You shall say, Your servants have been men of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers. *This is* so that you may live in the land of Goshen. For the abomination of Egypt *is* every shepherd of flocks.

CHAPTER 47

¹And Joseph came in and made known to Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, and their flocks and their herds, and all which *is* theirs, have come in from the land of Canaan. ²And, behold, they (are) in the land of Goshen. And he took five men from among his brothers and set them before Pharaoh. ³And Pharaoh said to his brothers, What *is* your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants *are* shepherds of flocks, both we and our fathers. ⁴And they said to Pharaoh, We have come in to stay in the land, because *there* is no pasture for the flocks which belong to your servants, for the famine is heavy in the land of Canaan. And now please let your servants live in the land of Goshen. ⁵And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come in to you. ⁶The land of Egypt is before you; cause your father and your brothers to live in the best of the land; let them live in the land of Goshen. And if you know men of ability are among them, make them chiefs of livestock over what *is*

mine.

⁷And Joseph brought in his father Jacob and placed him before Pharaoh. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How many are the days of the years of your life? ⁹And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my camps *are* a hundred and thirty years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not reached the days of the years of the life of my fathers, in the days of their camps. ¹⁰And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh. ¹¹And Joseph caused his father and his brothers to live, and gave them a place in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh commanded. ¹²And Joseph nourished his father and his brothers, and all his father's house *with* bread for the mouth of the little ones.

¹³And no bread was in the land, because the famine was exceedingly severe. And the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan were exhausted from the famine. ¹⁴And Joseph gathered up all the silver found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan in return for the grain they *were* buying. And Joseph brought in the silver to the house of Pharaoh. ¹⁵And the silver failed from the land of Egypt, and from the land of Canaan. And all Egypt came in to Joseph, saying, Give us bread; and, Why should we die before you? For the silver has failed. ¹⁶And Joseph said, Give your livestock, and I will give to you for your livestock, if silver has failed. ¹⁷And they brought in their livestock to Joseph. And Joseph gave bread to them for the horses, and for the livestock of the flocks, for the livestock of the herds, and for the asses. And he satisfied them with bread in that year for all their livestock. ¹⁸And that year ended, and they came in to him in the second year and said to him, We cannot hide from my lord *that* the silver and the livestock of the animals have failed, *going* to my lord. Nothing is left before my lord except our bodies and our lands. ¹⁹Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread; and let us, we and our land, become slaves to Pharaoh. And give seed so that we may live and not die, and the land not

be desolate.

²⁰And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, because each one in Egypt sold his field, because this famine was severe on them; and the lands became Pharaoh's. ²¹And *as for* the people, he caused them to pass over into the cities, and from the end of the border of Egypt to its *other* end. ²²Only he did not buy the land of the priests; for Pharaoh had appointed a portion for the priests, and they usually ate their appointed portion which Pharaoh gave to them. For this reason they did not sell their land. ²³And Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have bought you and your land today. See, *here is* seed for you; and you sow the land. ²⁴And it shall be, as you gather you shall give a fifth part to Pharaoh; and four parts shall be yours, for the seed of the field and for your food, and for those in your houses, and for food for your little ones. ²⁵And they said, You have saved our lives; let us find favor in the eyes of my lord, and we will become slaves to Pharaoh. ²⁶And Joseph made it a law until this day on the land of Egypt, the fifth *part is* for Pharaoh; only the land of the priests *being* excepted; it did not become Pharaoh's.

²⁷And Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they owned in it, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly. ²⁸And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. And the days of Jacob, the years of his life *were* a hundred and forty-seven years. ²⁹And the days of Israel to die drew near. And he called to his son Joseph and said to him, Now if I have found favor in your eyes, please put your hand under my thigh; and do kindness and truth with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt; ³⁰but let me lie with my fathers, and carry me from Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do according to your words. ³¹And he said, Swear to me. And he swore to him. And Israel bowed on the head of the bed.

CHAPTER 48

¹And after these things it happened, one said to Joseph, Behold, your father *is* sick. And he took his two sons with him, Manasseh and Ephraim. ²And one spoke to Jacob and said, Behold, your son

Joseph has come to you. And Israel took strength and sat on the bed. ³And Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty appeared to me in Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, ⁴and said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful and will multiply you, and will make you a multitude of peoples. And I will give this land to your seed after you *as a* continual possession. ⁵And now your two sons, those born to you in the land of Egypt before my coming to you in Egypt, *are* mine, Ephraim and Manasseh, like Reuben and Simeon, even they shall be mine. ⁶And your offspring which you father after them, they shall be yours. According to the name of their brothers they shall be called in their inheritance. ⁷And I, when I came from Padan, Rachel died on me in the land of Canaan in the way, with only a little way to come to Ephrath. And I buried her there in the way to Ephrath, it *being* Bethlehem.

⁸And Israel saw the sons of Joseph, and he said, Who are these? ⁹And Joseph said to his father, They *are* my sons, whom God has given to me here. And he said, Now bring them to me and I will bless them. ¹⁰And the eyes of Israel were heavy from age, he not being able to see. And he brought them near to him. And he kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹And Israel said to Joseph, I did not think to see your face, and, behold, God also causes me to see your seed. ¹²And Joseph brought them out from his knees; and he bowed his face to the earth. ¹³And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim in his right hand, to the left of Israel; and Manasseh in his left hand, to the right of Israel. And he brought *them* to him. ¹⁴And Israel sent forth his right hand and put it on the head of Ephraim; and he *was* the younger. And *he put* his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands; for Manasseh *was* the firstborn. ¹⁵And he blessed Joseph and said, The God *before* whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me since I was born until today; ¹⁶the Angel that redeemed me from every evil, may He bless the youths; and may my name be called on them, and the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac; and may they like the fishes increase into a multitude in

the midst of the earth.

¹⁷And Joseph saw that his father was putting his right hand on the head of Ephraim; and it was evil in his eyes. And he took hold of his father's hand to turn it from Ephraim's head to the head of Manasseh. ¹⁸And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father! For this one *is* the firstborn; put your right hand on his head. ¹⁹And his father refused, and said, I know, my son, I know. He also shall be a people, and he shall become great. But his younger brother shall become greater than he, and his seed shall become the fullness of the nations. ²⁰And he blessed them in that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh. ²¹And Israel said to Joseph, See, I am dying; and God will be with you, and will return you to the land of your fathers. ²²And I will give to you one spur of land beyond your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

CHAPTER 49

¹And Jacob called his sons and said, Gather yourselves and I will tell you what will happen to you in the days to come. ²Gather yourselves and hear, sons of Jacob; yea, listen to your father Israel:

³Reuben, you *are* my firstborn, my strength and the firstfruit of my power; excellence of dignity and excellence of might. ⁴Like boiling water you shall not excel, for you went up to the bed of your father; then you defiled *it* —he went up to my couch.

⁵Simeon and Levi, brothers; their weapons *are* instruments of violence. ⁶Let not my soul come into their counsel; let not my spirit be joined to their company. For in their anger they killed a man; and in self-will they hamstrung a bull. ⁷Cursed *be* their anger, for it *was* fierce; and their wrath, for *it was* cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and I will scatter them in Israel.

⁸Judah, may your brothers praise you, your hand *be* on the neck of your enemies. May the sons of your father bow themselves to you. ⁹Judah *is* a lion's whelp. My son, you have risen up from the prey; he stoops, he crouches like a lion; and like a lioness, who can rouse him? ¹⁰The

scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the lawmaker from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and the obedience of the peoples to him. ¹¹Binding his foal to the vine, and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washes his clothing in wine, and his covering in the bloods of grapes. ¹²*His* eyes shall be dark from wine, and *his* teeth white from milk.

¹³Zebulun shall live at the seashore, and he shall be a haven of ships, even his border beside Sidon.

¹⁴Issachar *is* a strong ass, crouching between the sheepfolds. ¹⁵And he saw a resting place, that *it was good*, and that the land *was* pleasant; and he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a tribute-slave.

¹⁶Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁷Let Dan be a serpent on the way, a horned snake on the path that bites the horses' heels, and its rider falls backward. ¹⁸I have waited for your salvation, O Jehovah.

¹⁹Gad, a marauding band shall press upon him, and he shall press on *their* heel.

²⁰Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall give a king's delicacies.

²¹Naphtali *is* a deer let loose, giving one beautiful sayings.

²²Joseph *is* a fruitful son, a fruitful son by a spring; *his* branches run over a wall.

²³And the masters of arrows harass him, and shoot, and lie in ambush for him.

²⁴His bow abides in strength, and the hands of his arms are made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, from the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel. ²⁵From the God of your father, may He help you. And may the Almighty bless you with blessings of Heaven from above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and womb. ²⁶The blessings of your father are above the blessings of my offspring, to the limit of everlasting hills; may they be for the head of Joseph, and for the crown of the leader of his brothers.

²⁷Benjamin *is* a wolf that tears. In the morning he devours the prey, and at evening he divides the spoil.

²⁸All these *were* the tribes of Israel, two and ten. And this *is* what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them, each one *with* what *was* according to his bless-

ing, he blessed them. ²⁹And he commanded them and said to them, I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me beside my fathers, at the cave which *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite, ³⁰in the cave which *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, the field which Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite for a burying place. ³¹They buried Abraham and his wife Sarah there, and they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah; and I buried Leah there: ³²the purchase of the field and the cave in it, from the sons of Heth. ³³And Jacob finished commanding his sons, and he gathered his feet into the bed. And he expired, and was gathered to his people.

CHAPTER 50

¹And Joseph fell on the face of his father and wept on him, and kissed him. ²And Joseph commanded the physicians, his servants, to embalm his father; and the physicians embalmed Israel. ³And forty days were fulfilled, for so are fulfilled the days of those embalmed. And Egypt wept for him seventy days. ⁴And the days of his weeping passed by, and Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, Now if I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 'My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I am dying; you shall bury me there in the grave which I have dug for myself in the land of Canaan. And now please let me go up and bury my father, and return. ⁶And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear. ⁷And Joseph went up to bury his father; and all the servants of Pharaoh went up with him, the elders of his house, even all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸and all the house of Joseph and his brothers, and the house of his father. Only, they left their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen. ⁹And both horsemen and chariots went up with him; and the company was very great. ¹⁰And they came as far as the threshing-floor of thorns, which *is* on the other side of the Jordan. And they mourned there with a great and very heavy mourning. And he made a lamentation for his father seven days. ¹¹And the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the

lamentation in the threshing-floor of thorns. And they said, This is a very great lamentation to Egypt; for this reason its name was called Abel-mizraim, which *is* on the other side of Jordan. ¹²And his sons did to him as he had commanded them. ¹³And his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah; which Abraham bought, the field for a burying-place, from Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

¹⁴And after he buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all those going up with him to bury his father. ¹⁵And Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead. And they said, What if Joseph should bear a grudge against us and should surely repay us all the evil which we did to him? ¹⁶And they sent a message to Joseph, saying, ¹⁷Your father commanded before his death, saying, So you shall say to Joseph, Please pardon now the revolt of your brothers, and their sin; for they did evil to you. And now please pardon the revolt of the servants of the God of your father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸And his brothers also went and fell down before his face. And they said, Behold, we are your servants. ¹⁹And Joseph said to them, Do not fear. For am I in the place of God? ²⁰And you, you intended evil against me, *but* God meant it for good, in order to make *it* as *it is* this day, to keep a great many people alive. ²¹And now do not fear; I will nourish you and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke to their hearts.

²²And Joseph lived in Egypt, he and the house of his father. And Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. ²³And Joseph saw the sons of Ephraim to the third generation. Also the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh were on Joseph's knees. ²⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, I am dying, and God will surely visit you and bring you up from this land to the land which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ²⁵And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, God will surely visit you, and you will bring up my bones from here.

²⁶And Joseph died, a son of a hundred and ten years. And they embalmed him, and put *him* in a coffin in Egypt.

THE BOOK OF EXODUS

CHAPTER 1

¹And these *were* the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob; they each one came in with his house: ²Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. ⁵And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob *were* seventy souls, Joseph being in Egypt. ⁶And Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. ⁷And the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased very much, and multiplied, and became very strong; and the land was filled *with* them.

⁸And a new king arose over Egypt, who had not known Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, Behold, the people of the sons of Israel *are more* numerous and strong than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal craftily towards them, lest they multiply and it shall be that when war occurs they will also add to our enemies, and will fight against us, and go up from the land. ¹¹And they put over them slavemasters in order to afflict them with their burdens. And he built store-cities for Pharaoh: Pithon and Ramesses. ¹²And as much as they afflicted them, so much they multiplied and so much they spread. And they were afraid before the sons of Israel. ¹³And Egypt made the sons of Israel to serve with harshness. ¹⁴And they made their lives bitter by hard service, in clay, and in bricks, and in all work in the field; all their work which they made them do with harshness.

¹⁵And the king of Egypt said to the midwives of the Hebrews, of whom the name of one *was* Shiprah, and the name of the second, Puah; ¹⁶and he said, When you midwife the Hebrew women, and look on the birth-stools, if it *is* a son, you will kill him; and if it *is* a daughter, it shall live. ¹⁷And the midwives feared God, and they did not do as the king of Egypt said to them. And they kept the male children alive. ¹⁸And the king of Egypt called to the midwives and said to them, Why do you do this thing and keep alive the male children? ¹⁹And the midwives said to Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women

are not like the Egyptian women, for they *are* vigorous. Before the midwives come to them they bear. ²⁰And God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became exceedingly strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, He made houses for them.

²²And Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, Every son that is born, you shall cast him into the river. And you shall keep alive every daughter.

CHAPTER 2

¹And a man went from the house of Levi and took a daughter of Levi. ²And the woman conceived and bore a son; and she saw him, that he *was* beautiful. And she concealed him three months. ³And she was not able to hide him any longer, and she took a basket for him *made of* papyrus, and she daubed it with bitumen and with pitch. And she put the child in it, and placed *it* in the reeds by the lip of the Nile. ⁴And his sister took her stand from a distance, to know what would be done to him.

⁵And the daughter of Pharaoh went down to bathe on the Nile. And her maidens were walking on the side of the Nile. And she saw the basket in the midst of the reeds, and sent her slavegirl and took it. ⁶And she opened *it* and saw the child, and, behold, a boy crying! And she had pity on him and said, This *one is* of the children of the Hebrews. ⁷And his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call a woman for you, a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you? ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the girl went and called *the* child's mother. ⁹And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give your wages. And the woman took the child and nursed him.

¹⁰And the child grew, and she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh. And he became a son to her, and she called his name Moses, and said, Because I drew him out of the water.

¹¹And it happened in those days, even

Moses was grown, and he went out to his brothers and looked upon their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian man striking a Hebrew man, of his brothers. ¹²And he turned here and there and saw that no man was *there*. And he struck the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³And he went out on the second day, and, behold, two men, Hebrews, *were* fighting. And he said to the guilty one, Why should you strike your neighbor? ¹⁴And he said, Who appointed you as a man, a ruler and a judge over us? *Are* you saying to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely the thing is known. ¹⁵And Pharaoh heard this word, and he sought to kill Moses. And Moses fled from before Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Midian. And *he* sat down by the well.

¹⁶And seven daughters *were born* to the priest of Midian, and they came and drew and filled the troughs to water their father's flocks. ¹⁷And the shepherds came and drove them away; and Moses rose up and saved them, and watered their flocks. ¹⁸And they came to their father Reuel; and he said, Why have you hurried to come today? ¹⁹And they said, An Egyptian man rescued us from the hand of the shepherds and he also drew for us and watered the flock. ²⁰And he said to his daughters, And where *is* he? Why then have you left the man? Call him, and let him eat bread. ²¹And Moses consented to live with the man; and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses. ²²And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, I have become an alien in a foreign land.

²³And it happened during these many days, that the king of Egypt died, and the sons of Israel groaned from the slavery. And they cried, and their cry went up to God from the slavery. ²⁴And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵And God saw the sons of Israel, and God knew *them*.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Moses was feeding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock behind the wilder-

ness and came to the mountain of God, to Horeb. ²And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire from the middle of a thorn bush. And he looked, and behold, the thorn bush *was* burning with fire, and the thorn bush was not burned up! ³And Moses said, I will turn aside now and see this great sight, why the thorn bush is not burned up. ⁴And Jehovah saw that he turned aside to see, and God called to him from the midst of the thorn bush, and said, Moses! Moses! And he said, I *am* here. ⁵And He said, Do not come near here, pull off your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you *are* standing *is* holy ground. ⁶And He said, I *am* the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he feared to look upon God.

⁷And Jehovah said, I have certainly seen the affliction of My people who *are* in Egypt, and I have heard their cry from before their slavedrivers; for I know his sorrows. ⁸And I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and broad land, to a land flowing *with* milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Jebusite. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me, and I also have seen the oppression *with* which the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰And now, come, and I will send you to Pharaoh, and you bring My people out, the sons of Israel out of Egypt.

¹¹And Moses said to God, Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt? ¹²And He said, I will be with you, and this *shall be* the sign for you that I have sent you, when you bring out the people from Egypt: You shall serve God on this mountain.

¹³And Moses said to God, Behold, I *shall* come to the sons of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you; and they will say to me, What *is* His name? What shall I say to them? ¹⁴And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and He said, You shall say this to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you. ¹⁵And God said to Moses again, You

shall say this to the sons of Israel, Jehovah the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial from generation to generation. ¹⁶Go, and gather the elders of Israel, and say to them, Jehovah the God of your fathers has appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I have surely visited you and *have seen what* is done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷And I have said, I will bring you up from the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; to a land flowing *with* milk and honey. ¹⁸And they shall listen to your voice; and you shall come in, you and the elders of Israel to the king of Egypt. And you shall say to him, Jehovah the God of the Hebrews has met us; and now, please let us go for a journey of three days into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Jehovah our God. ¹⁹And I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, not even by a strong hand. ²⁰And I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders, which I will do in its midst, and afterward he will send you away. ²¹And I will give this people favor in the eyes of Egypt; and it will come to pass, when you go, you will not go empty. ²²And each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and from the stranger in her house, articles of silver, and articles of gold, and garments; and you shall put *these* on your sons and on your daughters. And you shall plunder Egypt.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Moses answered and said, And, behold, they will not believe me and will not listen to my voice. For they will say, Jehovah has not appeared to you. ²And Jehovah said to him, What *is* this in your hand? And he said, A staff. ³And He said, Throw it to the ground. And he threw it to the ground, and it became a snake. And Moses fled before it. ⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, Send out your hand and take it by the tail. And he sent out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand — ⁵so that they may believe that Jehovah the God of their fathers has appeared to

you, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ⁶And Jehovah said to him again, Now put your hand into your bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom, and he brought it out, and, behold, his hand *was* leprous like snow. ⁷And He said, Put your hand back into your bosom. And he put his hand back into his bosom, and he brought it out from his bosom; and, behold, it had turned like his flesh! ⁸And it shall be, if they will not believe you and will not listen to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the latter sign. ⁹And it shall be, if they will not believe these two signs also, and will not listen to your voice, you shall take of the water of the Nile and pour *it on* the dry land. And the water which you take from the Nile shall become blood on the dry land. ¹⁰And Moses said to Jehovah, O Lord, *I am* not a man of words, either from yesterday or the third day, nor since You have been speaking to Your bondsman. For *I am* slow of mouth and slow of tongue. ¹¹And Jehovah said to him, Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *the* dumb, or *the* deaf, or *the* seeing, or *the* blind? Is it not I, Jehovah? ¹²And now go, and I will be with your mouth, and will teach you what you shall speak.

¹³And he said, O Lord, please send by the hand of *him whom* You will send. ¹⁴And the anger of Jehovah glowed against Moses. And He said, Do I not know your brother, Aaron the Levite, that he can speak well? And, behold, he also *is* coming out to meet you, and he will see you and be glad in his heart. ¹⁵And you shall speak to him, and you shall put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶And he shall speak for you to the people. And it shall be, he shall be a mouth for you, and you shall be a god for him. ¹⁷And you shall take this staff in your hand *by* which you do the signs.

¹⁸And Moses went and returned to his father-in-law Jethro, and said to him, Please let me go and return to my brothers who are in Egypt, and see whether they *are* still alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

¹⁹And Jehovah said to Moses in Midian,

Go! Return to Egypt. For all the men are dead, those seeking your life. ²⁰And Moses took his wife and his sons and made them ride on an ass. And he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

²¹And Jehovah said to Moses, As you go to return to Egypt, see all the wonders which I have put in your hand, and do them before Pharaoh. And I will harden his heart, and he will not send the people away. ²²And you shall speak to Pharaoh, So says Jehovah, My son, My firstborn is Israel. ²³And I said to you, Send My son away, and let him serve Me; and you refused to send him. Behold, I *am* about to kill your son, your firstborn!

²⁴And it happened on the way, in the lodging place, Jehovah met him and sought to kill him. ²⁵And Zipporah took a stone and cut off her son's foreskin, and caused it to touch his feet. And she said, You *are* a bridegroom of bloods to me. ²⁶And He pulled back from him. Then she said, A bridegroom of bloods, for the circumcision.

²⁷And Jehovah said to Aaron, Go to the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went and met him in the mountain of God; and he kissed him. ²⁸And Moses told Aaron all the words of Jehovah *with* which He had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him. ²⁹And Moses and Aaron went on and gathered all the elders of the sons of Israel. ³⁰And Aaron spoke all the words which Jehovah had spoken to Moses. And he did the signs before the people. ³¹And the people believed. And they heard that Jehovah had visited the sons of Israel, and that He had seen their affliction. And they bowed and worshipped.

CHAPTER 5

¹And afterward Moses and Aaron came in and said to Pharaoh, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, Send away My people, and they shall feast to Me in the wilderness. ²And Pharaoh said, Who is Jehovah that I should listen to His voice to send away Israel? I do not know Jehovah, and I also will not send Israel away. ³And they said, The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us go a journey of three

days into the wilderness and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, that He not strike us with plague or with sword. ⁴And the king of Egypt said to them, Moses and Aaron, why do you loose the people from their work? You go to your burdens.

⁵And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land *are* many now, and you make them cease from their burdens. ⁶And Pharaoh commanded the slavedrivers of the people, and their overseers, that day, saying, ⁷You shall not go on giving straw to the people to make bricks, as yesterday and the third day. They shall go and pick up straw for themselves. ⁸And the fixed number of bricks which they *were* making yesterday *and* the third day you shall put on them. You shall not diminish from it. For they *are* idle; so they *are* crying, saying, Let us go, let us sacrifice to our God. ⁹Let the bondage be heavy on the men, that they may work in it, and may not trust to the lying words.

¹⁰And the slavedrivers of the people, and their overseers, went out and spoke to the people, saying, Pharaoh has said this, I will not give you straw. ¹¹You go take straw for yourselves from wherever you may find it. For not a thing will be reduced from your work. ¹²And the people scattered in all the land of Egypt to pick up stubble for straw. ¹³And the slavedrivers *were* demanding, saying, Finish your work, the matter of a day in its day, as when there was straw. ¹⁴And the overseers of the sons of Israel were beaten, those whom the slavedrivers of Pharaoh had put over them, saying, Why have you not finished your appointed task, to make bricks as a day ago *and* the day before, both yesterday and today?

¹⁵And the overseers of the sons of Israel came in and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why do you do this way to your slaves? ¹⁶No straw is given to your slaves, and they are saying to us, Make bricks. And, behold, your slaves are beaten, but your people are at fault. ¹⁷And he said, You *are* lazy *and* idle. So you *are* saying, Let us go, let us sacrifice to Jehovah. ¹⁸Therefore, go now *and* work. And straw will not be given to you; and a certain number of bricks you shall deliver.

¹⁹And the overseers of the sons of Israel

saw themselves in affliction, saying, You shall not diminish from your bricks, the matter of a day in its day. ²⁰And they met Moses and Aaron standing to meet them when they came from Pharaoh. ²¹And they said to them, May Jehovah look on you and judge; who have made our odor to stink in Pharaoh's eyes and in the eyes of his servants, to give a sword in their hands to kill us.

²²And Moses returned to Jehovah and said, Lord, why have You done evil to this people? Why then have You sent me? ²³And since I came in to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people. And You did not certainly deliver your people.

CHAPTER 6

¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. For he will send them away with a strong hand; yea, he will drive them out from his land with a strong hand.

²And God spoke to Moses and said to him, I *am* Jehovah. ³And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, and by My name JEHOVAH I never made Myself known to them. ⁴And I also established My covenant with them, to give to them the land of Canaan, the land of their travels, *in* which they traveled. ⁵And I also have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians are enslaving. And I have remembered My covenant. ⁶Therefore, say to the sons of Israel, I *am* Jehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of Egypt, and will deliver you from their slavery. And I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments.

⁷And I will take you for Myself for a people, and I will be a God for you. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah your God, the One bringing you out from under the burdens of Egypt. ⁸And I will bring you into the land which I raised My hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And I will give it to you for a possession. I *am* Jehovah! ⁹And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel. And they did not listen to Moses, from shortness of spirit and from hard bondage.

¹⁰And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

¹¹Go, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he may send away the sons of Israel from his land. ¹²And Moses spoke before Jehovah, saying, Behold the sons of Israel have not listened to me. And how should Pharaoh hear me, I *being* of uncircumcised lips? ¹³And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and He commanded them as to the sons of Israel, and as to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt.

¹⁴These *were* the heads of the houses of their fathers: The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel *were* Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi; these *were* the families of Reuben. ¹⁵And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanitess; these *were* the families of Simeon. ¹⁶And these *were* the names of the sons of Levi by their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi *were* a hundred and thirty-seven years. ¹⁷The sons of Gershon: Libni, and Shimei, by their families. ¹⁸And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath *were* a hundred and thirty-three years. ¹⁹And the sons of Merari: Mahli, and Mushi. These are the families of Levi according to their generations.

²⁰And Amram took his aunt Jochebed to him for a wife. And she bore to him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram *were* a hundred and thirty-seven years. ²¹And the sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. ²²And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Eleazar, and Zithri. ²³And Aaron took Elisheba the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, to him for a wife. And she bore to him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ²⁴And the sons of Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These *were* the families of the Korahites. ²⁵And Aaron's son Eleazar took of the daughters of Putiel for his wife. And she bore to him Phinehas. These *were* the heads of the fathers of the Levites by their families.

²⁶That *is* the Aaron and Moses to whom Jehovah said, Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, according

to their armies. ²⁷Those *were* the ones speaking to Pharaoh king of Egypt to bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt—it *was* Moses and Aaron.

²⁸And it happened on the day Jehovah spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt:

²⁹Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, *I am* Jehovah! Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all which *I am* about to speak to you.

³⁰And Moses said before Jehovah, Behold, *I am* of uncircumcised lips. How could Pharaoh listen to me?

CHAPTER 7

¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Come, see, I have made you a god to Pharaoh; and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ²You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh. And he will send away the sons of Israel from his land. ³And I will harden the heart of Pharaoh. And I will multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. ⁴And Pharaoh will not listen to you. And I will lay My hand on Egypt, and will bring My armies, My people, the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt with great judgments. ⁵And the Egyptians shall know that *I am* Jehovah when I send forth My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst. ⁶And Moses and Aaron did as Jehovah commanded them, so they did. ⁷And Moses *was* a son of eighty years, and Aaron *was* a son of eighty-three years when they spoke to Pharaoh.

⁸And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ⁹When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, Give a miracle for yourselves, you shall say to Aaron, Take your staff and throw *it* before Pharaoh; and let it become a snake. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and they did so, as Jehovah had commanded. And Aaron threw his staff before Pharaoh and before his servants. And it became a snake.

¹¹And Pharaoh also called wise men and the sorcerers. And they, the priests of Egypt, also performed by their secret arts.

¹²And they each one threw down his staff, and they became snakes. But Aaron's staff swallowed their staffs. ¹³And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as Jehovah had said.

¹⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, The heart of Pharaoh *is* heavy; he refuses to send away the people. ¹⁵Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Behold, *he is* about to go out to the water. And you stand to meet him on the lip of the river. And you shall take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. ¹⁶And you shall say to him, Jehovah the God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, Send away My people, so that they may serve Me in the wilderness. And, behold, you have not listened until now. ¹⁷So says Jehovah, By this you shall know that *I am* Jehovah: Behold, *I am* about to smite on the water in the river with the staff which is in My hand, and it shall be turned to blood. ¹⁸And the fish in the river will die, and the river will stink, and the Egyptians will become weary of drinking water from the river.

¹⁹And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your staff, and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over the rivers, over their canals, and over their pools, and over every body of their waters, so that they may become blood. And blood shall be in all the land of Egypt, both in wooden and in stone vessels. ²⁰And Moses and Aaron did so, as Jehovah had commanded. And he lifted up the staff and struck the water which *was* in the river before Pharaoh's eyes, and before his servants' eyes. And all the water in the river turned to blood. ²¹And the fish in the river died, and the river stunk. And the Egyptians were not able to drink water from the Nile. And the blood was in all the land of Egypt. ²²And the magicians of Egypt did so by their secret arts. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as Jehovah had said. ²³And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. And he did not set his heart to this also.

²⁴And all the Egyptians dug around the river to drink water, for they were not able to drink from the water of the river. ²⁵And seven days went by after Jehovah smote the river.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, So says Jehovah, Send away My people that they may

serve Me. ²And if you refuse to send *them* away, behold, I *am* about to smite all your territory with frogs. ³And the river will swarm *with* frogs. And they shall go up and enter into your house, and into your bedroom, and on your couch, and into your servants' house, and on your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs. ⁴And the frogs will come up on you, and on your people, and on all your servants.

⁵And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals, and over the pools. And bring up frogs on the land of Egypt. ⁶And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. ⁷And the priests did so with their secret arts. And they brought up the frogs on the land of Egypt.

⁸And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, and said, Pray to Jehovah that He may remove the frogs from me and from my people. And I will send away the people that they may sacrifice to Jehovah.

⁹And Moses said to Pharaoh, Glory over me. For when shall I pray for you and for your servants and for your people, to cut off the frogs from you, and from your house, *that* they may be left only in the river? ¹⁰And he said, For tomorrow. And he said, According to your word, so that you may know that there is none like Jehovah our God. ¹¹And the frogs will depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. They will only be in the river.

¹²And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried to Jehovah concerning the frogs which He had set on Pharaoh. ¹³And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died from the houses, from the courts, and from the fields. ¹⁴And they gathered them *in* heaps *and* heaps; and the land stunk.

¹⁵And Pharaoh saw that *there* was relief. And he made his heart heavy, and he did not listen to them, as Jehovah had said.

¹⁶And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, and let it become lice in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁷And they did so, and Aaron stretched out his hand with

his staff and smote the dust of the earth. And the lice were on man and on beast. All the dust of the earth became lice in the land of Egypt. ¹⁸And the priests performed with their secret arts to bring forth lice, and they could not. And the lice were on man and on beast. ¹⁹And the priests said to Pharaoh, It is the finger of God. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as Jehovah had said.

²⁰And Jehovah said to Moses, Get up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh. Behold, he *is* about to go out to the water. And say to him, So says Jehovah, Send away My people that they may serve Me. ²¹And if you do not send away My people, behold, I *am* about to send swarms *of* flies on you, and on your servants, and on your people, and on your house. And the houses of the Egyptians will be full *of* swarms *of* flies, and also the ground on which they *are*. ²²And in that day I will separate the land of Goshen *with* My people resting on it, that there be no swarms *of* flies, so that you may know that I *am* Jehovah in the midst of the earth. ²³And I will put redemption between My people and your people. This miracle shall be for tomorrow. ²⁴And Jehovah did so. And teeming swarms *of* flies came into Pharaoh's house, and the house of his servants, and into all the land of Egypt. And the land was destroyed before the swarms *of* flies.

²⁵And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go! Sacrifice to your God in the land. ²⁶And Moses said, It is not right to do so, for we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to Jehovah our God. Behold, *if* we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us? ²⁷We will go into the wilderness, a journey of three days, and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, as He may say to us. ²⁸And Pharaoh said, I will send you away, and you may sacrifice to Jehovah your God in the wilderness; only do not go very far off. Pray for me. ²⁹And Moses said, Behold, I *am* about to go out from you, and to pray *to* Jehovah. And the swarms *of* flies will depart from Pharaoh, and from his servants, and from his people tomorrow. But do not let Pharaoh con-

tinue to deceive, not to send the people to sacrifice to Jehovah. ³⁰And Moses went out from Pharaoh. And he prayed to Jehovah. ³¹And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses, and the swarms of *flies* departed from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; and not one was left. ³²And Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not send away the people.

CHAPTER 9

¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, So says Jehovah the God of the Hebrews, Send away My people that they may serve Me. ²And if you refuse to send away, and you still hold onto them, ³behold, the hand of Jehovah is going to be on your livestock in the field, on the horses, on the asses, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks, a very heavy pestilence. ⁴And Jehovah will make a distinction between Israel's livestock and Egypt's livestock. Also of all *that belongs* to the sons of Israel, not a thing will die. ⁵And Jehovah set a time, saying, Tomorrow Jehovah will do this thing in the land. ⁶And Jehovah did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died. And from the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died. ⁷And Pharaoh sent, and behold, not even one was dead from Israel's livestock! And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not send away the people.

⁸And Jehovah said to Moses and to Aaron, Take for yourselves the fullness of your hands of soot from the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heavens before Pharaoh's eyes. ⁹And let it become dust on all the land of Egypt, and let it become an inflammation breaking out into a boil on man and on livestock in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And they took soot of the furnace and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses sprinkled it toward the heavens, and it became an inflammation breaking out into boils on man and on livestock. ¹¹And the priests were not able to stand before Moses, before the inflammation. For the inflammation was on the priests and on all the Egyptians. ¹²And Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not

listen to them, as Jehovah had said to Moses.

¹³And Jehovah said to Moses, Get up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, So says Jehovah the God of the Hebrews, Send away My people that they may serve Me. ¹⁴For at this time *I am* going to send all My plagues to your heart, and on your servants, and on your people, so that you may know that *there* is none like Me in all the land. ¹⁵For now I have sent forth My hand and have stricken you and your people with pestilence, and you have been destroyed from the earth. ¹⁶And for this reason I have made you stand, in order to cause you to see My power, and in order to declare My name in all the land. ¹⁷You still are exalting yourself against My people, *so as* not to send them away. ¹⁸Behold, I will rain very grievous hail about this time tomorrow, *such as* has never been in Egypt from the day of *its* foundation until now. ¹⁹And now send out, bring your livestock to safety, and all belonging to you in the field. All men and livestock found in the field, and not brought to the house, the hail will come on them, and they will die.

²⁰Of the servants of Pharaoh, the one who feared the word of Jehovah made his slaves and his livestock flee to the houses. ²¹And the one who did not set his heart on the word of Jehovah left his slaves and his livestock in the field. ²²And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand to the heavens, so that hail may be in all the land of Egypt, on man, and on livestock, and on every plant of the field in the land of Egypt. ²³And Moses stretched out his staff to the heavens. And Jehovah gave thunder and hail. And fire came down to the earth, and Jehovah rained hail on the land of Egypt. ²⁴And *there* was hail, and fire flashing in the midst of the hail, very heavy, which never had been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵And the hail struck in all the land of Egypt, all that *was* in the field, from men and to livestock. And the hail struck every plant of the field, and it broke in pieces every tree of the field. ²⁶Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel *lived*, there was no hail.

²⁷And Pharaoh sent and called Moses

and Aaron, and said to them, I have sinned *this* time. Jehovah is the righteous One, and I and my people the wicked ones. ²⁸Pray to Jehovah and *let it be* enough of the thunders and hail of God. And I will send you away, and you shall not continue any longer. ²⁹And Moses said to him, As I go out of the city I will spread out my palms to Jehovah. The thunder will cease, and the hail will not still be, so that you may know that the earth *belongs* to Jehovah. ³⁰And *as for* you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear before Jehovah God.

³¹And the flax and the barley were stricken. For the barley *was in* the ear, and the flax *in* blossom. ³²And the wheat and the spelt were not stricken, for they *were* late. ³³And Moses went out from Pharaoh, *from* the city, and *he* spread out his palms to Jehovah. And the thunder and the hail ceased. And rain was not poured out toward the earth. ³⁴And Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, and he continued to sin. And he hardened his heart, he and his servants. ³⁵And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not send away the sons of Israel, as Jehovah had said by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 10

¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, so that I may set these signs of Mine in their midst; ²and so that you may recount in the ears of your son and the son of your son what I exerted Myself to do against Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, and you may know that I *am* Jehovah. ³And Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, So says Jehovah the God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Send away My people so that they may serve Me. ⁴For if you refuse to send away My people, behold, I *am* going to bring locusts into your territory tomorrow. ⁵And they will cover the eye of the land, and no one will be able to see the land. And they will eat the rest of that which escaped, that which is left to you from the hail. And they will eat every tree that sprouts to you from the field. ⁶And your houses will be full,

and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of the Egyptians, which neither your fathers nor the fathers of your fathers have seen; from the day of their being on the earth until this day. And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

⁷And Pharaoh's servants said to him, How long shall this one be a snare to us? Send away the men that they may serve Jehovah their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is perishing? ⁸And Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, Go, serve Jehovah your God. Who and who *are* the ones going? ⁹And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters. We will go with our flocks and with our herds. For *it is* a feast of Jehovah to us. ¹⁰And he said to them, May Jehovah *be* so with you, as I send you away, and your little ones. Watch! For evil *is* before your face! ¹¹Not so! You and the men go now and serve Jehovah. For you *were* seeking it. And he drove them out from the face of Pharaoh.

¹²And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand for the locusts over the land of Egypt, so that they may go up on the land of Egypt and may eat every plant of the land, all that the hail left. ¹³And Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt. And Jehovah brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. *And at* morning the east wind lifted up the locusts. ¹⁴And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested on all the territory of Egypt, exceedingly many. Never were there locusts like them before, and afterward none will be like them. ¹⁵And they covered the eye of the earth, and the land became dark. And they ate every plant of the land, and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. And no greenness was left in the trees and in the plants of the field in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁶And Pharaoh hurried to call Moses and Aaron. And he said, I have sinned against Jehovah your God and against you. ¹⁷And now pray forgive my sins only *this* time, and pray *to* Jehovah your God that He may take away from me this death only. ¹⁸And he went out from Pharaoh, and he prayed *to* Jehovah.

¹⁹And Jehovah changed *to* a west wind, very strong. And it carried the locusts and threw them into the Red Sea. Not one locust was left in all the territory of Egypt. ²⁰And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not send away the sons of Israel.

²¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand to the heavens so that darkness may be on the land of Egypt, and one may feel darkness. ²²And Moses stretched out his hand to the heavens, and darkness of gloom was in all the land of Egypt three days. ²³They did not see each one his brother, and they did not rise up, each one from his place *for* three days. Yet to all the sons of Israel there was light in their dwellings. ²⁴And Pharaoh called to Moses and said, Go, serve Jehovah. Only leave your flocks and your herds behind. Your little ones may go with you. ²⁵And Moses said, You must also give into our hands sacrifices and burnt offerings so that we may prepare for Jehovah our God. ²⁶And also our livestock shall go with us. Not a hoof shall be left. For we shall take from them to serve Jehovah our God. And we do not know *with* what we shall serve Jehovah until we come there. ²⁷And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he was not willing to send them away. ²⁸And Pharaoh said to him, Go away from me. Be careful for yourself. Do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die. ²⁹And Moses said, You have spoken rightly. I will not see your face again.

CHAPTER 11

¹And Jehovah said to Moses, I will bring still one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will send you from here. When he sends you away completely, he will surely drive you out from here. ²Now speak in the ears of the people, and let them ask, each man from his neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold. ³And Jehovah gave favor in the eyes of the Egyptians *toward* the people. And the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the eyes of the servants of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of the people.

⁴And Moses said, So says Jehovah, About the middle of the night I will go out

in the midst of Egypt. ⁵And every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, the one sitting on his throne, to the firstborn of the slave-girl who *is* behind the mill; and every firstborn of animals. ⁶And a great cry shall be in all the land of Egypt, such as never has been, and nothing like it shall be again. ⁷And a dog shall not sharpen his tongue against all the sons of Israel, toward man and toward livestock, so that you may know that Jehovah distinguishes *between* Egypt and Israel. ⁸And all these servants of yours will come down to me, and bow to me, saying, Go out, you and all the people at your feet. And afterward I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in the heat of anger.

⁹And Jehovah said to Moses, Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My miracles may multiply in the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron did all these miracles before Pharaoh. And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not send away the sons of Israel from his land.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Jehovah said to Moses and to Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ²This month *shall be* the chief of months for you. It *shall be* the first of the months of the year for you. ³Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month, they shall each take for themselves an animal of the flock for a father's house, a flock animal for a house. ⁴And if the house is *too* small for a flock animal, he and his neighbor next to his house shall take. By the number of souls, each one according to the mouth of his eating, you shall count concerning the flock animal. ⁵A flock animal, a perfect one, a male, a yearling, shall be to you. You shall take from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶And it shall be for you to keep until the fourteenth day of this month. And all the assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the evenings. ⁷And they shall take from the blood, and put *it* on the two side doorposts and on the upper doorpost, on the houses *in* which they eat it. ⁸And they shall eat the flesh in this night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not

eat it raw, or at all boiled in water, but roasted with fire; its head with its legs and with its inward parts. ¹⁰And you shall not leave *any* of it until morning. And you shall burn with fire that left from it until morning. ¹¹And you shall eat it this way: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. *It is the* Passover to Jehovah. ¹²And I will pass through in the land of Egypt in this night. And I will strike every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from man and to livestock. And I will execute judgments on all the gods of Egypt. *I am* Jehovah! ¹³And the blood shall be a sign to you, on the houses where you *are*. And I will see the blood, and I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be on you to destroy, when I strike in the land of Egypt.

¹⁴And the day shall be a memorial for you. And you shall celebrate it as a feast to Jehovah, for your generations, You shall celebrate it as a law forever. ¹⁵You shall eat unleavened bread seven days. Indeed, on the first day you shall cause leaven to cease from your houses. For anyone eating anything leavened, that soul shall be cut off from Israel, from the first day until the seventh day. ¹⁶And on the first day *shall be* a holy gathering, and in the seventh day a holy gathering shall be to you. Not any work may be done on them. Only what must be eaten by your soul, that alone may be done by you. ¹⁷And you shall observe the unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought out your armies from the land of Egypt. And you shall observe this day for your generations, a statute forever. ¹⁸In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month, at evening. ¹⁹For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For anyone eating anything leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, among the aliens, and among the natives of the land. ²⁰You shall not eat anything leavened. You shall eat unleavened bread in all your dwellings.

²¹And Moses called to all the elders of Israel and said to them, Draw out and take

of the flock for you *and* for your families. And kill the passover. ²²And take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood which *is* in the basin. And touch some of the blood in the basin to the upper doorpost and to the two *side* doorposts. And you shall not go out, anyone from the door of his house until morning. ²³And Jehovah will pass through to strike Egypt. And He will see the blood on the upper doorpost and on the two *side* doorposts, and Jehovah will pass over the door. And He will not allow the destroyer to come into your house to strike *you*.

²⁴And you shall observe this word for an ordinance for you, and for your sons forever. ²⁵And it shall be, when you come into the land which Jehovah shall give to you, as He has spoken, you shall observe this service. ²⁶And it shall be, when your sons say to you, What *is* this service to you? ²⁷Then you shall say, A sacrifice of a passover of Jehovah, who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He struck Egypt. And He delivered our houses. And the people bowed and worshiped. ²⁸And the sons of Israel went out and did as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron. So they did.

²⁹And it happened at midnight. Jehovah struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, the one sitting on the throne, to the firstborn of the captive who *was* in the prison-house, and every firstborn of animals. ³⁰And Pharaoh arose by night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And *there* was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where *there* was not a dead one. ³¹And he called Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Arise, go out from the midst of my people, both you and the sons of Israel. And go serve Jehovah according to your word. ³²Take both your flocks and your herds, as you said, and go. And bless me also.

³³And the Egyptians were strong on the people, to hasten to send them away from the land. For they said, All of us *are* about to die. ³⁴And the people took up their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothing on their shoulders. ³⁵And the

sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they asked from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing.³⁶ And Jehovah gave favor to the people in the eyes of the Egyptians. And they granted their requests. And they plundered Egypt.

³⁷And the sons of Israel traveled from Rameses to Succoth, the men *being* about six hundred thousand on foot, apart from little ones. ³⁸And also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flocks, and herds, very many livestock. ³⁹And they baked the dough which they brought out from Egypt *into* unleavened cakes. For it was not leavened, because they were driven out from Egypt, and they were not able to delay. And also they had not prepared food for a journey for themselves.

⁴⁰And the time of the dwelling of the sons of Israel, which they dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years. ⁴¹And it happened, from the end of four hundred and thirty years, it happened on this day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt. ⁴²*It is* a night of celebration to Jehovah, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This night *is* a celebration for all the sons of Israel to their generations.

⁴³And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the Passover. No stranger may eat of it. ⁴⁴And every man's slave, a purchase of silver, you shall circumcise him, then he may eat of it. ⁴⁵A foreigner and a hired servant may not eat of it. ⁴⁶It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not carry *any* of the flesh outside from the house. And you shall not break a bone in it. ⁴⁷All the congregation of Israel shall prepare it. ⁴⁸And when a stranger shall stay with you, and will do the Passover to Jehovah, let every male to him be circumcised, and then he may come near to prepare it. And he shall be like a native of the land. But any uncircumcised one may not eat of it. ⁴⁹One law shall be to the native, and to the visitor, the one staying in your midst.

⁵⁰And all the sons of Israel did as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron. So they did. ⁵¹And it happened on this day, Jehovah brought out the sons of

Israel from the land of Egypt by their armies.

CHAPTER 13

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Set apart to Me every firstborn, the one opening the womb among the sons of Israel, among men and among livestock — it *shall* be Mine.

³And Moses said to the people, Remember this day *in* which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slaves. For by the might of *His* hand Jehovah brought you out from here. And no leavened *bread* shall be eaten. ⁴Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. ⁵And it shall be when Jehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give to you, a land flowing *with* milk and honey, you shall do this service in this month. ⁶Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day *keep* a feast to Jehovah. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten the seven days. And leavened *bread* for you shall not be seen; yea, no leaven shall be seen among you in all your boundaries. ⁸And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, *It is* because of what Jehovah did for me when I came out from Egypt. ⁹And it shall be for a sign to you on your hand, and a memorial between your eyes, so that a law of Jehovah may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand Jehovah brought you out from Egypt. ¹⁰And you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time, from days to days.

¹¹And it shall be when Jehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to Jehovah every one opening the womb, and every firstling, the offspring of animals which are yours; the males *are* Jehovah's. ¹³And every firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a flock animal. And if you do not redeem, you shall break its neck. And every firstborn of men among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And it shall be, when your son asks you on the morrow, saying, *What is this?* You shall say to him, Jehovah brought us out from Egypt by the might of *His* hand, from the house of slaves. ¹⁵And

it happened when Pharaoh hardened *himself* against sending us away, Jehovah killed every firstborn one in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of men even to the firstborn of animals. On account of this I sacrifice to Jehovah every one opening the womb, the males, and I redeem every firstborn of my sons. ¹⁶And it shall be for a sign on your hand, and frontlets between your eyes. For Jehovah brought us out from Egypt by the might of *His* hand.

¹⁷And it happened, in Pharaoh's sending away the people, God did not lead them *by* the way of the land of the Philistines, though it *was* near. For God said, Lest the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt. ¹⁸But God made the people turn toward the way of the wilderness, *to* the Sea of Reeds. And the sons of Israel went up armed from the land of Egypt.

¹⁹And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him. For he had made the sons of Israel certainly swear, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall cause my bones to go from here with you.

²⁰And they pulled up from Succoth, and they camped at Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And Jehovah *was* going before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them *in* the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give light to them, to go by day and by night. ²²The pillar of cloud did not cease by day, and the pillar of fire by night, before the people.

CHAPTER 14

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel, and let them return and camp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-Zephon. You shall camp opposite *it*, by the sea. ³And Pharaoh will say as to the sons of Israel, They *are* entangled in the land, the wilderness has shut them in. ⁴And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue you. And I will be honored through Pharaoh, and through all his armies. And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* Jehovah. And they did so.

⁵And it was told to the king of Egypt that the people had fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned as to the people. And they said, What *is* this we

have done? For we have sent away Israel from serving us. ⁶And he prepared his chariots. And he took his people with him. ⁷And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and officers over all of them. ⁸And Jehovah hardened Pharaoh king of Egypt's heart. And he pursued after the sons of Israel. And the sons of Israel *were* going out with a high hand. ⁹And the Egyptians pursued them. And they overtook them camping by the sea, all the horses and the chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, by Pihahiroth, before Baal-Zephon.

¹⁰And Pharaoh came near, and the sons of Israel raised their eyes, and, behold! The Egyptians *were* marching after them! And they were greatly afraid. And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah. ¹¹And they said to Moses, Were there no graves in Egypt, that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What *is* this you have done to us, to bring us out from Egypt? ¹²*Is* this not the word which we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, Go away from us, and let us serve the Egyptians. For *it is* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than to die in the wilderness. ¹³And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid. Take your stand and see the salvation of Jehovah, which He will prepare for you today. For as you see the Egyptians today, you shall not continue to see them again forever. ¹⁴Jehovah will fight for you, and you be silent.

¹⁵And Jehovah said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the sons of Israel, and let them pull up. ¹⁶And you raise your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it so that the sons of Israel may go in the midst of the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I, behold, I *am* about to harden the heart of the Egyptians. And they will go after them. And I will be honored through Pharaoh, and through his armies, through his chariots, and through his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* Jehovah, in my being honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots, and through his horsemen.

¹⁹And the Angel of God withdrew, the One going before the camp of Israel. And He went behind them. And the pillar of cloud withdrew from before them, and it

stood behind them. ²⁰And it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. And it was cloudy and dark. And it gave light to the night; and this one did not come near to that one all night.

²¹And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and Jehovah caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all night. And He made the sea dry land, and the waters divided. ²²And the sons of Israel came into the middle of the sea on dry ground, the waters *being* a wall to them from their right and from their left. ²³And the Egyptians pursued, and all the horses of Pharaoh came after them, his chariots and his horsemen, into the middle of the sea. ²⁴And it happened in the morning watch: Jehovah looked on the camp of the Egyptians in the pillar of fire and cloud. And He confused the camp of the Egyptians. ²⁵And He took off the wheels of their chariots, and made them drive with difficulty. And the Egyptians said, I will flee from the face of Israel, for Jehovah is fighting for them against the Egyptians.

²⁶And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, and let the waters return on the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen. ²⁷And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its usual flow, at the turning of the morning, and the Egyptians *were* fleeing to meet it. And Jehovah shook off the Egyptians into the middle of the sea. ²⁸And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, together with all the army of Pharaoh, those going after them into the sea. And not even one was left among them. ²⁹And the sons of Israel walked on dry ground in the middle of the sea, the waters *being* a wall for them, from their right and from their left.

³⁰And Jehovah saved Israel in that day from the hand of Egypt. And Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the lip of the sea. ³¹And Israel saw the great hand with which Jehovah worked against Egypt. And the people feared Jehovah, and they believed in Jehovah and in His servant Moses.

CHAPTER 15

¹Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to Jehovah, and spoke, saying, I will sing to Jehovah, for He is highly ex-

alted. He has thrown *the* horse and his rider into the sea. ²My strength and song is Jah, and He was to me salvation; *this is my God* and I will glorify Him; the God of my father and I will exalt Him. ³Jehovah *is* a Man of war; Jehovah *is* His name. ⁴He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army in the sea; and the choice ones of his officers are drowned in the Sea of Reeds, the depths cover them; they have dropped into the depths like a stone. ⁵Your right *hand*, O Jehovah, *is* glorious in power; O Jehovah, Your right dashes the enemy to pieces. ⁶And in Your majesty's greatness You pull down those rising up against You; You send forth Your wrath; it consumes them like stubble. ⁷And by the spirit of Your anger waters *were* heaped up; the running *waters* stood like a wall; the depths congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁸The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my soul shall be filled *with* them; I will draw my sword; my hand will destroy them. ⁹You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in mighty waters. ¹⁰Who *is* like You among the gods, O Jehovah? Who *is* like You, glorified in holiness, fearful *in* praises, O Worker of wonders? ¹¹You stretched Your right *hand*; the earth swallowed them. ¹²In Your mercy You led the people whom You redeemed; You guided in Your strength to Your holy dwelling. ¹³Peoples heard; they tremble; trembling seized the dwellers of Philistia. ¹⁴Then the chiefs of Edom were terrified; the leaders of Moab *were* seized by trembling; all the dwellers of Canaan were melted. ¹⁵Terrors and dread fell on them; by the greatness of Your arm they are silent as a stone, until Your people pass through, O Jehovah, until pass through the people whom You have bought. ¹⁶You shall bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place You have made for Your dwelling-place, O Jehovah; the sanctuary which Your hands have prepared, O Lord. ¹⁷Jehovah reigns forever and ever!

¹⁸For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and Jehovah brought back the waters of the sea on them; and the sons of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

¹⁹And the sister of Aaron, Miriam the

prophetess, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. ²¹And Miriam answered to them, Sing to Jehovah, for surely He has triumphed gloriously; He has thrown the horse and its rider into the sea.

²²And Moses made Israel to pull out from the Sea of Reeds. And they went out into the wilderness of Shur. And they went into the wilderness three days, and did not find water. ²³And they came to Marah. And they were not able to drink water from Marah, for it was bitter. Therefore, one called its name Marah. ²⁴And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? ²⁵And he cried to Jehovah, and Jehovah showed him a tree. And he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

He made a statute and an ordinance for them there, and He tested them there. ²⁶And he said, If you carefully listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, and you do what is right in His eyes, and you give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will not put on you all the diseases which I have put on Egypt; for I am Jehovah your healer.

²⁷And they came to Elim. And there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. And they camped by the waters.

CHAPTER 16

¹And they pulled out from Elim. And all the congregation of the sons of Israel came into the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their going out from the land of Egypt. ²And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness. ³And the sons of Israel said to them, Would that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, in our sitting by the flesh-pots, in our eating bread to satisfaction. For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill all this assembly with hunger.

⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, I AM! Bread will rain from the heavens for you. And the people shall go out and gather the matter of a day in its day, so that I may test them, whether they will walk in

My law or not. ⁵And it shall be on the sixth day they shall prepare what they bring in. And it shall be double what they gather day by day.

⁶And Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, At evening, you shall know that Jehovah has brought you from the land of Egypt; and in the morning you shall see the glory of Jehovah, in His hearing your murmurings against Jehovah. And we, what are we that you murmur against us? ⁸And Moses said, When Jehovah gives you flesh to eat in the evening, and bread in the morning, to satisfaction; when Jehovah hears your murmurings which you are murmuring against Him, you will see. And what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against Jehovah.

⁹And Moses spoke to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, Come near before Jehovah; for He has heard your murmurings. ¹⁰And it happened, as Aaron was speaking to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, they turned toward the wilderness. And, behold! The glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud! ¹¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel. Speak to them, saying, Between the evenings you shall eat flesh; and in the morning you shall be satisfied with bread; and you shall know that I am Jehovah your God.

¹³And it happened in the evening: the quail came up and covered the camp. And in the morning a layer of dew was around the camp. ¹⁴And the layer of dew went up, and, behold, something small was on the face of the wilderness, scale-like, small like the hoar-frost on the earth.

¹⁵And the sons of Israel looked. And they said, each one to his brother, Is that a whatness? For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, That is the bread which Jehovah has given to you for food. ¹⁶This is the thing which Jehovah commanded. Gather from it, each one according to the mouth of his eating; an omer for a head, by the number of your souls you shall take for each man who is in your tent. ¹⁷And so the sons of Israel did. And they gathered—the one gathering much and the one gathering little. ¹⁸And

they measured with an omer. And the one gathering much did not have too much. And the one gathering little did not have any need. Each one gathered according to the mouth of his eating. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, Do not let anyone leave from it until morning. ²⁰And they did not listen to Moses. And some left from it until morning; and it became rotten *with* maggots, and stunk. And Moses was angry against them. ²¹And they gathered it in the morning, each one in the morning according to the mouth of his eating. And it melted in the heat of the sun. ²²And it came about on the sixth day, they gathered double bread, two omers for one. And all the leaders of the congregation came and reported to Moses. ²³And he said to them, That is what Jehovah said, Tomorrow is a rest, a holy sabbath to Jehovah. What you will bake, bake. And boil what you will boil. And lay up for yourselves all that is left over, to keep it until the morning. ²⁴And they laid it up until the morning, as Moses commanded. And it did not stink and no maggot was in it. ²⁵And Moses said, Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to Jehovah. Today you will not find it in the field. ²⁶You shall gather it six days, and on the seventh is a sabbath; in it none shall be found. ²⁷And it happened on the seventh day, *some* of the people went out to gather, and did not find *any*. ²⁸And Jehovah said to Moses, Until when do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? ²⁹See, because Jehovah has given the sabbath to you, therefore He is giving to you two days of bread on the sixth day. Each one of you remain in his place. Do not let anyone go out from his place on the seventh day. ³⁰And the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹And the house of Israel called its name, Manna. And it *was* like the seed of coriander, white; and its taste like cakes with honey. ³²And Moses said, This *is* the thing which Jehovah has commanded, Fill an omer from it, to keep for your generations, so that they may see the bread which I caused you to eat in the wilderness, as I brought you out from the land of Egypt. ³³And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pitcher and put manna

there, the fullness of an omer, and lay it up before Jehovah, to keep for your generations. ³⁴Even as Jehovah commanded Moses, Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to keep *it*.

³⁵And the sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until their coming into an inhabited land. They ate the manna until their coming to the border of the land of Canaan. ³⁶And the omer, it *was* the tenth of an ephah.

CHAPTER 17

¹And all the congregation of the sons of Israel traveled from the Wilderness of Sin, according to their journeys, by the mouth of Jehovah. And they camped in Rephidim. And there was no water for the drinking of the people. ²And the people wrangled with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you wrangle with me? Why do you tempt Jehovah? ³And the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why, then, have you caused us to go up from Egypt, to kill me and my sons and my livestock with thirst? ⁴And Moses cried to Jehovah, saying, What shall I do to this people? Yet a little and they will stone me. ⁵And Jehovah said to Moses, Pass on in front of the people, and take with you *some* of the elders of Israel. And take in your hand your staff with which you smote the River, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb. And you shall smite the rock, and water will come out of it; and the people will drink. And Moses did so before the eyes of the elders of Israel. ⁷And one called the name of the place, Massah, and, Meribah, because of the wrangling of the sons of Israel, and because of their testing of Jehovah, saying Is Jehovah in our midst, or not?

⁸And Amalek came and fought against Israel in Rephidim. ⁹And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill, and the staff of God in my hand. ¹⁰And Joshua did as Moses had said to him, to fight against Amalek. And Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹And so it was that

when Moses lifted his hand, Israel prevailed. And when he rested his hand, Amalek conquered. ¹²And the hands of Moses *became* heavy. And they took a stone and put *it* under him. And he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one from this and one from that *side*. And his hands were steady until the going of the sun. ¹³And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people by the mouth of the sword.

¹⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, Write this, a memorial in a book, and set *it* in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly wipe away the remembrance of Amalek under the heavens. ¹⁵And Moses built an altar. And he called its name, Jehovah My Banner. ¹⁶And He said, A hand is on the throne of Jehovah: war is to Jehovah with Amalek from generation to generation.

CHAPTER 18

¹And Jethro the priest of Midian, the father-in-law of Moses, heard all that which God had done for Moses and for His people Israel, that Jehovah had caused Israel to go out from Egypt. ²And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Ziporah, Moses' wife, after sending her away, ³and her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom—for he said, I have become an alien in a foreign land; ⁴and the name of one was Eliezer—for the God of my father was my Help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh. ⁵And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, and his sons and his wife came to Moses, to the wilderness where he camped, ⁶at the mount of God. ⁷And he said to Moses, I, your father-in-law Jethro, have come to you, and your wife, and your two sons with her. ⁸And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed, and kissed him. And they asked, each to his neighbor, as to *their* welfare. And they came into the tent. ⁹And Moses told his father-in-law all that Jehovah had done to Pharaoh and to Egypt on account of Israel, all the trouble which they had found in the way, and Jehovah had delivered them. ¹⁰And Jethro rejoiced regarding all the good which Jehovah had done to Israel, whom He had delivered from the hand of Egypt. ¹¹And Jethro said, Blessed be Jehovah who has

delivered you from the hand of Egypt, and from the hand of Pharaoh; who has delivered the people from under the hand of Egypt. ¹²Now I know that Jehovah is greater than all the gods; truly, in the way in which they were proved against them.

¹³And Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, took a burnt offering and sacrifices to God. And Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat bread before God with Moses' father-in-law.

¹⁴And it happened on the next day that Moses sat to judge the people. And the people stood beside Moses from the morning until the evening. ¹⁵And Moses' father-in-law saw all he was doing to the people. And he said, What is this thing which you are doing to the people? Why *are* you sitting by yourself, and all the people standing beside you from morning until evening? ¹⁶And Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to seek God. ¹⁷When they have a matter, they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor. And I reveal the statutes of God, and His laws. ¹⁸And the father-in-law of Moses said to him, The thing which you do is not good. ¹⁹Surely you will wear out, both you and this people which is with you. For the thing is heavy for you. You are not able to do it by yourself. ²⁰Now listen to my voice. I will counsel you, and may God be with you. You be for this people before God, and you bring the matters to God. ²¹And you warn them *as to* the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they should walk, and the work which they should do. ²²And you, you shall look out men of ability out of all the people, who fear God, men of truth, haters of unjust gain. And you place *these* over them *as* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. ²³And let them judge the people at all times. And it shall be that every great matter they shall bring to you, and every small matter they shall judge. And you make *it* easy on yourself, and let them bear with you. ²⁴If you do this thing, and God command you, you will be able to stand; and also this people will go in peace to their place.

²⁵And Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and he did all that he had

said. ²⁵And Moses chose men of ability from all Israel and made them heads over the people; rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. ²⁶And they judged the people at all times; the hard matters they brought to Moses, and every small matter they judged themselves. ²⁷And Moses sent his father-in-law away, and he went to his own land.

CHAPTER 19

¹In the third month of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, on this day they came to the wilderness of Sinai. ²And they pulled up *stakes* from Rephidim and came to the wilderness of Sinai. And they camped in the wilderness. And Israel camped there before the mountain. ³And Moses went up to God. And Jehovah called to him from the mountain, saying, You shall say this to the house of Jacob, and tell *it* to the sons of Israel. ⁴You have seen what I did to Egypt; and I bore you on wings of eagles and brought you to Me. ⁵And now if you will surely listen to My voice, and will keep My covenant, you shall become a special treasure to Me above all the nations, for all the earth is Mine. ⁶And you shall become a kingdom of priests for Me, a holy nation. These *are* the words which you shall speak to the sons of Israel.

⁷And Moses came and called the elders of the people. And he put all these words before them which Jehovah commanded him. ⁸And all the people answered together and said, All which Jehovah has spoken we will do. And Moses brought back the words of the people to Jehovah. ⁹And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, I come to you in a darkness of clouds, so that the people may hear My speaking with you, and in you they may believe forever. And Moses told the words of the people to Jehovah.

¹⁰And Jehovah said to Moses, Go to the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow. And let them wash their clothes. ¹¹And be ready for the third day. For on the third day Jehovah will go down before the eyes of all the people on the mountain of Sinai. ¹²And you shall set limits to the

people all around, saying, Be careful for yourselves, *not* going up into the mountain and touching its border — everyone touching the mountain shall surely be killed. ¹³Not a hand shall touch him, but surely he shall be stoned, or surely he shall be shot through. He shall not live, whether animal or man. At the sounding of the ram's horn, they shall go up into the mountain. ¹⁴And Moses went from the mountain to the people. And he sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵And he said to the people, Be ready for the third day. Do not approach a woman.

¹⁶And on the third day, it being morning, it happened: There *were* thunders and lightnings, and a heavy cloud on the mountain, and the sound of a ram's horn, very strong! And all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷And Moses caused the people to go up from the camp to meet God. And they took their stand at the lower part of the mountain. ¹⁸And the mountain of Sinai was smoking, all of it, because Jehovah came down on it in fire. And its smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace; and the mountain quaked exceedingly. ¹⁹And it happened, while the sound of the ram's horn *was* sounding, and becoming very strong, Moses spoke. And God answered him by a voice. ²⁰And Jehovah came down on the mountain of Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and Jehovah called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. ²¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Go down, warn the people lest they break through to gaze at Jehovah, and many of them fall. ²²And also the priests, those approaching Jehovah, let them sanctify themselves that Jehovah not burst forth among them. ²³And Moses said to Jehovah, The people are not able to come up to the mountain of Sinai. For You warned us, saying, Set limits to the mountain and sanctify it. ²⁴And Jehovah said to him, Come, go down. And you come up, and Aaron with you. And let not the priests and the people break through to come up to Jehovah, lest He burst forth among them. ²⁵And Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

CHAPTER 20

¹And God spoke all these words, saying:

²*I am* Jehovah your God, who has brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

³You shall not have any other gods beside Me.

⁴You shall not make a graven image for yourself, of any likeness which *is* in the heavens above, or which *is* in the earth beneath, or which *is* in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow to them, and you shall not serve them; for *I am* Jehovah your God, a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of fathers on children, on the third and on the fourth *generation*, to those that hate Me; ⁵and doing kindness to thousands, to those loving Me, and to those keeping My commandments.

⁷You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain; for Jehovah will not leave unpunished *the one* who takes His name in vain.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy; ⁹six days you shall labor and do all your work; ¹⁰and the seventh day *is* a sabbath to Jehovah your God; you shall not do any work, you, and your son, and your daughter, your male slave and your slave-girl, and your livestock, and your stranger who *is* in your gates. ¹¹For *in* six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all which *is* in them, and He rested on the seventh day; on account of this Jehovah blessed the sabbath day and sanctified it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long on the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not testify a witness of falsehood against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male slave, or his slave-girl, or his ox, or his ass, or anything which *belongs* to your neighbor.

¹⁸And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the sound of the ram's horn, and the smoking mountain. And the people looked, and they trembled, and they stood from a distance.

¹⁹And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will hear. And let us not speak with God, that we not die. ²⁰And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid, for God has come in order to test you, and so that His fear may be on your faces, that you may not sin. ²¹And the people stood from a distance, and Moses went near the thick darkness where God *was*.

²²And Jehovah said to Moses, You shall say this to the sons of Israel: You have seen that I have spoken with you from the heavens. ²³You shall not make gods of silver along with Me, and you shall not make gods of gold for yourselves.

²⁴You shall make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on it, your sheep and your cattle. In every place *in* which I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you and will bless you. ²⁵And If you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build them of cut stones. When you swing your tool on it, you defile it. ²⁶And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be uncovered on it.

CHAPTER 21

¹And these *are* the judgments which you shall put before them:

²When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years. And in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. ³If he comes in with his body, he shall go out with his body. If he *was* the husband of a wife, his wife shall go out with him. ⁴If his master gives him a wife, and she bears sons or daughters to him, the wife and her children shall belong to her master; and he shall go out with his body. ⁵And if the slave truly says, I love my master, my wife and my children; I do not desire to go out free, ⁶his master shall bring him to God, and one shall bring him to the door, or to the doorpost; and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall serve him forever.

⁷And when a man sells his daughter for a slave-girl, she shall not go out as the male slaves go out. ⁸If she is bad in the eyes of her master who has appointed her for

himself, he shall allow her redemption. He shall not have power to sell her to a strange people, in his deceiving her. ⁹And if he chooses her for his son, he shall do to her as is the custom of daughters. ¹⁰If he takes another for himself, her flesh, her clothing, and her conjugal right shall not be diminished. ¹¹And if he does not do these three for her, she shall go out for nothing, without silver.

¹²He that strikes a man so that he dies, surely he shall be put to death. ¹³And he who does not lie in wait, and God lets fall into his hand, I will appoint a place for you where he may flee.

¹⁴And when a man seethes insolently against his neighbor, to kill him by deceit, you shall take him from My altar to die.

¹⁵And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

¹⁶And he that steals a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

¹⁷And he who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death.

¹⁸And when men strive, and one strikes his neighbor with a stone, or with a fist, and he does not die, but falls on his bed, ¹⁹if he rises and walks about in the street on his staff, the one who struck *him* shall be innocent — only he shall pay his sitting; surely he shall pay for *his* healing.

²⁰And if a man strikes his male slave or his slave-girl with a rod, and he dies under his hand, he shall surely be avenged. ²¹But if he continues a day or two, he shall not be avenged, for he *is* his silver.

²²And when men fight, and they strike a pregnant woman, and her child goes forth, and there is no injury, surely he shall be fined. As *much as* the husband of the woman shall put on him, even he shall give through the judges. ²³But if injury occurs, you shall give life for life, ²⁴eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵branding for branding, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

²⁶And when a man strikes the eye of his male slave, or the eye of his slave-girl, and destroys it, he shall send him away free for his eye. ²⁷And if he causes the tooth of his male slave, or the tooth of his slave-girl, to fall out, he shall send him away free for his tooth.

²⁸And when an ox gores a man or a woman, so that he dies, the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten, and the owner of the ox *is* innocent. ²⁹And if he *was* an ox apt to gore from yesterday and the third day, and its owner is given warning, and he does not watch him, and he kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death.

³⁰If a ransom is put on him, he shall give the redemption of his life, according to all which is put on him. ³¹Whether he gores a son, or he gores a daughter, according to this judgment it shall be done to him. ³²If the ox gores a male slave or a slave-girl, he shall give thirty silver shekels to his master, and the ox shall be stoned.

³³And when a man opens a pit, or when a man digs a pit, and does not cover it, and an ox or an ass falls into it, ³⁴the owner of the pit shall pay; he shall give silver to its owner, and the dead shall be his. ³⁵And when a man's ox strikes against the ox of his neighbor, and it dies, they shall sell the living ox, and they shall divide the silver; and they shall also divide the dead. ³⁶Or if it was known that he *was* an ox apt to gore from yesterday and the third day, and his owner does not watch him, he shall pay ox for ox, and the dead shall be his.

CHAPTER 22

¹When a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it, or sells it, he shall pay five cattle for the ox, and four sheep for the sheep.

²If the thief is found breaking in, and is stricken and dies, no blood shall be *shed* for him. ³If the sun has risen on him, blood *is due* for him; surely he shall repay. If he has nothing, then he should be sold for his theft. ⁴If the stolen thing is surely found in his hand alive, from ox to ass to flock animal, he shall pay double.

⁵When a man consumes a field or a vineyard, and he lets his beast loose and it consumes another's field, he shall repay the best of his field and the best of his vineyard.

⁶When fire breaks out and finds thorns, and shocked grain, or standing grain, or the field is burned up, surely the one kindling the fire shall repay.

⁷When a man gives silver or vessels to his neighbor to keep, and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is found, he shall repay double. ⁸If the thief is not found, the master of the house shall be brought to God, whether or not he put out his hand to his neighbor's goods.

⁹In every case of trespass, for ox, for ass, for sheep, for clothing, for anything lost of which it is said that it is his, the case of both of them shall come to God. Whom God declares guilty, he shall repay double to his neighbor. ¹⁰When a man gives an ass or an ox to his neighbor; or a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies, or is injured, or is captured, no one seeing it, ¹¹an oath of Jehovah shall be between them both, that he has not put his hand to his neighbor's goods. And its owner shall take it, and he shall not repay. ¹²And if it is indeed stolen from him, he shall repay to its owner. ¹³If it is completely torn in pieces, he shall bring it as a witness; he shall not repay that which was torn.

¹⁴And when a man asks from his neighbor, and it is hurt, or dies, its owner not being with it, surely he shall repay. ¹⁵If its owner is with it, he shall not repay. If it is hired, it comes for its hire.

¹⁶And when a man lures a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall surely pay her dowry for a wife to himself. ¹⁷If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he shall weigh money according to the dowry of virgins.

¹⁸You shall not allow a sorceress to live.

¹⁹Anyone lying with an animal, he surely shall be put to death.

²⁰One sacrificing to a god shall be destroyed, unless *it is* only to Jehovah.

²¹You shall not be violent toward an alien. You shall not oppress *him*, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. ²²You shall not afflict an orphan or a widow. ²³If you afflict him, if he at all cries to Me, I will surely hear his cry, ²⁴and My anger shall glow, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall become widows, and your sons orphans.

²⁵If you lend money to My people, the poor with you, you shall not be as a money-lender to him; you shall not put interest on him. ²⁶If you indeed take the clothing of your neighbor as a pledge, you

shall return it to him by the going of the sun, ²⁷for that is his only covering, that is his covering for his skin. In what shall he lie down? And it shall be, when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I *am* compassionate.

²⁸You shall not revile God, and you shall not curse a ruler among your people.

²⁹You shall not delay *giving* your harvest and your vintage. You shall give to Me the firstborn of your sons. ³⁰So you shall do to your oxen, to your sheep: it shall be seven days with its mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me. And you shall be holy men to Me. ³¹And you shall not eat flesh torn in pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

CHAPTER 23

¹You shall not utter a false report; You shall not put your hand with the wicked, to become a violent witness. ²You shall not *run* after many to *gain* evil things. And you shall not testify as to a lawsuit, to turn aside after many in order to pervert *justice*. ³And you shall not favor the lowly in his lawsuit.

⁴When you happen on the ox of your enemy, or his wandering ass, you shall surely return it to him. ⁵When you see the ass of one who hates you crouching under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving *it* to him; you shall surely loose *it* from him.

⁶You shall not pervert the judgment of your needy one in his lawsuit. ⁷You shall keep far away from a false matter. And do not kill the innocent and the righteous; for I will not justify the wicked. ⁸And you shall not take a bribe, for the bribe blinds the seeing one, and *it* perverts the words of the righteous.

⁹And you shall not oppress an alien; and you know the life of an alien, since you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

¹⁰And you shall sow your land six years, and you shall gather its produce.

¹¹And the seventh *year* you shall let it rest and lie fallow, and the needy of your people shall eat. And what they leave, the animals of the field shall eat. So you shall do to your vineyard, to your oliveyard.

¹²You shall do your work six days, and on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your ass may rest, and the

son of your slave-girl and your alien may be refreshed. ¹³And be watchful in all that I have said to you. And you shall not mention another god by name; it shall not be heard from your mouth.

¹⁴Three times in the year you shall make a feast to Me. ¹⁵You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I have commanded you, at the set time of the month of Abib. For in it you came out from Egypt, and they shall not appear before Me empty.

¹⁶Also the Feast of Harvest, the first-fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. Also the Feast of Ingathering, at the end of the year, at your gathering your work from the field. ¹⁷Three times in the year every one of your males shall appear before the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁸You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread. And the fat of My feast shall not pass the night until morning. ¹⁹The first, the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of Jehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

²⁰Behold, I am about to send an Angel before you, to guard you in the way, and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. ²¹Be observant before Him, and listen to His voice. Do not be rebellious against Him, for He will not forgive your transgressions; for My name is in Him. ²²For if you fully listen to His voice, and do all which I speak, I will be an enemy to your enemies, and will be a foe to your foes. ²³For My Angel shall go before you and bring you in to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I will cut them off.

²⁴You shall not bow down to their gods, and you shall not serve them. And you shall not do according to their works. But you shall surely tear them down, and you shall surely smash their pillars. ²⁵And you shall serve Jehovah your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will remove sickness from your midst. ²⁶There shall not be one miscarrying, nor one barren in your land. I will fulfill the number of your days. ²⁷I will send My terror before you, and I will con-

found all the people among whom you come. And I will give the neck of your enemies to you. ²⁸And I will send hornets before you which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite before you. ²⁹I will not drive them out from before you in one year, that the land not become a waste, and the beast of the field multiply on you. ³⁰I will drive them out before you little by little, until you are fruitful and possess the land. ³¹And I will set your border from the Sea of Reeds as far as the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness as far as the River. For I will give the people of the land into your hand. And you shall drive them out before you. ³²You shall not cut a covenant for them and for their gods. ³³They shall not dwell in your land, lest they cause you to sin towards Me. Surely when you serve their gods, it will be a snare to you.

CHAPTER 24

¹And He said to Moses, Come up to Jehovah, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy from the elders of Israel. And bow yourselves from a distance. ²And let Moses approach by himself to Jehovah, and they shall not approach. And the people shall not go up with him. ³And Moses came and told all the words of Jehovah to the people, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, We will do all the words which Jehovah has spoken. ⁴And Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah. And he rose early in the morning and built an altar below the mountain, and twelve memorial pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the sons of Israel. And they offered up burnt offerings, and offered sacrifices of bullocks, peace offerings to Jehovah. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood, and he put it in basins. And he sprinkled half of the blood on the altar. ⁷And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the ears of the people. And they said, We will do all that Jehovah has spoken, and we will hear. ⁸And Moses took the blood and sprinkled on the people, and said, Behold, the blood of the covenant which Jehovah has cut with you concerning these words.

⁹And Moses and Aaron went up *with* Nadab and Abihu, and seventy from the elders of Israel. ¹⁰And they saw the God of Israel. And under His feet *was* as the work of a pavement of sapphire, and the same as the heavens for clearness. ¹¹And He did not stretch out His hand to the nobles of the sons of Israel. And they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²And Jehovah said to Moses, Come up to Me to the mountain, and be there. And I will give to you the tablets of stone, and the law, and the commandments which I have written, to teach them. ¹³And Moses rose up, and Joshua his attendant. And Moses went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, Wait here for us, until we return to you. And, behold, Aaron, who *is* a master of matters, and Hur *are* with you—let him approach to them.

¹⁵And Moses went up into the mountain. And a cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶And the glory of Jehovah dwelt on the mountain of Sinai. And the cloud covered it six days. And He called to Moses on the seventh day from the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷And the appearance of the glory of Jehovah *was* like fire burning on the top of the mountain before the eyes of the sons of Israel. ¹⁸And Moses came into the midst of the cloud, and he went up into the mountain. And Moses was in the mountain forty days and forty nights.

CHAPTER 25

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel, and let them take an offering for Me from every man whose heart impels him—let them take My offering. ³And this *is* the offering which you shall take from them: gold, and silver, and bronze; ⁴and blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and goats' hair; ⁵and rams' skin dyed red, and dugong skins, and acacia-wood; ⁶oil for the light, spices for the oil of anointing, and for the incense of perfumes; ⁷onyx stones, and stones *for* setting, for the ephod, and for the breast-pocket. ⁸And let them make a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell in their midst. ⁹According to all which I *am* going to reveal to you, the plan of the tabernacle, and the plan of all

its vessels, even so you shall do.

¹⁰And they shall make an ark of acacia-wood, two and a half cubits long, and a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. ¹¹And you shall overlay it *with* pure gold; you shall overlay it inside and outside. And you shall make a wreath of gold all around on it. ¹²And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and shall put it on its four feet; two rings on the one side, and two rings on the second side. ¹³And you shall make poles of acacia-wood, and you shall overlay them *with* gold. ¹⁴And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark by them. ¹⁵The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not depart from it. ¹⁶And you shall put the testimony into the ark, which I shall give to you.

¹⁷And you shall make a mercy-seat of pure gold, its length two and a half cubits, and its width a cubit and a half. ¹⁸And you shall make two cherubs of gold; you shall make them of beaten work from the two ends of the mercy-seat. ¹⁹And make one cherub from the end here, and one cherub from the end there. You shall make the cherubs from the mercy-seat, on its two ends. ²⁰And the cherubs shall be spreading out wings above, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, and their faces each toward its brother; the faces of the cherubs shall be toward the mercy-seat.

²¹And you shall put the mercy-seat on the ark from above. And you shall put the testimony into the ark, which I shall give to you. ²²And I will meet you there, and will speak with you, above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubs which *are* on the ark of testimony, all which I shall command you concerning the sons of Israel.

²³And you shall make a table of acacia-wood, its length two cubits, and its width a cubit, and its height a cubit and a half. ²⁴And you shall overlay it *with* pure gold, and you shall make it a wreath of gold all around. ²⁵And you shall make a border of a hand's breadth for it all around. And you shall make a wreath of gold all around on its border. ²⁶And you shall make four rings of gold for it, and you shall put the rings on the four corners which *are* to its

four feet. ²⁷The rings shall be near the border for housings for the poles, to carry the table. ²⁸And you shall make the poles of acacia-wood, and you shall overlay them *with* gold. And the table shall be carried by them. ²⁹And you shall make its platters, and its bowls, and its pitchers, and its sacrificial cups *with* which a drink offering is made. You shall make them of pure gold. ³⁰And you shall put the Bread of the Presence on the table before Me continually.

³¹And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of beaten work; its base and its shaft, its calices, its knobs, and its blossoms shall be from it. ³²And six branches shall go out from its sides, three branches of the lamp from its one side, and three branches of the lampstand from its second side; ³³three almond-like calyxes on the one branch *with* knob and blossom; and three almond-like calyxes on the one branch *with* knob and blossom — so for the six branches, those going out from the lampstand. ³⁴And on the lampstand *shall be* four almond-like calyxes, *each with* its knobs and its blossoms; ³⁵and a knob under two branches of it; and a knob under two branches of it; and a knob under two branches of it, to the six branches, those going from the lampstand. ³⁶Their knobs and their branches shall be of it, all of it one beaten work of pure gold. ³⁷And you shall make its seven lamps, and one shall set up its lamps, and they shall give light on its face. ³⁸And its tongs, and its pans *shall be* of pure gold. ³⁹One shall make it of a talent of pure gold, with all these vessels. ⁴⁰And see *that they are* made by their patterns which you *were* caused to see in the mountain.

CHAPTER 26

¹And you shall make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains. You shall make them *with* cherubs, the work of a skilled workman, of twined linen, and blue and purple and crimson. ²The length of one curtain *shall be* twenty-eight by the cubit; and the width four by the cubit, *for* the one curtain; one measure to all the curtains. ³Five curtains shall be joined together, each to her sister. And five curtains joined

each to her sister. ⁴And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, from the end at the juncture; and so you shall do at the edge of the last curtain, at the second juncture. ⁵You shall make fifty loops on the one curtain; and you shall make fifty loops in the end of the curtain which *is* at the second juncture; the corresponding loops each to her sister. ⁶And you shall make fifty hooks of gold. And you shall join the curtains, each to her sister, by the hooks. And it shall become one tabernacle.

⁷And you shall make curtains of goats' *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains. ⁸The length of the one curtain *shall be* thirty by the cubit; and the width four by the cubit *for* the one curtain; one measure to the eleven curtains. ⁹And you shall join the five curtains separately, and the six curtains separately. And you shall double the six curtains before the front of the tabernacle. ¹⁰And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain, the last at the juncture; and fifty loops on the edge of the second curtain that joins. ¹¹And you shall make fifty hooks of bronze. And you shall put the hooks in the loops and join the tent together. And it shall become one. ¹²And the overlapping part of the rest of the curtains of the tabernacle, the half curtain that remains, shall hang on the back of the tabernacle. ¹³And the cubit from this *side*, and the cubit from that *side* that remains in the length of the curtains of the tent shall be hung over the sides of the tabernacle from this and from that *side*, to cover it. ¹⁴And you shall make a cover for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of dugong skins from above.

¹⁵And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia-wood standing up. ¹⁶Ten cubits shall be the length of one board; and a cubit and a half the width of one board. ¹⁷Two *pins* shall be in one board, each connected to her sister. So you shall do to all the boards of the tabernacle. ¹⁸And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards on the south side, southward. ¹⁹And you shall make forty sockets of silver *for* the twenty boards; two sockets under the one

board, for its two *pins*, and two sockets under the one board for its two *pins*.²⁰ And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side twenty boards;²¹ and their forty silver sockets; two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the one board.²² And you shall make six boards for the sides of the tabernacle westward.²³ And you shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle, in the sides.²⁴ And they shall be double from beneath. And in like manner they shall be complete on the top, to the one ring. So it shall be to both of them; they shall be for the two corners.²⁵ And *there* shall be eight boards, and their silver sockets, sixteen sockets, two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the one board.²⁶ And you shall make bars of acacia-wood; five to the boards of the one side of the tabernacle;²⁷ and five bars to the boards of the second side of the tabernacle; and five bars to the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the rear, westward.²⁸ And *there shall be* a middle bar in the midst of the boards, going through from end to end.²⁹ And you shall overlay the boards *with* gold, and you shall make their rings gold, housings for the bars. And you shall overlay the bars *with* gold.³⁰ And you shall set up the tabernacle according to the decree which you were shown in the mountain.³¹ And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and crimson, and twined linen. One shall make it by the work of the skilled workman, *with* cherubs.³² And you shall put it on four pillars of acacia-wood overlaid *with* gold, their nails gold, on four sockets of silver.³³ And you shall hang the veil under the hooks. And you shall bring the ark of the testimony there inside to the veil. And the veil shall divide for you between the holy place and the Holy of Holies.³⁴ And you shall put the mercy-seat on the ark of the testimony, in the Holy of Holies.³⁵ And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lamp across from the table on the side of the tabernacle southward. And you shall put the table on the north side.

³⁶ And you shall make a screen for the door of the tent of blue, and of purple and crimson, and twined linen, the work of an

embroiderer.³⁷ And you shall make five pillars of acacia-wood for the screen. And you shall overlay them *with* gold, their nails gold. And you shall cast for them five sockets of bronze.

CHAPTER 27

¹ And you shall make the altar of acacia timbers; five cubits long and five cubits wide. The altar shall be square, and its height three cubits.² And you shall make its horns on its four corners. Its horns shall be *a part* of itself. And you shall overlay it *with* bronze.³ And you shall make its pots to remove its ashes, and its shovels, and its sacrificial bowls, and its flesh-forks, and its pans. You shall make all its vessels to be bronze.⁴ And you shall make a grating for it, a network of bronze. And you shall make four rings of bronze on the four ends of the net.⁵ And you shall put it under the ledge of the altar from beneath. And the net shall be as far as half of the altar.⁶ And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia timbers. And you shall overlay them *with* bronze.⁷ And its poles shall be brought into the rings. And the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar, for carrying it.⁸ You shall make it hollow *with* boards: as *He* showed you in the mountain, so they shall make it.

⁹ And you shall make the court of the tabernacle; for the south side southward; hangings for the court of twined linen, eight hundred by the cubit *in* length, for the one side.¹⁰ And its pillars *shall be* twenty, and their sockets twenty *in* bronze; the nails of the pillars and their bands of silver.¹¹ And so for the north side *in* length, hangings eight hundred *in* length; and its pillars twenty; and their sockets twenty *in* bronze; the nails of the pillars and their bands of silver.¹² And the width of the west side of the court *shall have* fifty cubits of hangings; their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.¹³ And the width of the court for the east side eastward, fifty cubits; ¹⁴ and the hangings to the side fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.¹⁵ And to the hangings for the second side, fifteen; their pillars three, and their sockets three.¹⁶ And for the gate of the court, a screen of twenty cubits, blue and purple and crimson, and twined linen, the work of an

embroiderer; their pillars four, and their sockets four. ¹⁷All the pillars of the court round about *shall be banded with silver*, their nails silver, and their sockets bronze. ¹⁸The length of the court *shall be* a hundred by the cubit, and the width fifty by fifty, and the height five cubits, twined linen; and their sockets bronze. ¹⁹As to all the vessels of the tabernacle, in all its service, and all its pins, and all the pins of the court, *they shall be bronze*.

²⁰And you shall command the sons of Israel, and let them bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to set up lamps perpetually. ²¹In the tabernacle of the congregation from outside the veil which is by the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall arrange them from evening until morning before Jehovah; a never-ending statute for their generations, from the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 28

¹And you shall take to yourself your brother Aaron, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, for him to serve as priest to Me; Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron. ²And you shall make holy garments for your brother Aaron, for glory and for beauty. ³And you shall speak to all the wise-hearted whom I have filled with a spirit of wisdom; and they shall make the garments of Aaron to sanctify him for his serving as priest to Me. ⁴And these *are* the garments which they shall make: a breast-pocket, and an ephod, and a robe, and a tunic of woven stuff, a miter, and a girdle. And they shall make holy garments for your brother Aaron and for his sons, even for him to serve as priest to Me.

⁵And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the crimson, and the bleached linen.

⁶And they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, crimson and bleached, twined linen, the work of a weaver. It shall have two shoulder-pieces at its two ends; and it shall be joined together. ⁸And the band of the ephod which is on it, like its work, shall be of it, gold, blue, and purple, and crimson, and bleached, twined linen.

⁹And you shall take two onyx stones; and you shall engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel. ¹⁰Six of their names

shall be on the one stone, and six of the remaining names on the second stone, according to their birth. ¹¹You shall engrave the two stones, the work of an stone-engraver, the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall make them set in plaited work of gold. ¹²And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the face of Jehovah, on his two shoulders for a remembrance. ¹³And you shall make plaited work of gold: ¹⁴and two chains of pure gold, you shall make them woven work, a work of cord; and you shall put chains of the cords on the plaited work.

¹⁵And you shall make a breast-pocket of judgment, a work of a weaver, like the work of the ephod you shall make it: gold, blue, and purple, and crimson, and bleached, twined linen you shall make it. ¹⁶It shall be square, being doubled, its length a span and its width a span. ¹⁷And you shall fill in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle *shall be* the first row. ¹⁸And the second row: turquoise, sapphire and diamond. ¹⁹And the third row: opal, agate and amethyst. ²⁰And the fourth row: chrysolyte, onyx and beryl. They shall be plaited with gold in their settings. ²¹And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel, twelve according to their names, the engraving of a signet, they shall be each according to his name for the twelve tribes.

²²And you shall make chains of woven work on the breastplate, a work of cords, in pure gold. ²³And you shall make two rings of gold on the breastplate. And you shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. ²⁴And you shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings, at the end of the breast-pocket. ²⁵And you shall put the two ends of the two cords on the two plaitings. And you shall put *them* on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to the front of it. ²⁶And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two ends of the breast-pocket, on its edge, inward across from the ephod. ²⁷And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the

ephod, from beneath, at its front, near its joining, above the band of the ephod. ²⁸And they shall fasten the breast-pocket from its rings to the rings of the ephod; and the breast-pocket may not move itself from the ephod. ²⁹And Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breast-pocket of judgment on his heart, in his going into the holy place, for a memorial before the face of Jehovah continually. ³⁰And you shall put the Urim and the Thummim into the breast-pocket of judgment; and they shall be on the heart of Aaron in his going before the face of Jehovah. And Aaron shall bear the judgment of the sons of Israel on his heart before the face of Jehovah continually.

³¹And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. ³²And the mouth in its top shall be in its middle; a binding shall be all around its mouth, of woven work — it shall be like the mouth of a corselet; it may not be torn. ³³And you shall make pomegranates of blue and purple and crimson on its hem, all around on its hem; also bells of gold *shall be* among them all around: ³⁴a bell of gold and a pomegranate, a bell of gold and a pomegranate, on the hem of the robe all around. ³⁵And it shall be on Aaron for ministering; and its sound shall be heard in his going into the holy place before the face of Jehovah, and in his coming out, that he should not die.

³⁶And you shall make a plate of pure gold. And you shall engrave on it the engravings of a signet: HOLINESS TO JEHOVAH. ³⁷And you shall put a ribbon of blue on it, and it shall be on the miter, to the front of the miter it shall be. ³⁸And it shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things which will sanctify the sons of Israel to all their holy gifts. And it shall be on his forehead continually, for acceptance for them before the face of Jehovah.

³⁹And you shall weave the tunic of bleached *linen*, and you shall make a miter of bleached *linen*, and you shall make a girdle, the work of an embroiderer. ⁴⁰And you shall make tunics for the sons of Aaron; and you shall make girdles for them; and you shall make bonnets for them, for glory and for beauty. ⁴¹And you shall clothe your brother Aaron *with*

them, and his sons with him; and you shall anoint them, and you shall consecrate them, and you shall sanctify them. And they shall minister as priests to Me. ⁴²And make linen breeches for them, to cover the flesh of nakedness, from the loins as far as the thighs they shall be. ⁴³And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons in their going into the tabernacle of the congregation, or in their drawing near to the altar to minister in the holy place, and so that they shall not raise up iniquity and die. *It is* a never-ending statute to him and to his seed after him.

CHAPTER 29

¹And this *is* the thing which you shall do: to them, to sanctify them to minister as priests to Me: take one bullock, the son of the herd, and two perfect rams, ²and unleavened bread, and unleavened cakes: poured over with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil — you shall make them of fine wheat flour. ³And you shall put them into one basket and shall bring them near in the basket, and the bullock and the two rams. ⁴And you shall take Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of congregation. And you shall wash them in water. ⁵And you shall take the garments, and you shall clothe Aaron *with* the tunic, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breast-pocket. And you shall bind it to him with the band of the ephod. ⁶And you shall put the miter on his head; and you shall put the holy crown on the miter. ⁷And you shall take the oil of anointing and shall pour on his head, and shall anoint him. ⁸And you shall take his sons and clothe them *with* tunics. ⁹And you shall gird them *with* girdles, Aaron and his sons; and you shall bind on bonnets for them; and *it* shall be a never-ending statute for them *in* the priest's office. And you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons. ¹⁰And you shall bring near the bullock before the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bullock. ¹¹And you shall slaughter the bullock before the face of Jehovah, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹²And you shall take of the blood of the bullock and shall put *it* on the horns of

the altar with your finger. And you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar. ¹³And you shall take all the fat that covers the inward parts, and the lobe on the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, and you shall burn on the altar. ¹⁴And you shall burn the flesh of the bullock, and its skin, and its dung, with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.

¹⁵And you shall take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram. ¹⁶And you shall slaughter the ram, and you shall take its blood and shall sprinkle it on the altar all around. ¹⁷And you shall cut the ram into pieces; and you shall wash its inward parts, and its legs, and shall place them on its pieces and on its head. ¹⁸And you shall burn all the ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to Jehovah, a soothing fragrance; it is a fire offering to Jehovah.

¹⁹And you shall take the second ram and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram. ²⁰And you shall slaughter the ram; and you shall take of its blood and shall put it on the tip of Aaron's ear, and on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the ear of his sons, and on the thumb of the right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot; and you shall sprinkle the blood on the altar all around. ²¹And you shall take of the blood on the altar, and the oil of anointing, and you shall sprinkle on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him.

²²And you shall take the fat from the ram, and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the inward parts, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, and the right leg; for it is a ram of consecration; ²³also one loaf of bread, and one cake of oil bread, and one wafer, from the basket of unleavened bread which is before the face of Jehovah. ²⁴And you shall put all on the palms of Aaron and on the palms of his sons. And you shall wave them a wave offering before the face of Jehovah. ²⁵And you shall take them from their hand, and you shall burn the burnt offering on the altar for a soothing fragrance before the face of Jehovah; it is a fire offering to Jehovah.

²⁶And you shall take the breast from the

ram of consecration which is to Aaron. And you shall wave it a wave offering before the face of Jehovah; it shall be your ration. ²⁷And you shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the leg of the heave offering, which is waved and which is lifted from the ram of consecration, from what is Aaron's, and from what is to his sons. ²⁸And it shall be for Aaron and for his sons for a never-ending statute from the sons of Israel; it is for a heave offering, and it shall be a heave offering from the sons of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, their heave offering to Jehovah.

²⁹And the holy garments which are Aaron's shall be his sons' after him, for anointing in them and for filling their hands in them. ³⁰The priest shall put them on seven days, he from his sons taking his place; he who comes into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the sanctuary. ³¹And you shall take the ram of consecration, and you shall boil its flesh in a holy place. ³²And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread which is in the basket at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³³And they shall eat those things by which atonement is made, to consecrate them, to sanctify them; and a stranger shall not eat, for they are holy. ³⁴And if any is left of the flesh of consecration, and of the bread, until the morning, you shall burn what is left with fire; it shall not be eaten, for it is holy.

³⁵And so you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all which I have commanded you; you shall consecrate them seven days. ³⁶And you shall offer a bull of a sin offering daily for atonement; and you shall purify the altar in your making atonement for it; and you shall anoint it to sanctify it. ³⁷You shall make atonement seven days for the altar, and shall sanctify it; and the altar shall become most holy, all touching the altar becomes holy.

³⁸And this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs daily, sons of a year, continually. ³⁹The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb you shall offer between the evenings. ⁴⁰And a tenth of fine flour anointed with beaten oil, a fourth of a

hin, and a drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine, for the one lamb. ⁴¹And you shall offer the second lamb between the evenings; you shall do to it like the morning food offering and its drink offering, for a soothing fragrance, a fire offering to Jehovah. ⁴²*This shall be* a continual burnt offering to your generations, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the face of Jehovah; there where I meet you to speak to you there. ⁴³And I will meet the sons of Israel there, and it shall be sanctified by My glory. ⁴⁴And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And I will sanctify Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me. ⁴⁵And I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel; and I will be God to them. ⁴⁶And they shall know that *I am* Jehovah their God, who brought them out from the land of Egypt, that I may dwell in their midst. *I am* Jehovah their God.

CHAPTER 30

¹And you shall make an altar, a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia-wood. ²It shall be a cubit in length and a cubit in width; it shall be square. And its height *shall be* two cubits, its horns from itself. ³And you shall overlay it *with* pure gold, its top, and its walls all around, and its horns. And you shall make a wreath of gold for it all around. ⁴And you shall make two rings of gold for it, under its wreath; you shall make its two corners on its two sides; and they shall be housings for poles, to lift them up by it. ⁵And you shall make the poles of acacia-wood; and you shall overlay them *with* gold. ⁶And you shall put it in front of the veil which *is* beside the ark of the testimony; in front of the mercy-seat which *is* over the testimony, there where I meet you. ⁷And Aaron shall burn incense of perfume on it morning by morning, when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it. ⁸And when Aaron sets up the lamps between the evenings he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the face of Jehovah for your generations. ⁹You shall not offer up strange incense on it, and burnt offering and food offering; and you shall not pour out a drink offering, to go up on it. ¹⁰And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once in a year,

from the blood of the sin offering of the atonement once in the year he shall make atonement on it for your generations; it is most holy to Jehovah.

¹¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: ¹²When you lift up the head of the sons of Israel, of those numbered, each one shall give the ransom of his soul to Jehovah when numbering them; and there shall not be a plague among them when numbering them. ¹³They shall give this, everyone passing over to those numbered: half a shekel, by the shekel of the sanctuary, twenty gerahs *being* a shekel; half a shekel as an offering to Jehovah. ¹⁴Every one passing over to those numbered, from a son of twenty years and upward, shall give the offering of Jehovah. ¹⁵The rich shall give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, to give the offering of Jehovah, to make atonement for your souls. ¹⁶And you shall take the silver of atonement from the sons of Israel, and you shall give it to the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and it shall be for the sons of Israel for remembrance before the face of Jehovah, to make atonement for your souls.

¹⁷And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: ¹⁸And you shall make a laver of bronze, and its base bronze, for washing. And you shall put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar; and you shall put water there. ¹⁹And Aaron and his sons shall wash from it, their hands and their feet, ²⁰as they go into the tabernacle of the congregation they shall wash *with* water, and shall not die; or as they draw near to the altar to minister, to burn a fire offering to Jehovah. ²¹And they shall wash their hands and their feet, and shall not die. And it shall be a never-ending statute to them, to him and to his seed for their generations.

²²And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: ²³And you take spices for yourself, the best, five hundred of pure myrrh, and its half of spicy cinnamon, two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and two hundred and fifty of aromatic calamus; ²⁴and five hundred of cassia, by the shekel of the sanctuary; and a hin of olive oil. ²⁵And you shall make it an oil of holy anointing, ointment compound, the work of a perfumer, an oil of

holy anointing it shall be. ²⁶And you shall anoint with it the tabernacle of the congregation and the ark of the testimony, ²⁷and the table and all its vessels, and the altar of incense, ²⁸and the altar of burnt offering, and all its vessels, and the laver and its base. ²⁹And you shall sanctify them, and they shall become most holy; everything touching them shall become holy. ³⁰And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and you shall consecrate them to minister as priests to Me. ³¹And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil for Me for your generations. ³²It shall not be poured on the flesh of man, and you shall not make *any* like it in its proportion; it *is* holy. It shall be holy to you. ³³A man prepares *any* like it, or who gives from it to a stranger, shall be cut off from his people.

³⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, Take perfumes for yourself, spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, spices, and pure frankincense, a part shall be for a part. ³⁵And you shall make it incense, an ointment, a work of a perfumer, salted, pure and holy. ³⁶And you shall grind *some* of it fine, and put *some* of it in front of the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I meet you. It shall be most holy to you. ³⁷And the incense which you make, in its proportion, you shall not make for yourselves; it shall be holy to you for Jehovah. ³⁸A man who makes *any* like it, to smell of it, he shall be cut off from his people.

CHAPTER 31

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: Behold, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, to the tribe of Judah. ²And I have filled him *with* the spirit of God in wisdom, and in intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all workmanship, ³to devise designs, to work in gold and in silver and in bronze, ⁴and in cutting of stones for finishings, and in carving of wood, to work in all workmanship. ⁵And behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the heart of every wise-hearted one I have given wisdom; and they shall make all which I have commanded you: ⁶the tabernacle of the

congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat which *is* going up over it, and all the vessels of the tabernacle, ⁷and the table and its vessels, and the pure lampstand and all its vessels, and the altar of incense; ⁸and the altar of burnt offering and all its vessels, and the laver and its base; ⁹and the woven garments, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests; ¹⁰and the oil of anointing, and the incense of perfumes for the sanctuary; according to all which I have commanded you, they shall do.

¹²And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: ¹³And you speak to the sons of Israel, saying, You shall surely keep My sabbaths; for it *is* a sign between Me and you for your generations; to know that I *am* Jehovah your sanctifier. ¹⁴And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it *is* holy for you; the profaners of it surely shall be put to death; for everyone doing work in it, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of his people. ¹⁵Work may be done six days, and on the seventh day *is* a sabbath of rest, holy to Jehovah; everyone doing work on the Sabbath day surely shall be put to death. ¹⁶And the sons of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to do the Sabbath for their generations; *it is* a never-ending covenant. ¹⁷It is a sign forever between Me and the sons of Israel; for *in* six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.

¹⁸And when He finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave to Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

CHAPTER 32

¹And the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain. And the people gathered to Aaron. And they said to him, Rise up, make for us gods who may go before our face. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. ²And Aaron said to them, Break off the rings of gold which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons and your daughters; and bring them to me. ³And all the people broke off the rings of

gold which *were* in their ears, and they brought to Aaron. ⁴And he took from their hand and formed it with an engraving tool. And he made it a casted calf. And they said, These *are* your gods, O Israel, who made you go up from the land of Egypt. ⁵And Aaron saw, and he built an altar before it. And Aaron called and said, A feast to Jehovah tomorrow. ⁶And they rose early on the morrow, and they offered burnt offerings brought near peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to make merry.

⁷And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Come, go down, for your people whom you caused to go up from Egypt are corrupted; ⁸they have quickly turned off from the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a casted calf and have bowed to it, and have sacrificed to it. And *they* have said, These *are* your gods, O Israel, who made you go up from the land of Egypt. ⁹And Jehovah said to Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiff-necked people.

¹⁰And now leave Me alone that My anger may glow against them, that I may consume them. And I will make you a great nation. ¹¹And Moses prayed before the face of Jehovah his God, and he said, Why, O Jehovah, does Your anger glow against Your people whom You caused to go up from the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, saying, For evil He has caused them to go up, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them on the face of the earth? Turn from Your fierce anger and change Your purpose as to the evil to Your people. ¹³Remember Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and You spoke to them, I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens, and all this land which I have said, I will give to your seed. And they shall possess it forever. ¹⁴And Jehovah changed His purpose concerning the evil which He had spoken to do to His people.

¹⁵And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets written on their two sides, on this and on that they *were* written. ¹⁶And the tablets *were* the

work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God; it *was* engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷And Joshua heard the voice of the people in their shouting. And he said to Moses, A sound of war in the camp! ¹⁸And he said, It is not a sound of a cry of might, nor a sound of a cry of defeat; I *am* hearing the sound of singing. ¹⁹And it happened, as he came near to the camp and saw the calf and dances, the anger of Moses glowed. And he threw the tablets from his hands, and he broke them below the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf which they had made and burned *it* with fire, and *he* ground *it* until it *was* fine, then he scattered *it* on the face of the water. And he made the sons of Israel to drink *it*.

²¹And Moses said to Aaron, What has this people done to you that you have made to come on them a great sin? ²²And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord glow. You know the people, that it *is* in evil. ²³And they said to me, Make for us gods who may go before us; as for Moses, the man who caused us to go up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. ²⁴And I said to them, Whoever *has* gold, let them break off. And they gave to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.

²⁵And Moses saw the people, that it was unloosed, for Aaron had let *it* loose for a derision among their enemies. ²⁶And Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who *is* for Jehovah? *Come* to me! And all the sons of Levi assembled to him. ²⁷And he said to them, So says Jehovah, God of Israel, each one put his sword on his thigh; pass over to and fro from gate to gate in the camp, and each one kill his brother, and each one his neighbor, and each one his kindred. ²⁸And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell on that day. ²⁹And Moses said, Fill your hand today for Jehovah, since each one *has been* against his son and against his brother, and in order to give you a blessing today.

³⁰And it happened on the morrow, Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to Jehovah; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin. ³¹And Moses went back to

Jehovah and said, Oh, this people has sinned a great sin, and they have made for themselves gods of gold. ³²And now if You will, lift up their sin. And if not, I pray, blot me out from Your book which You have written. ³³And Jehovah said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him from My book. ³⁴And now go, lead the people to that *place* which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before your face. And in the day of My visitation I will visit their sin on them. ³⁵And Jehovah plagued the people because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

CHAPTER 33

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Come, go up from here, you and the people whom you have caused to go up out from the land of Egypt, to the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed. ²And I will send an angel before your face, and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; ³to a land flowing *with* milk and honey. For I will not go up among you, for you *are* a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you in the way. ⁴And the people heard this evil word, and they mourned, and did not put any ornaments on himself. ⁵And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to the sons of Israel, You are a stiff-necked people; in one instant I will go up among you and I will consume you. And now lay off from you your ornaments, that I may know what I shall do to you. ⁶And the sons of Israel pulled off their ornaments, from Mount Horeb.

⁷And Moses took the tent and pitched it outside the camp, far off from the camp. And he called it the tabernacle of the congregation. And it happened that everyone seeking Jehovah went to the tabernacle of the congregation which *was* outside the camp. ⁸And it happened as Moses went to the tabernacle, the people all rose and stood, each one at the door of his tent. And *they* looked after Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. ⁹And it happened as Moses' went into the tabernacle, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand *at* the door of the tabernacle. And He spoke

with Moses. ¹⁰And all the people would see the pillar of the cloud standing *at* the door of the tabernacle. And all the people rose and bowed themselves, each one *at* the door of his tent. ¹¹And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp. And his attendant, Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the middle of the tabernacle.

¹²And Moses said to Jehovah, Behold, You *are* saying to me, Cause this people to go up. And You, You have not told me whom You will send with me. And yet You have said, I know you by name, and also you have found favor in My eyes. ¹³And now, if I have found favor in Your eyes, please make me see Your ways, and let me know You, so that I may find favor in Your eyes; and consider that this nation is Your people. ¹⁴And He said, My presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest. ¹⁵And he said to Him, If Your presence does not go, do not cause us to go up from here. ¹⁶And now by what can it be known that I and Your people have found favor in Your eyes? *Is it* not in Your going with us? And we are distinguished, I and Your people, from all the nations which *are* on the face of the earth?

¹⁷And Jehovah said to Moses, This thing which you have spoken I will do. For you have found favor in My eyes, and I know you by name. ¹⁸And he said, I pray, let me see Your glory. ¹⁹And He said, I will cause all My goodness to pass before your face. And I will call out the name of Jehovah before your face. And I will favor whom I will favor, and I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy. ²⁰And he said, You are not able to see My face; for no man sees Me and lives. ²¹And Jehovah said, Behold, a place by Me! And you shall stand on a rock. ²²And as My glory is passing it will be that I will put you in a cleft of the rock; and I will cover My palm over you during My passing. ²³And I will remove My palm, and you shall see My back; but My face cannot be seen.

CHAPTER 34

¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone, like the former. And I will write on the tablets the

words which were on the former tablet, which you broke. ²And be prepared in the morning, and go up in the morning to Mount Sinai. And place yourself there by Me, on the top of the mountain. ³And a man shall not go up with you. And also let no man be seen on all the mountain. Also do not allow the flocks and the herds to feed before that mountain. ⁴And he cut out two tablets of stone like the former. And Moses rose early in the morning and went up into Mount Sinai, as Jehovah had commanded him. And he took in his hand the two tablets of stone. ⁵And Jehovah came down in the cloud. And he placed himself there with Him, and *he* called on the name of Jehovah. ⁶And Jehovah passed by before his face and called out: Jehovah! Jehovah, God! Merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and great in goodness and truth, ⁷keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and not leaving entirely unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on sons, and on sons of sons, to the third and to the fourth generation. ⁸And Moses hurried and bowed to the earth and worshipped. ⁹And he said, If now I have found favor in Your eyes, O Lord, please let my Lord go in our midst, for it is a stiff-necked people; and You forgive our iniquity and our sin, and take us as a possession. ¹⁰And He said, Behold, I *am* cutting a covenant; I will do wonderful things before all your people, which not have been done in all the earth and among all nations. And all the people, in whose midst you *are*, shall see the work of Jehovah, for that which I *am* about to do is awesome.

¹¹Take heed for yourself what I *am* commanding you today. Behold, I *am* about to drive out from before your face the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. ¹²Take heed to yourself, that you not cut a covenant with the people of the land to which you *are* going in, that it not be a snare in your midst. ¹³But you shall cut down their altars, break their pillars, and you shall cut off their Asherim. ¹⁴For you shall not bow to another god, for Jehovah whose name is Jealous, He is a jealous God; ¹⁵that you not cut a covenant with the people of the

land and play the whore after their gods, and they sacrifice to their gods, and one call to you, and you eat from his sacrifice, ¹⁶and lest you take from their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods, and they lead your sons after their gods.

¹⁷You shall not make for yourself casted gods.

¹⁸You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, which I commanded you, at the time appointed, the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you went out from Egypt. ¹⁹Every one opening the womb is Mine; and of all your male livestock, a firstling of ox or sheep, ²⁰and a firstling of an ass, you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you do not redeem, you shall break its neck. You shall redeem every firstborn of your sons, and they shall not be seen before My face empty.

²¹You may work six days, and on the seventh day you shall rest. ²²And you shall observe a Feast of Weeks for yourself, the firstfruits of the harvest of wheat; also the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year. ²³Three times in the year every male of yours shall be seen before the face of the Lord Jehovah, the God of Israel.

²⁴For I will expel nations from before your face, and you will make broad your border; and no one shall covet your land, as you go up to appear before Jehovah your God three times in the year. ²⁵You shall not slaughter on leavened bread, nor shall the sacrifice of the Passover Feast pass the night until morning. ²⁶You shall bring the first of the firstfruits of your ground to the house of Jehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in the milk of its mother.

²⁷And Jehovah said to Moses, Write these words for yourself, for on the mouth of these words I will cut a covenant with you and with Israel. ²⁸And he was there with Jehovah forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread and he did not drink water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

²⁹And it happened as Moses was going down from Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony being in Moses' hand as

he went down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face had become luminous through His speaking with him. ³⁰And Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses. And, behold! The skin of his face had become luminous. And they were afraid to draw near to him. ³¹And Moses called to them. And Aaron and all the leaders among the congregation turned back to him. And Moses spoke to them. ³²And afterwards all the sons of Israel drew near. And he commanded them *to do* all which Jehovah had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And Moses finished speaking with them, and he put a veil on his face. ³⁴And as Moses came in before Jehovah, to speak with Him, he took off the veil until he went out. And he would go out and speak to the sons of Israel that which he was commanded. ³⁵And the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of the face of Moses had become luminous. And Moses would put back the veil on his face until he went in to speak with Him.

CHAPTER 35

¹And Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel and said to them, These *are* the words which Jehovah has commanded, to do them: ²Work may be done six days, and on the seventh day it shall be holy to you, a sabbath of rest to Jehovah; everyone doing work in it shall be put to death. ³You shall not kindle a fire in all your dwellings on the day of the Sabbath.

⁴And Moses said to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which Jehovah commanded, saying: ⁵Take from among you an offering to Jehovah. Everyone willing of heart shall bring it, the offering of Jehovah: gold and silver and bronze, ⁶and blue, and purple, and crimson, and bleached *linen*, and goats' *hair*, ⁷and rams' skins dyed red, and dugong skins, and acacia-wood, ⁸and oil for the light, and spices for the oil of anointing, and for the incense of perfumes; ⁹and onyx stones, and stones of settings, for the ephod and for the breast-pocket. ¹⁰And every wise-hearted one among you, let them come and make all which

Jehovah has commanded: ¹¹the tabernacle, its tent, and its cover,, its hooks, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; ¹²the ark, and its poles, the mercy-seat and the veil of the covering, ¹³the table and its poles, and all its vessels, and the Bread of the Presence; ¹⁴and the lampstand of the light, and its vessels, and its lamps, and the oil of the light; ¹⁵and the incense altar and its poles, and the oil of anointing, and the incense of perfumes, and the hanging of the door, at the door of the tabernacle; ¹⁶the altar of burnt offering, and its bronze grating, its poles, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; ¹⁷the hangings of the court, its pillars, and its sockets, and the hanging for the gate of the court; ¹⁸the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords; ¹⁹the woven garments to minister in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments for his sons, to minister as priests.

²⁰And all the congregation of the sons of Israel went out from Moses. ²¹And they came, every one whose heart was lifted up, and everyone whose spirit made him willing. They brought the offering of Jehovah for the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. ²²And the men came in together with the women, every one willing of heart. They brought in bracelets, and nose-rings, and rings, and jewels, every gold article, and every one who waved a wave offering to Jehovah. ²³And everyone *with* whom blue was found, and purple, and crimson, and bleached *linen*, and goats' *hair*, and rams' skins dyed red, and dugong skins, they brought. ²⁴Everyone rising up *with* an offering of silver and bronze, they brought the offering of Jehovah; and everyone *with* whom was found acacia-wood for any work of the service, they brought. ²⁵And every wise-hearted woman spun with her hands; and they brought spun yarn, blue, and purple, and crimson and bleached *linen*. ²⁶And all the women whose hearts were lifted up in wisdom spun the goats' *hair*. ²⁷And the leaders brought the onyx stones, and stones for the setting, for the ephod and for the breast-pocket, ²⁸and the spice, and the oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the incense of the

perfumes. ²⁹And every man and woman whose hearts made them willing to bring for all the work which Jehovah commanded to be done by the hand of Moses; the sons of Israel brought a willing offering to Jehovah.

³⁰And Moses said to the sons of Israel, See, Jehovah has called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³¹And He has filled him *with* the spirit of God, in wisdom, in intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all workmanship, and to devise designs, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in cuttings of stones for finishings, and in carving of wood, to work in all workmanship of design. ³⁴And He has put in his heart to teach, he and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵He has filled them *with* wisdom of heart, to do every work of a smith, and an artisan, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in crimson, and in bleached *linen*, and a weaver; doers of every work and devisers of designs.

CHAPTER 36

¹And Bezaleel and Aholiab shall work *with* everyone wise of heart to whom Jehovah has given wisdom and intelligence, to know how to do every work of the service of the holy place, concerning all which Jehovah had commanded.

²And Moses called to Bezaleel, and to Aholiab, and to everyone wise of heart, to whom Jehovah had given a heart of wisdom, everyone whose heart had lifted him up to come near the work, to do it. ³And they took every offering before Moses which the sons of Israel had brought for the work of the service *in* the holy place, to do it. And they brought to him still more willing offerings morning by morning. ⁴And all the wise men came, those doing every kind of work *for* the holy place, each one from his work they *were* doing. ⁵And they spoke to Moses, saying, The people *are* bringing more than enough *for* the service of the work that Jehovah commanded, to do it. ⁶And Moses commanded, and they caused it to be voiced in the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more offering for the holy place; and the people were held back from bringing. ⁷And their property was

sufficient for all the work, to do it, and *it* was too much.

⁸And every wise-hearted one among the doers of the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains, twined, bleached *linen*, and blue, and purple, and crimson —he made them *with* cherubs, the work of an artisan. ⁹The length of one curtain *was* twenty-eight by the cubit; and the width *was* four by the cubit; the one curtain *was* the same measure for all the curtains. ¹⁰And he joined five curtains, one to another; and he joined five curtains, one to another. ¹¹And he made loops of blue on the edge of the one curtain, from the end to the juncture; so he did at the edge of the last curtain at the second juncture. ¹²He made fifty loops on one curtain; and he made fifty loops on the end of the curtain which *was* at the second juncture; the loops corresponded, one with another. ¹³And he made fifty hooks of gold; and he joined the curtains by the hooks, one to another. And the tabernacle became one.

¹⁴And he made curtains of goats' *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle; he made them eleven curtains. ¹⁵The length of the one curtain *was* thirty by the cubit, and four cubits the width of the one curtain; one measure to the eleven curtains. ¹⁶And he joined the five curtains separately, and the six curtains separately. ¹⁷And he made fifty loops on the edge of the last curtain at the juncture; and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that joined the second. ¹⁸And he made fifty hooks of bronze to join the tent, to unite it in one. ¹⁹And he made a cover for the tent of rams' skins dyed red; and a cover of dugong skins from above.

²⁰And he made the boards for the tabernacle, standing planks of acacia-wood. ²¹The length of the board *was* ten cubits, and a cubit and a half *was* the width of the one board. ²²The one board *was* connect *by* two pins, one to another; so he did to all the boards of the tabernacle.

²³And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward. ²⁴And he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under the one board for its two *pins*. ²⁵And for the second side of the tabernacle, to the north side, he made

twenty boards, ²⁶and their forty silver sockets; two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the other board. ²⁷And he made six boards for the sides of the tabernacle westward.

²⁸And he made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle, in the sides. ²⁹And they were double from below, and in like manner they were complete to its top, to the first ring. So he did to both of them, for the two corners. ³⁰And there were eight boards, and their silver sockets, sixteen sockets; two sockets *and* two sockets under the one board.

³¹And he made bars of acacia-wood; five to the boards of the second side of the tabernacle; and five bars to the boards of the sides of the tabernacle westward. ³²And he made the middle bar to go through the middle of the boards, from end to end. ³⁴And he overlaid the boards *with* gold. And he made the rings gold, housing for the poles; and he overlaid the bars *with* gold.

³⁵And he made a veil *of* blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined, bleached *linen*. He made it the work of an artisan, *with* cherubs. ³⁶And he made four pillars of acacia for it. And he overlaid them *with* gold, their nails gold; and he cast four sockets of silver for them.

³⁷And he made a hanging for the door of the tabernacle, blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined, bleached *linen*, the work of an embroiderer; ³⁸and its five pillars, and their nails; and he overlaid their tops and their bands *with* gold; and their five sockets *were* of bronze.

CHAPTER 37

¹And Bezaleel made the ark of acacia-wood; two cubits and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. ²And he overlaid it *with* pure gold, inside and outside. And he made for it a wreath of gold all around. ³And he cast four rings of gold for it, on its four feet; two rings on its one side and two rings on its second side. ⁴And he made poles of acacia-wood; and he overlaid them *with* gold. ⁵And he put the poles into the rings, on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark. ⁶And he made a mercy-seat of pure gold; two cubits and a half long, and a cubit and

a half wide. ⁷And he made two cherubs of gold; he made them of beaten work, from the two ends of the mercy-seat; ⁸one cherub here at one end, and one cherub there at the *other* end. He made the cherubs from the mercy-seat, from its two ends. ⁹And the cherubs were speaking out their wings above, covering the mercy-seat *with* their wings, their faces each toward the other; the faces of the cherubs were toward the mercy-seat.

¹⁰And he made the table of planks of acacia; two cubits long, and a cubit wide, and a cubit and a half high. ¹¹And he overlaid it *with* pure gold; and he made for it a wreath of gold all around. ¹²And he made for it a border of a hand's breadth all around. And he made a wreath of gold for its border all around. And he cast for it four rings of gold; and he put the rings on the four corners, which *were* to its four feet. ¹⁴The rings were near the border, the housings for the poles, to carry the table. ¹⁵And he made the poles of acacia-wood; and he overlaid them *with* gold, to lift up the table. ¹⁶And he made the vessels which *were* on the table, its platters and its bowls, and its sacrificial cups, and its pitchers *by* which a drink offering *is* made, with pure gold.

¹⁷And he made the lampstand *of* pure gold; he made the lampstand *of* beaten work, its side, and its branch, its calixes, its knobs and its blossoms were from it. ¹⁸And six branches went out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from one side, and three branches of the lampstand from its second side. ¹⁹Three almond-like bowls *were* on the one branch, *with* knob and blossom; and three almond-like bowls on the one branch, *with* knob and blossom; so for the six branches, those going out from the lampstand. ²⁰And on the lampstand *were* four almond-like bowls, its knobs and its blossoms. ²¹And a knob *was* under two branches of it, to the six branches, those going out from it. ²²The knobs and the branches of it were one beaten work of pure gold. ²³And he made its seven lamps and its snuffers and its pans *of* pure gold. ²⁴He made it and all its vessels *from* a talent of pure gold.

²⁵And he made the altar of incense of

acacia-wood; its length a cubit, and its width a cubit — square. And its height was two cubits; its horns were of it. ²⁶And he overlaid it *with* pure gold, its top and its sides and its horns all around. And he made for it a wreath of gold all around. ²⁷And he made for it two rings of gold, from beneath its wreath, on its two corners, on its two sides, for housings for poles, to lift it. ²⁸And he made its poles of acacia-wood; and he overlaid them *with* gold. ²⁹And he made the holy oil of anointing, and the pure incense of fragrant spices, the work of a perfumer.

CHAPTER 38

¹And he made the altar of the burnt offering of acacia-wood; five cubits its length and five cubits its width — square; and its height was three cubits. ²And he made its horns on its four corners; its horns were of it. And he overlaid it *with* bronze. ³And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots and the shovels and the sacrificial bowls, the fleshhooks and the firepans. He made all its vessels *of* bronze. ⁴And he made a network of bronze grating for the altar, from below under its ledge, as far as its middle. ⁵And he cast four rings in its four ends, of the bronze as housings for the poles. ⁶And he made the poles of acacia-wood; and he overlaid them *with* bronze. ⁷And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, to lift it with them. He made it hollow *with* planks. ⁸And he made the laver bronze, and its base bronze, from the mirrors of those assembling, who assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁹And he made the court. To the side of the Negeb, to the south, the hangings of the court *were* twined bleached *linen*, a hundred by the cubit. ¹⁰Their pillars *were* twenty and their sockets twenty, of bronze. The nails of the pillars and their bands *were* silver. ¹¹And for the north side, a hundred by the cubit, their pillars *were* twenty and their sockets twenty, *of* bronze. The nails of the pillars and their bands *were* silver. ¹²And for the west side, hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars ten and their sockets ten; the nails of the pillars and their bands *were* silver. ¹³And for the east side eastward fifty cubits.

¹⁴Hangings of fifteen cubits to the side, their pillars three and their sockets three. ¹⁵And for the second side, on this *side* and on that *side* to the opening of the court, hangings of fifteen cubits, their pillars three and their sockets three. ¹⁶All the hangings of the court all around *were* twined bleached *linen*. ¹⁷And the sockets for the pillars *were* bronze; the nails of the pillars and their bands *of* silver. And the overlaying of their capitals *were* silver; and all the pillars of the court *were* banded *with* silver. ¹⁸And the hanging of the opening of the court was an embroiderer's work, blue and purple and crimson, and twined, and twenty cubits long *in* height, five cubits in width; the hangings of the court joining. ¹⁹And their pillars *were* four, and their sockets four, *of* bronze; their nails silver, and the overlaying of their capitals and their bands *were* silver. ²⁰And all the pins for the tabernacle and for the court all around *were* bronze.

²¹These *are* the numbered things of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony, which were numbered at Moses' command, the service of the Levites in the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. ²²And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that Jehovah commanded Moses. ²³And with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and a craftsman, and an embroiderer in blue and in purple and in crimson and in bleached *linen*. ²⁴All the gold used was for the work, in all the work of the holy place; and *it* was the gold of the wave offering, twenty-nine talents and seven and thirty shekels, by the shekel of the holy place. ²⁵And the silver of the numbered ones of the assembly *was* a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, by the shekel of the holy place, ²⁶a bekah for a head, half a shekel, by the shekel of the holy place, for everyone one passing over to those numbered, from a son of twenty years and upward, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty *persons*. ²⁷And the hundred talents of the silver *were* for casting the sockets of the holy place, and *for* the sockets of the veil — a hundred sockets for a hundred talents, a talent for a

socket. ²⁸And the thousand, seven hundred and seventy-five *shekels* he made into nails for the pillars; and he overlaid their capitals and joined them.

²⁹And the bronze of the wave offering was seventy talents and two thousand and four hundred shekels. ³⁰And he made with it the sockets of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the bronze altar and its bronze grating, and all the vessels of the altar. ³¹And the sockets of the court all around, and the sockets of the opening of the court, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all of the pins of the court all around were *bronze*.

CHAPTER 39

¹And from the blue and the purple and the crimson they made woven garments for serving in the holy place. And they made the holy garments which were for Aaron, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

²And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined bleached *linen*. ³And they beat out sheets of gold, and cut threads to work into the midst of the blue, and into the midst of the purple, and into the midst of the crimson, and into the midst of the bleached *linen*, the work of an artisan. ⁴They made shoulder-pieces for it, joined together; it was joined on its two ends. ⁵And its fastening band was on it; it was of it, like its work — gold, blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined bleached *linen*, as Jehovah commanded Moses. ⁶And they made stones of onyx set in plaited work of gold, engraved with engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel. ⁷And he put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

⁸And he made the breast-pocket, a work of an artisan, like the work of the ephod: gold, blue, purple, and crimson, and twined bleached *linen*; it was square. They made the breast-pocket double; its length a span and its width a span, doubled. ¹⁰And they set it in four rows of stones: one row, the first row: a ruby, a topaz and an emerald.

¹¹The second row: a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond. ¹²And the third row: a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst. ¹³And

the fourth row: a chrysolite, an onyx, and a jasper; these set in their settings, plaited work of gold. ¹⁴And the stones were according to the names of the sons of Israel; they were twelve, according to their names, the engravings of a signet, each according to his name, for the twelve tribes. ¹⁵And they made cords of chains on the breast-pocket, a work of pure gold cords. ¹⁶And they made two gold plaitings and two golden rings; and they put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-pocket. ¹⁷And they put the two golden cords on the two rings, on the ends of the breast-pocket. ¹⁸And they put the two ends of the two cords on the two settings. And they put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, on the front of its face. ¹⁹And they made two rings of gold, and they put them on the two ends of the breast-pocket, on its edge, on the inward side of the ephod. ²⁰And they made two rings of gold, and they put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod from beneath, on the front of its face, near its joining; from above to the band of the ephod. ²¹And they fastened the breast-pocket from its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue ribbon, to be on the ephod band, that the breast-pocket not move itself from the ephod, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

²²And he made the robe of the ephod, a work of a weaver, all of blue. ²³And the mouth of the robe in its middle was like the mouth of a coat of mail, the edge of its mouth all around, that it might not be torn. ²⁴And they made bells of pure gold, and they put the bells in the midst of the pomegranates, all around on the hem of the robe, for ministering, as Jehovah commanded Moses. ²⁷And they made the tunics of bleached *linen*, a work of a weaver, for Aaron and for his sons; ²⁸also the miter was of bleached *linen*, and the headdress of the caps of bleached *linen*, and the breeches of bleached *linen*, twined bleached *linen*. ²⁹And the girdle was of twined bleached *linen*, and blue, and purple, and crimson, the work of an embroiderer, even as Jehovah commanded Moses. ³⁰And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure the engravings of a signet: HOLINESS TO JEHOVAH. ³¹And they put a blue

ribbon on it to fasten *it* on the miter from above, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

³²And all the work of the tabernacle of the congregation was finished, And the sons of Israel did according to all which Jehovah commanded Moses; so they did.

³³And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its vessels, its hooks, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and the cover of rams', and its sockets, ³⁴and the cover of rams' skins dyed red, and the cover of dugong skins, and the veil of the covering, ³⁵the ark of the testimony, and its poles, and the mercy-seat, ³⁶the table and all its vessels, and the Bread of the Presence; ³⁷the pure lampstand, its lamps, the lamps of arrangement and all its vessels, and the oil of the light, ³⁸and the altar of gold, and the oil of anointing, and the incense of fragrant spices, and the hanging of the door of the tabernacle, ³⁹the bronze altar and bronze grating which *was* to it, its poles and all its vessels, the laver and its base, ⁴⁰the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the hanging for the opening of the court, its cords and its pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle for the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴¹the woven garments for serving in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons for serving as priests. ⁴²According to all which Jehovah commanded Moses, all the work. ⁴³And Moses saw all the work. And, behold, they had done it; as Jehovah commanded Moses, so they had done. And Moses blessed them.

CHAPTER 40

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²On the first day of the month, on the first of the month, you shall raise up the tent of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³And you shall put there the ark of testimony. And you shall cover the ark with the veil. ⁴And you shall bring in the table and set in order its arrangement. And you shall bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. ⁵And you shall put the altar of gold for incense before the ark of testimony. And you shall set up the hanging of the door of the tabernacle. ⁶And you shall set up the altar of burnt offerings before the

door of the tent of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁷And you shall put the laver between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And you shall put water there. ⁸And you shall set up the court all around. And you shall place the hanging of the opening of the court. ⁹And you shall take the oil of anointing, and you shall anoint the tabernacle and all that *is* in it. And you shall sanctify it and all its vessels. And it shall become holy. ¹⁰And you shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its vessels. And you shall sanctify *it* and the altar shall become the holy of holies. ¹¹And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and you shall sanctify it. ¹²And you shall cause to draw near Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall wash them with water. ¹³And you shall clothe Aaron *with* the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and sanctify him. And he shall serve as priest to Me. ¹⁴And you shall cause to draw near his sons. And you shall clothe them *with* tunics. ¹⁵And you shall anoint them as you anointed their father. And they shall serve as priests to Me. And their anointing shall be for an everlasting priesthood for their generations. ¹⁶And Moses did so, according to all Jehovah commanded him; so he did.

¹⁷And it happened in the first month, in the second year, on the first of the month, the tabernacle was raised up. ¹⁸And Moses raised up the tabernacle, and he gave its sockets, and he set up its boards, and he gave its bars, and he raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle. And he put the cover of the tent over it from above, as Jehovah commanded Moses. ²⁰And he took and gave the testimony into the ark. And he put the poles on the ark. And he gave the mercy-seat on the ark from above. ²¹And he caused the ark to go in into the tabernacle. And he placed the veil of the covering, and he covered over the ark of testimony., as Jehovah commanded Moses. ²²And he gave the table into the tabernacle of the congregation, on the side of the tabernacle, northward outside the veil. ²³And he set the bread in order on it before the face of Jehovah, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

²⁴And he put the lampstand in the tabernacle of the congregation, opposite the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. ²⁵And he set up the altar of gold in the tabernacle of the congregation, before the veil. ²⁷And he burned on it incense of fragrant spices, as Jehovah commanded Moses. ²⁸And he set up the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. ²⁹And he put the altar of burnt offering *at* the door of the tent of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he offered up on it the burnt offering and the food offering, as Jehovah commanded Moses. ³⁰And he put the laver between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And he gave there water for washing.

³¹And from it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

³²As they came into the tabernacle of the congregation, and as they drew near to the

altar, they would wash, as Jehovah commanded Moses. ³³And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar. And he gave the hanging of the opening of the court. And Moses finished the work.

³⁴And the cloud covered the tabernacle of the congregation; and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to come into the tabernacle of the congregation because the cloud dwelt on it. And the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. ³⁶And the cloud went up from the tabernacle, the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* in all their travels. ³⁷And if the cloud did not go up, then they did not pull up until the day it went up.

³⁸For the cloud of Jehovah *was* on the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel in all their travels.

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

CHAPTER 1

¹And Jehovah called to Moses and spoke to him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying:

²Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, If any one of you brings an offering to Jehovah, from livestock of the herd, or from the flock, you shall bring near your offering. ³If his offering is out of the herd, a male, a perfect one, he shall bring it to the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation, at his pleasure, before the face of Jehovah. ⁴And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it is accepted for him to make atonement for him. ⁵And he shall kill the son of the herd before the face of Jehovah. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall bring near the blood and sprinkle the blood on the altar all around, which is at the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁶And he shall skin the burnt offering, and shall cut it into pieces. ⁷And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. ⁸And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall arrange the pieces, with the head and the fat, on the wood which is on the fire, which is on the altar. ⁹And he shall wash its inward parts, and its legs, with water. And the priest shall burn as incense the whole of it on the altar for a burnt offering, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

¹⁰And if his offering is out of the flock, out of the sheep, or out of the goats, for a burnt offering, a male, a perfect one, he shall bring it near. ¹¹And he shall slaughter it by the side of the altar northward, before the face of Jehovah. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar. ¹²And he shall wash the inward parts, and the legs, with water, and shall legs, with water, and the priest shall bring near the whole of it and burn it as incense on the altar; it is a burnt offering, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

¹⁴And if the burnt offering is a burnt offering out of the fowls to Jehovah, then

he shall bring near his offering, of turtle-doves or of the offspring of the dove. ¹⁵And the priest shall bring it near to the altar and shall nip off its head. And he shall burn it as incense on the altar; its blood shall be drained by the side of the altar. ¹⁶And he shall remove its crop with its feathers, and shall throw it near the altar eastward, to the place of the ashes. ¹⁷And he shall cleave it with its wings, not dividing it, and the priest shall burn it as incense on the altar, on the wood which is on the fire; a burnt offering; it is a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

CHAPTER 2

¹And when a person brings near an offering, an offering, a food offering to Jehovah, his offering shall be of flour. And he shall pour oil on it; and he shall put on it frankincense. ²And he shall bring to the sons of Aaron the priest, And he shall take out of it his handful from its flour, and from its oil, with all its frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as incense on the altar, a memorial offering, a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ³And the rest of the food offering is for Aaron and for his sons, most holy, of the fire offerings of Jehovah.

⁴And when you bring near an offering, a food offering baked in an oven, fine flour, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened thin cakes anointed with oil.

⁵And if your offering is a food offering on a griddle, your offering shall be fine flour mixed with oil; it shall be unleavened. ⁶You shall divide it into parts, and you shall pour oil on it; it is a food offering.

⁷And if the food offering is in a pan, your offering shall be of fine flour; it shall be made with oil. ⁸And you shall bring the food offering made of these things to Jehovah. And the priest shall bring it near to the altar. ⁹And the priest shall lift up the food offering, its memorial offering, and shall burn it as incense on the altar, a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ¹⁰And the rest of the food offering is for Aaron and his sons, most holy,

of the fire offering of Jehovah. ¹¹Any food offering which you shall bring near to Jehovah, you shall not make it leavened; for all leaven and all honey you shall not burn it as incense, a fire offering to Jehovah.

¹²As an offering of first-fruits, you shall bring them to Jehovah, but they shall not go up on the altar for a soothing fragrance.

¹³And every offering of your food offering you shall season with salt, and you shall not let the salt of the covenant of your God be lacking from your food offering; you shall offer salt with all your offerings.

¹⁴And if you bring near a food offering of first-fruits to Jehovah, fresh ears roasted with fire, kernels from a garden, you shall bring near your first-fruits for a food offering. ¹⁵And you shall put oil on it, and lay on it frankincense; it is a food offering. ¹⁶And the priest shall burn it as incense, with its memorial offering from its kernels, and from its oil, besides all its frankincense, a fire offering to Jehovah.

CHAPTER 3

¹And if his offering is a sacrifice of peace offering, if he is offering it from the herd, whether male or female, a perfect one, he shall bring it near before the face of Jehovah. ²And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and slaughter it at the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood on the altar all around.

³And he shall bring near from the sacrifice of the peace offering a fire offering to Jehovah, the fat which covers the inward parts, and all the fat which is on the loins, and the fatty fold by the liver beside the kidneys, which you shall remove. ⁴And the sons of Aaron shall burn it as incense on the altar, on the burnt offering which is on the wood, which is on the fire, a fire offering of a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

⁶And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings is from the flock, male or female, a perfect one, he shall bring it near. ⁷If he is bringing near a sheep for his offering, then he shall bring it near before the face of Jehovah. ⁸And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and shall

slaughter it in front of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood on the altar all around.

⁹And he shall bring near from the sacrifice of the peace offerings a fire offering to Jehovah, its fat; he shall remove the entire fat tail close by the backbone, and all the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that is on the inward parts, ¹⁰and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and he shall remove the fold by the liver, beside the kidneys. ¹¹And the priest shall burn it as incense on the altar, bread of the fire offering to Jehovah.

¹²And if his offering is a goat, then he shall bring it near before the face of Jehovah. ¹³And he shall lay his hand on its head and shall slaughter it in front of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the sons of Aaron shall spring its blood all around on the altar. ¹⁴And he shall bring near from it his offering, a fire offering to Jehovah, the fat covering the inward parts, and all the fat on the inward parts, ¹⁵and the two kidneys, and the fat which is on them, which is on the loins, and the fold on the liver, beside the kidneys, he shall remove. ¹⁶And the priest shall burn them as incense on the altar, bread of the fire offering for soothing fragrance; all the fat is Jehovah's.

¹⁷It shall be a never-ending statute for your generations. You shall not eat any fat or any blood.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, When a person sins against any of the commands of Jehovah through ignorance, which is not to be done, and shall do any one of them; ³if the priest who is anointed sins, resulting in guilt to the people, then he shall bring near for his sin which he has sinned a bullock, a son of the herd, a perfect one, to Jehovah for a sin offering. ⁴And he shall bring the bullock in to the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the face of Jehovah. And he shall lay his hand on the head of the bullock and shall slaughter the bullock before the face of Jehovah. ⁵And the

priest who is anointed shall take of the blood of the bullock and shall bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁶And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the face of Jehovah, at the front of the veil of the holy place. ⁷And the priest shall put of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense, which *is at* the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the face of Jehovah. ⁸And he shall lift up from it the fat which covers over the inward parts, and all the fat which *is on* the inward parts, and the two kidneys and the fat on them, which *is* beside the loins, and he shall remove the fold on the liver beside the kidneys. ¹⁰As it is raised up from the sacrifice of the peace offerings of the bullock, the priest shall burn them as incense on the altar of burnt offering. ¹¹And the skin of the bullock, and all its flesh with its head, and with its legs, and the inward parts, and its dung, ¹²he shall bring out all the bullock to the outside of the camp, to a clean place, to the place of the pouring of ashes; and he shall burn it on the wood with fire; it shall be at the place of pouring of ashes.

¹³And if the whole company of Israel shall err, and the thing has been hidden from the eyes of the congregation, and they do that which *is to be done* to any of all the commands of Jehovah, and are guilty; ¹⁴when the sin shall be known, that which they have sinned against it, then the congregation shall bring near a bullock, a son of the herd, for a sin offering. And they shall bring it in front of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁵And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bullock before the face of Jehovah. And *they* shall slaughter the bullock before the face of Jehovah. ¹⁶And the priest who is anointed shall bring in of the blood of the bullock to the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁷And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and shall sprinkle seven times before the face of Jehovah, at the front of the veil. ¹⁸And he shall put of the blood on the horns of the altar which *is before* the face of Jehovah, which *is in* the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar of burnt

offering which *is at* the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁹And he shall lift up all its fat from it and shall burn it as incense on the altar. ²⁰And he shall do with the bullock as he has done to the bullock of the sin offering, so he shall do to *is*. And the priest shall atone for them; and it shall be forgiven them. ²¹And he shall bring the bullock to the outside of the camp, and *he* shall burn it as he burned the first bullock; it is a sin offering of the congregation.

²²When a ruler sins and has acted *against* one of all the commands of Jehovah his God, which *not is to be done*, through ignorance, and *is* guilty; ²³or his sin which he has sinned shall be made known to him, then he shall bring his offering, a buck of the goats, a male, a perfect one; ²⁴and he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and shall slaughter it in the place where he slaughters the burnt offering, before the face of Jehovah; *it is* a sin offering. ²⁵And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and with his finger he shall put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and he shall pour out its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering. ²⁶And he shall burn it as incense on the altar, with all its fat, as the fat of the sacrifice of the peace offerings. And the priest shall atone for him because of his sin; and it shall be forgiven him.

²⁷And if any person of the people of the land sins through ignorance, by doing that which *is not to be done, against* one of the commands of Jehovah, and *is* guilty; ²⁸or his sin which he has sinned shall be made known to him, then he shall bring his offering, a ewe of the goats, a perfect one, a female, for his sin which he has sinned; ²⁹then he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and shall slaughter the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering. ³⁰And the priest shall take of its blood with his finger and shall put *it* on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. And he shall pour out all its blood at the base of the altar; ³¹and he shall turn off all its fat, as has been turned off the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall burn it as incense on the altar for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. And the priest shall atone for him, and it is forgiven him.

³²And if he brings as his offering for a sin offering a female, a perfect one, he shall bring it and he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and *he* shall slaughter it for a sin offering in the place where he slaughters the burnt offering. ³⁴And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. And he shall pour out its blood at the base of the altar. And he shall turn off all its fat, as is turned off the fat of the lamb from the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall burn them as incense on the altar, on the fire offerings of Jehovah. And the priest shall atone for him for his sin which he has sinned; and it is forgiven him.

CHAPTER 5

¹And when a person sins, and hears the voice of swearing, and he *is* witness or has seen, or has known, if he does not reveal it, then he shall bear his iniquity. ²Or if a soul touches any unclean thing, or the unclean dead body of an animal, or the unclean dead body of livestock, or the dead body of unclean swarming things, it being hidden from him that he *is* unclean and is guilty, ³or if he touches the uncleanness of man, any of his uncleanness by which he *is* unclean, and it is hidden from him, and he knows, then he is guilty. ⁴Or if a person swears, speaking rashly with the lips, to do evil, or to do good, anything which the man speaks rashly with an oath, and it is hidden from him, and he knows, then he is guilty of one of these.

⁵And it shall be, when he is guilty of one of these, then he shall confess that in which he has sinned. ⁶And he shall bring his guilt offering to Jehovah for his sin which he has sinned, a female out of the flock, a lamb, or a ewe of the goats, for a sin offering. And the priest shall atone for him regarding his sin.

⁷And if his hand does not reach to a lamb, then he shall bring his guilt offering, he who has sinned, two turtle-doves, or two offspring of a dove, to Jehovah—one for a sin offering, and one for a burnt offering. ⁸And he shall bring them to the priest, *who* shall bring near that which *is* for a sin offering first. And *he* shall nip off his head from his neck, but shall not

divide it. ⁹And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and that which remains of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar; it *is* a sin offering. ¹⁰And he shall *offer* the second *for* a burnt offering, as by decree. And the priest shall atone for him, because of his sin which he has sinned; and it shall be forgiven him.

¹¹And if his hand cannot reach to two turtle-doves, or two offspring of a dove, then *he* who sinned shall bring his offering, a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall not put on it oil, nor put on it frankincense; for it is a sin offering. ¹²And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take from it his full handful, the memorial offering, and shall burn it as incense on the altar, on the fire offering of Jehovah; it *is* a sin offering. ¹³And the priest shall atone for him, for his sin which he sinned from one of these; and it shall be forgiven him. And it shall be for the priest as a food offering.

¹⁴And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: ¹⁵If a person commits a trespass and sins in ignorance against the holy things of Jehovah, then he shall bring his guilt offering to Jehovah, a ram, a perfect one out of the flock, at your evaluation *in* silver shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt offering. ¹⁶And he shall make good that *in* which he sinned *against* the holy thing, and he shall add its fifth part to it, and give it to the priest. And the priest shall atone for him with the ram of the guilt offering; and it shall be forgiven him.

¹⁷And if a person sins, and he has done that which *is* not to be done from *any* one of all the commands of Jehovah, and does not know, and he is guilty, and bears his iniquity, ¹⁸then he shall bring a ram, a perfect one from the flock, at your evaluation, for a guilt offering to the priest. And the priest shall atone for him, for his sin of ignorance which he erred, and he did not know; and it shall be forgiven him. ¹⁹It *is* a guilt offering before the face of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 6

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²If any person sins and *is* slyly treacherous against Jehovah, and deals falsely with his

neighbor concerning a deposit, or concerning security, or by robbery, or has extorted his neighbor; ³or has found a lost thing and has lied about it, and has sworn to a falsehood—as regards to any one of all *these* which a man does, sinning in them—⁴then it shall be, when he sins and is guilty, he shall return what he got by robbery, *that which* he robbed, the extorted thing which he extorted, or the deposit which had been deposited with him, or the lost thing which he had found; ⁵or all that about which he swore falsely; he shall even repay it in its principal, and the fifth part he shall add to it; to whomever it belongs. He shall give it on the day of his guilt offering. ⁶And he shall bring his guilt offering to Jehovah: a ram, a perfect one out of the flock, at your evaluation for a guilt offering, to the priest. ⁷And the priest shall make atonement for him before Jehovah, and as regards to one thing of all that he has done, it shall be forgiven him, by being guilty in it.

⁸And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁹Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering; it is the burnt offering because it is burned on the altar all the night until the morning, and the fire of the altar is kept burning on it. ¹⁰The priest shall put on his long robe of fine linen, and he shall put his linen underpants on his flesh. And he shall lift up the ashes which the fire consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and shall put them beside the altar. ¹¹And he shall strip off his garments, and shall put on other garments, and shall bring the ashes out to the outside of the camp, to a clean place. ¹²And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it morning by morning. And he shall lay the burnt offering in order on it. And he shall burn it as incense *with* the fat of the peace offering. ¹³Fire shall be continually burning on the altar; it shall never go out.

¹⁴And this is the law of the food offering: the sons of Aaron shall bring it near before Jehovah, to the front of the altar. ¹⁵And he shall lift from it his handful of the flour of the food offering, and of its oil, and all the frankincense which is on the food offering. And he shall burn it as incense on the altar,

a soothing fragrance from its memorial to Jehovah. ¹⁶And Aaron and his sons shall eat the rest. It shall be eaten *with* unleavened things in the holy place, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it. ¹⁷It shall not be baked *with* leaven. I have given it as their portion out of My fire offerings. It is most holy, like the sin offering, and like the guilt offering. ¹⁸Every male among the sons of Aaron shall eat it, a never-ending statute throughout your generations from the fire offerings of Jehovah. All that touches them shall be holy.

¹⁹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁰This is the offering of Aaron and his sons which they shall bring near to Jehovah on the day he is anointed: a tenth of an ephah of flour, a continual food offering; half of it in the morning, and half of it in the evening. ²¹It shall be made on a griddle with oil. You shall bring it in mixed. You shall bring baked pieces of the food offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ²²And the priest who is anointed in his place, from among his sons, shall make it. It is a never-ending statute of Jehovah. It shall be completely burned; ²³and every food offering of a priest is a whole burnt offering. It shall not be eaten.

²⁴And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁵Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before Jehovah. It is most holy. ²⁶The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in the holy place, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²⁷All that touches its flesh shall be holy. And when *any* of its blood is sprinkled on the garment, that on which it is sprinkled shall be washed in the holy place. ²⁸And an earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, then it shall be scoured and rinsed with water. ²⁹Every male among the priests shall eat of it. It is most holy. ³⁰And any sin offering of whose blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to make atonement in the sanctuary shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire.

CHAPTER 7

¹And this *is* the law of the guilt offering; it *is* most holy. ²In the place where they kill the burnt offering, they shall kill the guilt offering, and its blood shall be sprinkled on the altar all around. ³And all its fat shall be brought near, he shall offer the fat tail of it, and the fat which covers the inward parts, ⁴and the two kidneys, and the fat which *is* on them, which *is* on the flanks, and the fold above the liver, which you shall take away beside the kidneys. ⁵And the priest shall burn them as incense on the altar, a fire offering to Jehovah; it *is* a guilt offering. ⁶Every male among the priests shall eat it; it shall be eaten in the holy place. It is most holy. ⁷As a sin offering *is*, so a guilt offering. One law *is* for them. The priest who makes atonement by it, it is his. ⁸And the priest who brings near any man's burnt offering, the skin of the burnt offering which he has brought near, it is the priest's, his own. ⁹And every food offering which was baked in an oven, and every one that is prepared in the stewing-pan, and on the griddle, shall be the priest's that offers it; it is his. ¹⁰And every food offering, mixed with oil or dry, it shall be for all the sons of Aaron to a man, as his brother.

¹¹And this *is* the law of the sacrifice of the peace offerings which shall be brought near to Jehovah: ¹²If he brings it for a thanksgiving, then he shall bring with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and thin unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and of well-mixed flour, cakes mingled with oil. ¹³He shall bring his offering with the cakes of unleavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, his peace offerings. ¹⁴And he shall bring out of it one of every offering, a heave offering to Jehovah, to the priest who is sprinkling the blood of the peace offering; it is his. ¹⁵As to the flesh of the sacrifice of the thanksgiving peace offerings, it shall be eaten in the day of his offering. He shall not leave of it until morning. ¹⁶And if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a vow, or free-will offering, in the day he brings his sacrifice near, it shall be eaten. And on the morrow the rest of it shall also be eaten. ¹⁷And the rest of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall

be burned with fire. ¹⁸And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings is at all eaten on the third day, it is not pleasing. It shall not be reckoned for him who has brought it. It shall be a hateful thing, and the person who eats of it shall bear his iniquity.

¹⁹And the flesh which touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. As to the flesh, every clean one shall eat of the flesh. ²⁰And the person who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offerings which *are* Jehovah's when his uncleanness is upon him, even that person shall be cut off from his people. ²¹And when a person touches any unclean thing, of the uncleanness of man, or of the uncleanness of animals, or of any unclean swarming creature, and shall eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offerings which *are* Jehovah's, even that person shall be cut off from his people.

²²And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²³Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, You shall not eat any fat of ox, or of sheep, or of goat. ²⁴And the fat of a dead body, and the fat of a thing torn may be used for any work, but you certainly shall not eat it. ²⁵For whoever eats the fat of the animal, of which *one* brings near a fire offering to Jehovah, even the person who eats shall be cut off from his people. ²⁶And you shall not eat any blood in all your dwellings, of fowl, or of animal. ²⁷Any person who eats any blood, even that person shall be cut off from his people.

²⁸And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁹Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, He who brings near the sacrifice of his peace offerings to Jehovah shall bring his offering to Jehovah from the sacrifice of his peace offerings; ³⁰his own hands shall bring in the fire offerings of Jehovah; the fat beside the breast he shall bring in with the breast, to wave it *as* a wave offering before Jehovah. ³¹And the priest shall burn the fat on the altar as incense; and the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons. ³²And you shall make a heave offering of the right leg to the priest of the sacrifices of your peace offerings; ³³one of the sons of Aaron who is bringing near the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, the right leg is his for a portion. ³⁴For the breast of

the wave offering, and the leg of the heave offering, I have taken from the sons of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and I have given them to Aaron the priest, and to his sons, by a never-ending statute, from the sons of Israel. ¹⁷This is *the portion* of the anointing of Aaron, and the anointing of his sons out of the fire offerings of Jehovah, in the day he shall bring them near to act as priests to Jehovah, ¹⁸which Jehovah has commanded to give to them the day of His anointing them, from the sons of Israel, a never-ending statute throughout their generations.

¹⁹This *is* the law for burnt offering, for the food offering, and for sin offering, and for guilt offering, and for consecrations, and for a sacrifice of the peace offerings, ²⁰which Jehovah had commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the days of His commanding the sons of Israel to bring near their offerings to Jehovah, in the wilderness of Sinai.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Take Aaron, and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bullock of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened things, ³and gather all the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴And Moses did as Jehovah had commanded him, and the congregation was gathered to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁵And Moses said to the congregation, This *is* the thing which Jehovah has commanded done. ⁶And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and bathed them in water, ⁷and put on him the tunic, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the upper robe, and put the ephod on him, and girded him with the the ephod on him, and girded him with the girdle of the ephod, and bound it to him with it; ⁸and put the breast-pocket on him, and put the Urim and the Thummim into the breast-pocket, ⁹and put the miter on his head, and on the miter, on its front, *he* put the golden plate, the holy crown; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

¹⁰And Moses took the anointing oil, and

anointed the tabernacle, and all in it, and sanctified them; ¹¹and he sprinkled of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar, and all its vessels, and the laver, and its base, to sanctify them. ¹²And he poured of the anointing oil on the head of Aaron, and anointed him, to sanctify him. ¹³And Moses brought the sons of Aaron near, and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with girdles, and bound bonnets on them, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

¹⁴And he brought the bullock of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bullock of the sin offering; ¹⁵and *one* killed it; and Moses took the blood and put *it* on the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and cleansed the altar; and he poured out the blood at the foundation of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement on it. ¹⁶And he took all the fat on the inward parts, and the fold above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it as incense on the altar. ¹⁷And the bullock, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burned with fire, at the outside of the camp, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

¹⁸And he brought the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram; ¹⁹and *one* killed it, and Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar all around; ²⁰and he cut the ram into its pieces, and Moses burned it as incense with the head, and the pieces, and the fat. ²¹And he washed the inward parts and the legs with water, and Moses burned it as incense with the whole ram on the altar; *it is* a burnt offering, for a soothing fragrance; *it is* a fire offering to Jehovah, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

²²And he brought the second ram, a ram of the consecrations, and Aaron and his sons lay their hands on the head of the ram. ²³And *one* killed it, and Moses took of its blood and put *it* on the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. ²⁴And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood on the tip of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot. And Moses sprinkled the blood on the

altar all around. ²⁵and took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat on the inward parts, and the fold above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right leg. ²⁶And out of the basket of unleavened bread which *was* before Jehovah, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and on the right leg; ²⁷and placed the whole on the hands of Aaron, and on the hands of his sons, and waved them, a wave offering before Jehovah. ²⁸And Moses took them off their hands and burned them with incense on the altar, on the burnt offering; they *are* consecrations for soothing fragrance; it *is* a fire offering to Jehovah. ²⁹And Moses took the breast and waved it, a wave offering before Jehovah, of the ram of the consecrations. It was Moses' portion, as Jehovah had commanded Moses. ³⁰And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood on the altar, and sprinkled on Aaron, on his garments, and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him. And he sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

³¹And Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and you shall eat it there, and the bread which *is* in the basket of the consecrations, as I have commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. ³²And the rest of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire; ³³and you shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation for seven days, until the days of your consecration are fulfilled. For He shall consecrate you seven days; ³⁴as He has done on this day, Jehovah has commanded *you* to do, to make atonement for you. ³⁵And you shall remain at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night for seven days, and you shall keep the charge of Jehovah and shall not die; for so I have been commanded. ³⁶And Aaron and his sons did all the things which Jehovah had commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 9

¹And it happened, on the eighth day, Moses called for Aaron and for his sons, and for the elders of Israel. ²And he said

to Aaron, Take a calf to yourself, a son of the herd, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, perfect ones, and bring near before Jehovah. ³And speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Take a kid of the goats for a sin offering, and a calf, and a lamb, sons of a year, perfect ones, for a burnt offering; ⁴and a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before Jehovah; and a food offering mixed with oil; for today Jehovah will appear to you. ⁵And they took that which Moses had commanded to the front of the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the congregation drew near and stood before Jehovah. ⁶And Moses said, This *is* the thing that Jehovah has commanded; do *it*, and the glory of Jehovah shall appear to you. ⁷And Moses said to Aaron, Draw near to the altar and make your sin offering, and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself, and for the people, and make the offering of the people, and atone for them, as Jehovah has commanded. ⁸And Aaron drew near to the altar and killed the calf of the sin offering, which *is* for himself; ⁹and Aaron's sons brought the blood near to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood and put *it* on the horns of the altar. And he poured out the blood at the foundation of the altar; ¹⁰and the fat, and the kidneys, and the fold of the liver, of the sin offering, he burned with incense on the altar, as Jehovah had commanded Moses. ¹¹And he burned the flesh and the skin with fire, at the outside of the camp.

¹²And he killed the burnt offering. And Aaron's sons presented the blood to him and he sprinkled it on the altar all around; ¹³and they presented to him the burnt offering, by its pieces, and the head, and he burned them with incense on the altar. ¹⁴And he washed the inward parts and the legs, and burned them as incense for the burnt offering on the altar.

¹⁵And he brought the offering of the people, and took the goat of the sin offering which *is* for the people, and killed it, and made it a sin offering like the first. ¹⁶And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it, according to the ordinance. ¹⁷And he brought the food offering and filled his palm from it, and burned it as incense on

the altar, besides the burnt offering of the morning.

¹⁸And he killed the bullock and the ram, a sacrifice of the peace offerings, which *are* for the people, and Aaron's sons presented the blood to Him, and he sprinkled it on the altar all around; ¹⁹and the fat of the bullock, and of the ram, the fat tail, and the covering, and the kidneys, and the fold above the liver. ²⁰And they set the fat on the breasts, and he burned as incense the fat on the altar. ²¹And Aaron waved the breasts, and the right leg *as* a wave offering before Jehovah, as He had commanded Moses.

²²And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings. ²³And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation. And they came out and blessed the people; and the glory of Jehovah appeared to all the people. ²⁴And fire came out from before Jehovah and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. And all the people saw, and cried aloud, and fell on their faces.

CHAPTER 10

¹And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in them; and they put incense on it and brought strange fire before Jehovah, which He had not commanded them. ²And fire went out from before Jehovah and consumed them; and they died before Jehovah. ³And Moses said to Aaron, It is that which Jehovah has spoken, saying, I will be sanctified by those drawing near to Me; and I will be honored before all the people. And Aaron was silent.

⁴And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Uzziel, Aaron's uncle, and said to them, Come near, carry your brothers from the front of the sanctuary to the outside of the camp. ⁵And they came near and carried them in their coats to the outside of the camp, as Moses had commanded.

⁶And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar, and to Ithamar, his sons, You shall not uncover your heads and you shall not tear your garments, that you may not die,

and He be angry on all the congregation. As to your brothers, the whole house of Israel, they shall mourn the burning which Jehovah has kindled. ⁷And you shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation lest you die. For the anointing oil of Jehovah *is* on you. And they did according to the words of Moses.

⁸And Jehovah spoke to Aaron, saying, ⁹You shall not drink wine and strong drink, you nor your sons with you, as you go into the the tabernacle of the congregation, and you shall not die; a never-ending statute throughout your generations; ¹⁰and to make a distinction between the holy and profane, and between the unclean and the clean; ¹¹and to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which Jehovah has spoken to them by the hand of Moses.

¹²And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar, and to Ithamar, his sons who were left, Take the food offering that remains from the fire offerings of Jehovah, and eat it unleavened near the altar, for it *is* most holy. ¹³And you shall eat it in the holy place, for it *is* your portion, and the portion of your sons, from the fire offerings of Jehovah; for so I have been commanded. ¹⁴And the breast of the wave offering, and the leg of the heave offering, you shall eat in a clean place, you and your sons, and your daughters with you. For they have been given for your portion and the portion of your sons out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the sons of Israel. ¹⁵The leg of the heave offering, and the breast of the wave offering, besides fire offerings of the fat, they shall bring in to wave a wave offering before Jehovah; and it shall be to you, and to your sons with you, a never-ending statute, as Jehovah has commanded.

¹⁶And Moses sought carefully for the goat of the sin offering; and, behold, it had been burned! And he was angry against Eleazar and against Ithamar, Aaron's remaining sons, saying, ¹⁷Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, for it *is* most holy, and He has given it to you to take away the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement of them before Jehovah? ¹⁸Behold, its blood has not been

brought in to the holy place inside. You should certainly have eaten it in the holy place, as I have commanded. ¹⁹And Aaron said to Moses, Behold, today they have brought their sin offering and their burnt offering before Jehovah; and such things have happened to me. And if I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been accepted in the sight of Jehovah? ²⁰And when Moses heard, then it was good in his eyes.

CHAPTER 11

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, ²Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, These *are* the living things which you shall eat out of all the animals which *are* on the earth. ³Any *that* divides the hoof and is wholly cloven-footed, bringing up the cud, among the living things, you may eat it. ⁴Only, you may not eat these, of those bringing up the cud, and of those dividing the hoof: the camel, though it brings up the cud, yet it does not divide *the* hoof; it *is* unclean to you; ⁵and the rock badger, though it brings up the cud, yet it does not divide the hoof; it *is* unclean to you; ⁶and the hare, though it brings up the cud, yet it does not divide *the* hoof; it *is* unclean to you; ⁷and the swine, though it divides the hoof and *is* cloven-footed, yet it does not bring up the cud; it *is* unclean to you. ⁸You shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall not touch their dead body; they *are* unclean to you.

⁹Of all *that are* in the waters, you shall eat these; any one that has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the brooks, you may eat them. ¹⁰But any one that does not have fins and scales in the seas, and in the brooks, of any swarming creature of the waters, and of any creature which lives, which *is* in the waters; they *are* to be detested by you. ¹¹Yes, they shall be detested by you; you shall not eat of their flesh and you shall shun their dead bodies. ¹²Any one that does not have fins and scales in the waters, it *shall be* a hateful thing to you.

¹³And these you shall count unclean among the fowls; they shall not be eaten; they are unclean: the eagle, and the black vulture and the bearded vulture, ¹⁴and the kite, and the falcon, according to its kind;

¹⁵every raven according to its kind; ¹⁶and the ostrich, and the great owl, and the gull, and small hawks, according to its kind; ¹⁷and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the eared owl; ¹⁸and the barn owl, and the pelican and the owl-vulture; ¹⁹and the stork, *and* the heron according to its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

²⁰Every flying swarming creature going on all four—it *is* an abomination to you.

²¹Only, this you may eat of any swarming thing which flies, which goes on all four, which *has* legs above its feet, to leap with them on the earth; ²²these *are* those you may eat: the locusts according to its kind, and the bald locust according to its kind, and the long horned locust according to its kind, and the short horned grasshopper according to its kind. ²³But every swarming thing which flies, which has four feet, it *is* unclean to you.

²⁴And by these you shall be made unclean; any who touches their dead body is unclean until the evening. ²⁵And anyone who lifts up their dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening; ²⁶even every living thing which divides the hoof, and is not cloven-footed, and does not bring up the cud, they *are* unclean to you; anyone who touches them shall be unclean. ²⁷And any one going on its paws among all the living things which go on all four; they *are* unclean to you; anyone who touches their dead body is unclean until the evening; ²⁸and he who lifts up their dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening; they *are* unclean to you.

²⁹And these *shall be* unclean to you among the swarming things which swarm on the earth: the weasel, and the mouse, and the great lizard according to its kind, ³⁰and the gecko, and the monitor, and the lizard, and the sand lizard, and the barn owl. ³¹These *are* unclean to you among all which swarm; anyone who touches them in their death is unclean until the evening. ³²And anything on which any one of them falls, in their death, is unclean, of any vessel of wood, or garment, or skin, or sack; any vessel in which work is done shall be caused to go into water, and shall be unclean until the evening; then it shall be cleaned. ³³And any earthen vessel into

the midst of which *any* one of them falls, whatever *is* in it shall be unclean, and you shall break it. ³⁴Of all the food which may be eaten, that on which *such* water falls shall be unclean, and all drink that may be drunk in any *such* vessel shall be unclean. ³⁵And anything on which *any part* of their dead body falls shall be unclean; an oven or hearth shall be broken down — they *are* unclean; yes, they are unclean to you. ³⁶But a fountain or a well, a collection of water, shall be clean; only that touching the dead body is unclean. ³⁷And when *any part* of their dead body falls on any sowing seed which is sown, it shall be clean; ³⁸but when water is put on the seed, and *any* of its dead body has fallen on it, it *shall be* unclean to you.

³⁹And when any of the animals which *are* food for you dies, he who touches its dead body is unclean until the evening; ⁴⁰and he who eats of its dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening; and he who lifts up its dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening.

⁴¹And every swarming thing which swarms on the earth is unclean; it shall not be eaten; ⁴²anything going on its belly, and any going on *all* four, and all having many feet, even every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, you shall not eat them, for they *are* unclean; ⁴³you shall not pollute yourselves with any swarming thing which swarms, nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, so that you should be defiled by them. ⁴⁴For *I am* Jehovah your God, and you have sanctified yourselves, and you have become holy, for *I am* holy. And you shall not defile your persons with any swarming thing which creeps on the earth; ⁴⁵for *I am* Jehovah who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to become your God; and you shall be holy, for *I am* holy.

⁴⁶This *is* the law of the animals, and of the fowl, and of every living creature which moves in the waters, and every creature which swarms on the earth, ⁴⁷to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, If a woman has conceived seed, and has borne a male, then she shall be unclean seven days; as on the days of her menstrual impurity she shall be unclean. ³And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. ⁴And she shall remain in the blood of her cleansing thirty-three days; she shall not touch any holy thing, and she shall not go into the sanctuary, until the days of her cleansing are fulfilled. ⁵And if she bears a female, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her menstruation; and she shall continue in the blood of her cleansing sixty-six days.

⁶And when the days of her cleansing are fulfilled for son or for daughter, she shall bring in a lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering, and a young dove or a turtle-dove for a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to the priest. ⁷And he shall bring it near before Jehovah, and shall make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the fountain of her blood; this *is* the law of her who bears, whether a male or a female. ⁸And if her hand is not able to find a lamb, then she shall take two turtle-doves, or two young doves — one for a burnt offering, and one for a sin offering, and the priest shall make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed.

CHAPTER 13

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²When a man has a rising in the skin of his flesh, or a scab, or a bright spot, and it shall become in the skin of his flesh the plague of leprosy, then he shall be brought in to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests. ³And the priest shall look upon the plague in the skin of the flesh; and if the hair in the plague has turned white, and the appearance of the plague is deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy, and the priest shall look upon him and shall pronounce him unclean. ⁴And if the bright spot *is* white in the skin of his flesh, and its appearance is not deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall shut

up the plague seven days. ⁵And the priest shall look upon him on the seventh day, and, behold, if the plague stays in its appearance, and the plague has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven more days. ⁶And the priest shall look upon him again the seventh day; and, behold, if the plague has become dim, and the plague has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is a scab, and he shall wash his garments and shall be clean. ⁷But if the scab spreads greatly in the skin, after he has been seen by the priest for his cleansing, then he shall be seen a second time by the priest. ⁸And the priest shall look, and, behold, if the scab has spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy.

⁹When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought in to the priest. ¹⁰And the priest shall look, and, behold, if a white rising is in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and a living flesh is in the swelling, ¹¹it is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he shall not shut him up, for he is unclean. ¹²And if the leprosy breaks out greatly on the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of *the one who has* the plague, from his head even to his feet, to all that appears to the priest's eyes, ¹³then the priest shall look, and, behold, if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce *the one who has* the plague clean; it has all turned white; he is clean. ¹⁴And in the day living flesh is seen in him, he is unclean. ¹⁵And the priest shall look on the living flesh and shall pronounce him unclean; the living flesh is unclean; it is leprosy. ¹⁶Or when the living flesh turns back and shall be turned to white, then he shall come in to the priest; ¹⁷and the priest shall look on him; and, behold, the plague has turned to white; the priest shall pronounce *the one who has* the plague clean; he is clean.

¹⁸And when the flesh has the skin of a boil in it, and it has been healed, ¹⁹and a white swelling has replaced the boil, or a bright white spot, very red, then it shall be looked upon by the priest. ²⁰And the priest shall look; and, behold, if its appearance is lower than the skin, and its hair has turned white, the priest shall pronounce him un-

clean; it is the plague of leprosy; it has broken out in a boil. ²¹But if the priest looks at it, and, behold, there is no white hair in it, and it is not lower than the skin, and has become dim, then the priest shall shut him up seven days. ²²And if it spreads greatly in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a plague. ²³And if in its place the bright spot is stayed, it has not spread; it is an inflamed boil, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

²⁴Or if there is flesh in which the skin has a hot burning, and the raw *flesh* of the burning *becomes* a bright white spot, being very red or white; ²⁵and the priest shall look on it; and, behold, the hair has turned white in the bright spot, and its appearance is deeper than the skin, it is leprosy. It has broken out in the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the plague of leprosy. ²⁶But if the priest looks on it, and, behold, there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it is no lower than the *other* skin, but is somewhat dark, then the priest shall shut him up seven days. ²⁷And the priest shall look at him the seventh day. And if it is spread abroad very much in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. ²⁸And if the bright spot stays in its place, and does not spread in the skin, but is somewhat dark, it is a swelling of the burning; and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is a scar of the burning.

²⁹And if a man or a woman has in him a plague in the head or in the beard, ³⁰then the priest shall look on the plague. And, behold, if its appearance is deeper than the skin, and a thin shining hair in it, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a scurf, a leprosy on the head or beard. ³¹And when the priest looks on the plague of the scurf; and, behold, it is not in sight deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up *the one who has* the plague of the scurf seven days. ³²And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague. And, behold, if the scurf has not spread, and there is no shining hair in it, and the appearance of the scurf is not deeper than the skin, ³³then he shall shave himself, but he shall not shave the scurf. And the priest shall shut up *the*

one who has the scurf a second seven days. ³⁴And the priest shall look on the scurf on the seventh day. And, behold, if the scurf has not spread in the skin, and its appearance is not deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. And he shall wash his garments, and shall be clean. ³⁵And if the scurf has spread further in the skin after his cleansing, ³⁶and the priest has looked on him; and, behold, the scurf has spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for the shining hair; he is unclean. ³⁷But if in his eyes the scurf has stayed, and black hair has sprung up in it, the scurf has been healed; he *is* clean. And the priest shall pronounce him clean.

⁴⁰And when a man's head grows bald, he *is* bald, he *is* clean. ⁴¹And if his head grows bald from the corner of *his head* toward his face, he *is* forehead bald; he is clean. ⁴²And if there is in the bald head, or the bald forehead, a reddish-white plague, it *is* a leprosy breaking out in the bald head, or in the bald forehead. ⁴³And the priest shall look on him, and, behold, *if* the swelling of the plague is reddish-white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy, in the skin of the flesh, ⁴⁴he *is* a leprous man; he *is* unclean. The priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague *is* in his head.

⁴⁵As to the leper who *has* the plague in him, his garments shall be torn, and his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover the upper lip; and he shall call out, Unclean! Unclean! ⁴⁶And the days that the plague *shall be* in him, he is unclean; he shall live alone, he *is* unclean; his dwelling *shall be* at the outside of the camp.

⁴⁷And if there is in any garment a plague of leprosy, in a garment of wool, or in a garment of linen, ⁴⁸or in the warp, or in the woof, or of linen, or of wool, or a leather, or in a work of leather, ⁴⁹and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the leather, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of leather, it *is* a plague of leprosy; and it shall be shown to the priest. ⁵⁰And the priest shall look on the plague, and shall shut up *that which has* the plague seven days. ⁵¹And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day. And if the plague has spread in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or

in the leather, of all that is made of skin for use, the plague is a corroding leprosy; it *is* unclean. ⁵²And he shall burn the garment, or the warp, or the woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of leather, in which the plague is; for it *is* a corroding leprosy; it shall be burned with fire. ⁵³And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague has not spread in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of leather, ⁵⁴then the priest shall command, and they shall wash that in which the plague *is*. And he shall shut it up a second seven days. ⁵⁵And the priest shall look on *that which has* the plague after it has been washed. And, behold, if the plague has not changed its appearance, and if the plague has not spread, it *is* unclean; you shall burn it with fire; it *is* eaten away in its inside or in its outside. ⁵⁶And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague has become pale after it has been washed, then he shall tear it out of the garment, or out of the leather, or out of the warp, or out of the woof. ⁵⁷And if it is still seen in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of leather, it *is* a spreading plague; you shall burn it with fire, that in which the plague *is*. ⁵⁸And the garment, or the warp, or the woof, or anything of leather which you shall wash when the plague has been taken off them, then it shall be washed a second time, and shall be clean.

⁵⁹This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of wool or of linen, or of the warp, or of the woof, or of anything of leather, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAPTER 14

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing, that he shall be brought to the priest. And the priest shall go out to the outside of the camp. And the priest shall look; and, behold, if the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper, ³then the priest shall command, and he shall take for him who is to be cleansed two clean living birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. ⁴And the priest shall command, and he shall kill the one bird on an earthen vessel, over running water; ⁵he shall take

the living bird, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the slain bird, over the running water. ⁷And he shall sprinkle on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean. And he shall send out the living bird into the open field. ⁸And he who is to be cleansed shall wash his garments, and shall shave all his hair, and shall bathe with water, and shall be clean. And afterwards he shall come into the camp, and shall live on the outside of his tent seven days. ⁹And it shall be on the seventh day, he shall shave all his hair, his head, and his beard, and his eyebrows; he shall even shave all his hair. And he shall wash his garments, and shall bathe his flesh with water, and shall be clean.

¹⁰And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs, perfect ones, and one ewe lamb, daughter of a year, a perfect one, and three-tenth parts of flour for a food offering, mixed with oil, and one log of oil. ¹¹And the priest who is cleansing the man who is to be cleansed shall stand with them before Jehovah, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹²And the priest shall take the one male lamb and shall bring it near for a guilt offering, and the log of oil, and shall wave them as a wave offering before Jehovah. ¹³And he shall kill the lamb in the place where he killed the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place. For like the sin offering, the guilt offering belongs to the priest; it is most holy. ¹⁴And the priest shall take of the blood of the guilt offering; and the priest shall put on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. ¹⁵And the priest shall take of the log of oil and shall pour on the left palm of the priest. ¹⁶And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is on his left palm and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before Jehovah. ¹⁷And of the rest of the oil which is on his palm, the priest shall put on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering; ¹⁸and the rest of the oil which is on the palm of the

priest, he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed. And the priest shall make atonement for him before Jehovah. ¹⁹And the priest shall make a sin offering, and shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness. And afterwards he shall slaughter the burnt offering; ²⁰and the priest shall offer the burnt offering, and the food offering, on the altar; and the priest shall make atonement for him; and he shall be clean.

²¹And if he is poor, and his hand is not able to reach *these things*, then he shall take one lamb as a guilt offering, for a wave offering, to make atonement for himself, and one-tenth part of flour mixed with oil for a food offering, and a log of oil, ²²and two turtle-doves, or two young doves, which he is able to afford; and one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering. ²³And he shall bring them in to the priest on the eighth day for his cleansin, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before Jehovah. ²⁴And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before Jehovah; ²⁵and he shall kill the lamb of the guilt offering; and the priest shall take of the blood of the guilt offering, and he shall put on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. ²⁶And the priest shall pour the oil on the left palm of the priest; ²⁷and the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger of the oil which is on his palm, seven times before Jehovah. ²⁸And the priest shall put of the oil which is on his palm on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of the right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering. ²⁹And the rest of the oil which is on the priest's palm he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him, before Jehovah. ³⁰And he shall offer one of the turtle-doves, or of the young doves, from that which he is able to reach; ³¹that which his hand has reached out to, the one a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering, besides the food offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him who is to be

cleansed before Jehovah. ³²This is the law of him in whom is a plague of leprosy whose hand could not reach to his cleansing.

³³And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ³⁴When you come into the land of Canaan, which I am giving to you for a possession, and I have put a plague of leprosy in the house in the land of your possession; ³⁵then if he who owns the house shall come in and declare to the priest, saying, *I have seen a plague in the house.* ³⁶And the priest shall command, and they shall turn out the house before the priest comes in to see the plague, that all in the house may not be unclean; and afterwards the priest shall come in to see the house. ³⁷And he shall look upon the plague; and, behold, if the plague is in the walls of the house with depressions, greenish or reddish, and the appearance of it is lower than the wall; ³⁸then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. ³⁹And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look; and, behold, if the plague has spread in the walls of the house; ⁴⁰then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which the plague is, and throw them into an unclean place outside the city. ⁴¹And he shall cause the house to be scraped inside all around, and they shall pour out the dust which they have scraped off at the outside of the city, at an unclean place. ⁴²And they shall take other stones and bring them in to the place of the stones; and he shall take other clay and shall daub the house.

⁴³And if the plague returns and breaks out in the house after he has taken away the stones, and after he has scraped the house, and after it has been daubed, ⁴⁴then the priest shall come in and look; and, behold, if the plague has spread in the house, it is a corroding leprosy in the house; it is unclean. ⁴⁵And he shall break down the house; its stones, and its wood, and all the clay of the house; and he shall carry out to the outside of the city, to an unclean place. ⁴⁶And he who goes into the house all the days he has shut it up shall be unclean until the evening. ⁴⁷And he who lies in the house shall wash his clothes; and he who eats in the house shall wash his

clothes.

⁴⁸And if the priest shall come in and carefully look, and, behold, the plague has not spread in the house after the house has been daubed, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean; for the plague has been healed. ⁴⁹And he shall take two birds for the cleansing of the house, and cedar wood, and scarlet dye, and hyssop; ⁵⁰and he shall kill the one bird on an earthen vessel, over running water; ⁵¹and he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and shall dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and shall sprinkle on the house seven times. ⁵²And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet yarn; ⁵³and he shall send away the living bird to the outside of the city, to the open field, and shall atone for the house; and it shall be clean.

⁵⁴This is the law for every plague of the leprosy and for scurf; ⁵⁵and for leprosy of a garment, and of a house, ⁵⁶and for a swelling, and for a scab, and for a bright spot; ⁵⁷to teach when it is unclean and when it is clean; this is the law of leprosy.

CHAPTER 15

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²Speak to the the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When there is a discharge from his flesh; he is unclean because of his flow. ³And this is his uncleanness in his discharge, if his flesh has run with his discharge, or his flesh has stopped from his discharge; it is his uncleanness. ⁴Every bed on which he who discharges lies shall be unclean. And everything on which he sits shall be unclean. ⁵And anyone who touches his bed shall wash his garments, and shall bathe with water, and shall be unclean until the evening. ⁶And he who sits on anything on which he that has the issue sat shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean until the evening. ⁷And he that touches the flesh of him that has the discharge shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening. ⁸And if he that has the issue

spits on him that is clean, then he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. ⁹And whatever saddle he that has the issue rides on shall be unclean. ¹⁰And whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. And he that carries those things shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. ¹¹And whomever he that has the discharge touches, and has not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. ¹²And the earthen vessel that he who discharges shall be broken; and every wooden vessel shall be rinsed with water.

¹³And when he that discharges is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes. And he shall bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. ¹⁴And on the eighth day he shall take to himself two turtle-doves, or two young doves, and come before Jehovah to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation and give them to the priest. ¹⁵And the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him before Jehovah for his discharge.

¹⁶And if any man's semen pass from him, then he shall bathe all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the evening.

¹⁷And every garment, and every skin on which the semen shall be, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening. ¹⁸And a woman with whom a man lies with an emission of semen shall bathe with water, and be unclean until the evening. ²⁰And if a woman's discharge in her flesh is a flow of blood, she shall be in her impurity seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening. ²⁰And anything that she lies on in her impurity shall be unclean; and anything that she sits on shall be unclean.

²¹And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. ²²And whoever touches anything that she sits on shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

²³And if it is on the bed, or on anything on which she sits when he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening. ²⁴And if any man lies with her, and her impurity is on him, he shall be unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

²⁵And if a woman has an issue of her blood many days outside the time of her impurity, or if she has an issue beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the flow of her uncleanness, she shall be as in the days of her impurity; she *is* unclean.

²⁶Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be as the bed of her impurity to her; and everything on which she sits shall be unclean as the uncleanness of her impurity. ²⁷And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

²⁸And if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

²⁹And on the eighth day she shall take to herself two turtle-doves, or two young doves, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

³⁰And the priests shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her before Jehovah for the discharge of her uncleanness.

³¹So you shall separate the sons of Israel from their uncleanness, and they shall not die in their uncleanness, when they defile My tabernacle that *is* in their midst.

³²This *is* the law of him that discharges, and of him from whom semen flows out, for uncleanness by it; ³³and of her who is sick in her impurity, and of him from whom the discharge flows; of a male or of a female, and of a man who lies with an unclean woman.

CHAPTER 16

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, as they drew near before Jehovah, and they died; ²and Jehovah said to Moses, Speak to your brother Aaron, and he shall not come in at all times to the sanctuary

within the veil, to the front of the mercy-seat. ³With this Aaron shall come into the sanctuary: with a bullock, a son of the herd, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. ⁴He shall put on a holy linen coat, and linen underpants shall be on his flesh, and he shall gird himself with a linen girdle, and he shall wrap himself in a linen miter; they *are* holy garments. And he shall bathe his flesh with water and shall put them on. ⁵And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. ⁶And Aaron shall bring near the bullock of the sin offering which *is* his own, and shall make atonement for himself, and for his house. ⁷And he shall take the two goats and shall cause them to stand before Jehovah, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁸And Aaron shall give lots over the two goats, one lot for Jehovah, and one lot for a complete removal. ⁹And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the lot of Jehovah fell and shall make it a sin offering. ¹⁰And the goat on which the lot for a complete removal fell shall be made to stand living before Jehovah to atone by it, to send it away for a complete removal into the wilderness. ¹¹And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering which *is* his own, and shall atone for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which *is* his own. ¹²And he shall take a censer full of coals of the fire from off the altar before Jehovah, and his hands full of fragrant perfumes beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil. ¹³And he shall put the incense on the fire before Jehovah, and the cloud of the incense shall cover the mercy-seat which *is* on the testimony; and he shall not die. ¹⁴And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and shall sprinkle with his finger on the front of the mercy-seat eastward. And he shall sprinkle at the front of the mercy-seat seven times from the blood with his finger.

¹⁵And he shall kill the goat of the sin offering which *is* the people's, and shall bring in its blood to the inside of the veil, and shall do with its blood as he has done with the blood of the bullock, and shall sprinkle it on the mercy-seat, and at the front of the mercy-seat. ¹⁶And he shall

make atonement for the sanctuary because of the pollutions of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions for all their sins. And so he shall do for the tabernacle of the congregation which is dwelling in the midst of their pollutions. ¹⁷And not any man shall be in the tabernacle of the congregation as he goes in to make atonement in the sanctuary, until he comes out. And he shall make atonement for himself, and for his house, and for all the congregation of Israel. ¹⁸And he shall go out to the altar which *is* before Jehovah, and shall make atonement for it. And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and shall put *it* on the horns of the altar all around. ¹⁹And he shall sprinkle on it from the blood with his finger seven times, and shall cleanse it, and shall purify it from the uncleannesses of the sons of Israel.

²⁰And when he having finished atoning for the sanctuary, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, and having brought near the living goat; ²¹then Aaron shall lay his two hands on the head of the living goat, and shall confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions, and all their sins, and shall put them on the head of the goat, and shall send *it* by the hand of a chosen man into the wilderness. ²²And the goat shall bear on him all their iniquities to a land cut off. And he shall send the goat away into the wilderness.

²³And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall strip off the linen garments which he had put on as he went into the sanctuary, and shall leave them there. ²⁴And he shall bathe his flesh with water in the holy place, and shall put on his garments, and shall come out, and shall offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and shall make atonement for himself and for his people. ²⁵And he shall burn as incense the fat of the sin offering on the altar. ²⁶And he who let the goat go for a complete removal shall wash his garments and shall bathe his flesh with water; and later he shall come into the camp. ²⁷And the bullock of the sin offering, and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood has been brought in to make atonement in the sanctuary, one

shall carry out to the outside of the camp; and they shall burn their skins with fire, and their flesh, and their dung. ²⁸And he who shall burn them shall wash his garments, and shall bathe his flesh with water, and afterwards he shall come into the camp.

²⁹And it shall be for a never-ending statute, in the seventh month, in the tenth of the month, you shall humble yourself and do no work, the native, and the alien who is staying in your midst. ³⁰For on this day he shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you from all your sins; you shall be clean before Jehovah. ³¹*It is a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall humble yourself. It is a never-ending statute.* ³²And the priest whom He shall anoint, and whose hand He shall consecrate to act as priest instead of his father, shall make atonement, and shall put on the linen garments, the holy garments. ³³And he shall make atonement *for* the holy sanctuary, and *for* the tabernacle of the congregation, and *for* the altar he shall make atonement; yes, for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation he shall make atonement. ³⁴And this shall be to you a never-ending statute, to make atonement for the sons of Israel, because of all their sins, once a year.

And he did as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 17

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel. And you shall say to them, *This is the thing which Jehovah has commanded, saying,* ³Any man of the house of Israel who kills an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or who kills at the outside of the camp, ⁴and has not brought it in to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation as an offering to Jehovah, before the tabernacle of Jehovah, blood shall be imputed to that man; he has shed blood. And that man shall be cut off from the midst of his people; ⁵so that the sons of Israel shall bring in their sacrifices which they are sacrificing in the open field to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to the priest, and sacrifice them for sacrifices of peace offerings to Jehovah.

⁶And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of Jehovah, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall burn the fat as incense for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ⁷And they shall not sacrifice thier sacrifices any more to goats, after which they have gone whoring. This is a perpetual statute to them throughout their generations.

⁸And you shall say to them, Any man of the house of Israel, or of aliens who sojourn in your midst, who offers burnt offering or sacrifice, ⁹and does not bring it in to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation to offer it to Jehovah, that man shall be cut off from his people. ¹⁰And any man of the house of Israel, or of the alien who is staying in your midst, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person that eats blood and will cut him off from his people. ¹¹For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar, to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood which makes atonement for the soul. ¹²For this reason I have said to the sons of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood; and the alien who is staying in your midst shall not eat blood. ¹³And any man of the sons of Israel, or of the aliens who stay in your midst, who hunts *and* catches game, beast or fowl, which is eaten, shall even pour out its blood and shall cover it with dust. ¹⁴For it is the life of all flesh; its blood is for its life. And I say to the sons of Israel, You shall not eat blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is in the blood; anyone eating it is cut off.

¹⁵And any person who eats a dead body or torn thing, be he a native, or an alien, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean. ¹⁶And if he does not wash them, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

CHAPTER 18

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, I am Jehovah your God. ³You shall not do according to the doings of the land of Egypt *in* which you lived; and you shall not do according to the doings of the land of Canaan *to* which I am bringing you; nor

shall you walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall do My judgments and you shall keep My statutes, to walk in them; I *am* Jehovah your God, ⁵and you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man do, he shall live by them. I *am* Jehovah.

⁶None of you shall draw near to any relative of his flesh to uncover *their* nakedness; I *am* Jehovah. ⁷You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. ⁸You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; *it is* the nakedness of your father. ⁹You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, born at home, or born away; you shall not uncover their nakedness.

¹⁰You shall not uncover the nakedness of your son's daughter, or your daughter's daughter; you shall not uncover their nakedness, for theirs *is* your own nakedness. ¹¹The nakedness of the daughter of your father's wife, begotten by your father, she *is* your sister; you shall not uncover her nakedness. ¹²You shall not uncover the nakedness of a sister of your father; she *is* a relative of your father.

¹³You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister; for she is your mother's relative. ¹⁴You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother; you shall not draw near to his wife; she is your aunt. ¹⁵You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife; you shall not uncover her nakedness. ¹⁶You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; *it is* your brother's nakedness.

¹⁷You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; you shall not undertake to uncover her son's daughter, and her daughter's daughter; they *are* her relatives; *it is* wickedness. ¹⁸And you shall not take a wife with her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime.

¹⁹And you shall not draw near to uncover the nakedness of a woman in her menstrual impurity. ²⁰And you shall not give your semen to the wife of your neighbor, for uncleanness with her. ²¹And you shall not give your seed to pass them

through to Molech; nor shall you pollute the name of your God; I *am* Jehovah. ²²And you shall not lie with a male as one lies with a woman; *it is* disgusting. ²³And you shall not give your semen with any animal, for uncleanness with it. And a woman shall not stand before an animal to lie down with it; *it is* a *shameful* mixing.

²⁴Do not defile yourself with all these, for with all these the nations have been defiled, which I am casting out before you; ²⁵and the land is defiled, and I will visit its iniquity on it; and the land is vomiting out its inhabitants; ²⁶and you, you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not do *any* of all these disgusting acts; *neither* the native nor the alien who is staying in your midst. ²⁷For the men of the land who are before you have done all these disgusting things, and the land is defiled; ²⁸lest the land vomit you out for your defiling it, as it has vomited out the nation that *was* before you. ²⁹For anyone who does *any* of these disgusting things, even the persons who are doing *them*, shall be cut off from the midst of their people. ³⁰And you shall keep My charge, so as not to do *any* of the disgusting customs which were committed before you; and you shall not defile yourselves with them; I *am* Jehovah your God.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, You are holy, for I *am* holy, Jehovah your God. ³Each man of you shall fear his mother and his father, and keep My sabbaths; I *am* Jehovah your God. ⁴Do not turn yourself to the idols; and you shall not make molten gods for yourselves; I *am* Jehovah your God.

⁵And if you sacrifice a sacrifice of peace offerings to Jehovah, you shall sacrifice it at your pleasure; ⁶it shall be eaten in the day of your sacrificing it, and on the morrow, and that which is left on the third day shall be burned with fire. ⁷And if it is at all eaten on the third day, *it is* unclean; it shall not be accepted. ⁸And he who shall eat his shall bear his iniquity; for he has polluted the holy thing of Jehovah, and that person shall be cut off from his people.

⁹And as you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corner of your field; and you shall not gather the gleanings of your harvest; ¹⁰and you shall not glean your vineyard and you shall not gather what has been left of your vineyard; you shall leave them to the poor and to the alien; *I am Jehovah your God.*

¹¹You shall not steal, nor lie, nor deceive to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear by My name to a falsehood; nor shall you pollute the name of your God; *I am Jehovah.* ¹³You shall not extort your neighbor; nor rob; you shall not allow the wages of one hired to remain with you until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind; for you shall be afraid of your God; *I am Jehovah.*

¹⁵You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor favor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go slandering among your people; you shall not stand up against the blood of your neighbor; *I am Jehovah.* ¹⁷You shall not hate your brother in your heart; you shall certainly reprove your neighbor, and not allow sin on him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself; *I am Jehovah.*

¹⁹You shall keep my statutes; you shall not cause your livestock to breed with different kinds; you shall not sow your field with different kinds; and you shall not allow a garment mingled of linen and wool to come upon you.

²⁰And when a man lies with a woman with semen, and she is a slave-girl, betrothed to a man, and not truly redeemed, and freedom not having been given to her, there shall be an inquest; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

²¹And he shall bring in his guilt offering to Jehovah, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, a ram for a guilt offering.

²²And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before Jehovah, for his sin which he has sinned; and it shall be forgiven him because of his sin he has sinned.

²³And when you come into the land and

have planted all of the food trees, then you shall expose its foreskin, its fruit, it shall be uncircumcised for you three years; it shall not be eaten. ²⁴And in the fourth year all its fruit is holy; *it is for* praises for Jehovah. ²⁵And in the fifth year you shall eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase; *I am Jehovah your God.*

²⁶You shall not eat with the blood; you shall not divine, nor conjure *spirits*. ²⁷You shall not round the corner of your head, nor mar the corner of your beard. ²⁸And you shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead; and you shall not put on yourself any writing or mark; *I am Jehovah.*

²⁹You shall not pollute your daughter, to cause her to go whoring, that the land may not go whoring, and the land become full of wickedness. ³⁰You shall keep My sabbaths; and you shall revere My sanctuary. *I am Jehovah.*

³¹You shall not turn to those having familiar spirits; and you shall not seek to spiritists to be defiled by them; *I am Jehovah your God.*

³²You shall rise up in the face of gray hairs; and you shall honor the face of an old man; and be afraid of your God. *I am Jehovah.* ³³And when an alien lives with you in your land, you shall not oppress him; ³⁴as the native among you, so shall be the alien who is staying with you; and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; *I am Jehovah your God.*

³⁵You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures and weights, or in quantity. ³⁶You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. *I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt;* ³⁷and you shall observe all My statutes, and all My judgments and shall do them; *I am Jehovah.*

CHAPTER 20

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

²And you shall say to the sons of Israel, Any man of the sons of Israel, and of the aliens who are living in Israel, who gives of his seed to Molech shall certainly be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones! ³And I, I shall set My

face against that man, and shall cut him off from the midst of his people, for he has given of his seed to Molech, so as to defile My sanctuary, and to pollute My holy name. ⁴And if the people of the land truly hide their eyes from that man, as he gives his seed to Molech, so as not to put him to death, ⁵then I shall set My face against that man, and against his family, and shall cut him off, and all who go whoring after him, even going whoring after Molech, from the midst of their people.

⁶And the person who turns to those having familiar spirits, and to the spiritists, to go whoring after them, I shall set my face against that person, and cut him off from the midst of his people. ⁷And you shall sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy, for I *am* Jehovah your God; ⁸and you shall keep My statutes and shall do them; I *am* Jehovah who is sanctifying you. ⁹And any man who curses his father and his mother shall certainly be put to death; he has cursed his father and his mother; his blood *shall be* on him.

¹⁰And a man who commits adultery with a man's wife, who commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, the adulterer and the adulteress are surely to be put to death. ¹¹And a man who lies with his father's wife, who has uncovered the nakedness of his father, both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* on them. ¹²And a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have made a *shameful* mixture; their blood *shall be* on them.

¹³And a man who lies with a male as one lies with a woman, both of them have done a disgusting thing; they shall certainly be put to death; their blood *shall be* on them. ¹⁴And a man who takes a woman and her mother, it is wickedness; they shall burn him and them; and there shall be no wickedness in your midst. ¹⁵And a man who lies with an animal shall certainly be put to death; and you shall kill the animal. ¹⁶And if a woman draws near to any animal to lie with it, you shall even put to death the woman and the animal; they are surely to be put to death; their blood *shall be* on them.

¹⁷And if a man takes his sister, the daughter of his father or daughter of his

mother, and he has seen her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a shame; and they shall be cut off before the eyes of the sons of their people; he has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. ¹⁸And if a man lies with a menstruous woman, and has uncovered her nakedness, he has made her fountain bare; and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood; even both of them shall be cut off from the midst of their people. ¹⁹And you shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, nor of your father's sister, because he has made naked his near kin; they shall bear their iniquity. ²⁰If a man lies with his aunt, he has uncovered the nakedness of his uncle; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. ²¹And if a man takes his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

²¹And if a man takes his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

²²And you shall keep all My statutes, and all My judgments, and shall do them, and the land where I am bringing you to live in it shall not vomit you out. ²³And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out from before you, for all these they have done, and I am disgusted with them. ²⁴But I have said to you, You shall surely possess their land; and, I, I am giving it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey; I *am* Jehovah your God, who has set you apart from the nations. ²⁵And you shall make a difference between the clean animals and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean. And you shall not make yourself filthy by beast or by fowl, or by anything which swarms the ground, which I have set apart to you as unclean; ²⁶and you shall be holy to Me, for I, Jehovah, *am* holy; and I have set you apart from the nations to become Mine.

²⁷And a man or woman, when there is among them a medium, or a fortune-teller, shall certainly be put to death; they shall stone them with stones; their blood *is* on them.

CHAPTER 21

¹And Jehovah said to Moses, Speak to the priests, Aaron's sons, and you shall say to them, None shall be defiled for the dead among his people. ²But for his relative who is near to him, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother, ³and for his sister, the virgin, who is near to him, who has not been with a man, for her he may be defiled. ⁴A leader shall not defile himself among his people, to pollute himself; ⁵they shall not make their heads bald, and they shall not shave the edge of their beard; and they shall not make a cutting in their flesh; ⁶they are holy to their God, and they shall not pollute the name of their God. For they offer the fire offerings of Jehovah, bread of their God, and they are holy. ⁷They shall not take a woman *who is* a harlot, or polluted; nor shall they take a woman put away from her husband; for he *is* holy to his God. ⁸And you shall sanctify him, for he brings near the bread of your God; he is holy to you; for I, Jehovah, *am* holy, who is sanctifying you. ⁹And when a daughter of any priest pollutes herself by going whoring, she is polluting her father; she shall be burned with fire.

¹⁰And the high priest of his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil is poured, and whose hand is consecrated to put on the garments, his head shall not be uncovered, nor his garments torn; ¹¹nor shall he come near any dead person; he shall not defile himself for his father or for his mother; ¹²nor shall he go out from the sanctuary; nor shall he pollute the sanctuary of his God. For the separation of the anointing oil of his God is on him; I *am* Jehovah. ¹³And he shall take a wife in her virginity. ¹⁴He shall not take a widow, or one put away, or a polluted one, a harlot, but he shall take a virgin of his own people for a wife; ¹⁵and he shall not pollute his seed among his people; for I *am* Jehovah who sanctifies him.

¹⁶And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁷Speak to Aaron, saying, No man of your seed throughout their generations shall draw near to offer the bread of his God if there is a blemish in him. ¹⁸For no man in whom *there is* a blemish shall draw near, a blind man, or one lame, or disfigured, or

deformed; ¹⁹or a broken-footed man, or a broken-handed man, ²⁰or one hump-backed, or a withered one, or with a spot in his eye, or a scurvy or scabbed person, or one with crushed testicles. ²¹No man of the seed of Aaron the priest in whom there is a blemish shall come near to offer the fire offerings of Jehovah; a blemish is in him; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. ²²He shall eat of the bread of his God, of the most holy things, and of the holy things. ²³But he shall not enter into the veil, and he shall not draw near to the altar; for a blemish *is* in him; and he shall not pollute My sanctuary; for I *am* Jehovah who sanctifies them. ²⁴And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 22

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, that they set themselves apart from the holy things of the sons of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name in what they devote to Me; I *am* Jehovah. ³Say to them, Out of all your seed throughout your generations, any man who draws near to the holy things which the sons of Israel set apart to Jehovah, and his uncleanness being upon him, that person shall be cut off from before me; I *am* Jehovah. ⁴Any man of the seed of Aaron that is leprous, or has an issue, he shall not eat of the holy things until he is clean. And he who touches any uncleanness of a person, or a man whose semen has gone out of him; ⁵or a man who touches any swarming thing which is unclean to him, or touches a man who is unclean to him, by any of his uncleanness, ⁶the person who touches it shall even be unclean until the evening, and shall not eat of the holy things, but shall bathe his flesh with water. ⁷And when the sun goes in, he shall be clean, and afterwards he shall eat of the holy things, for it *is* his food; ⁸he shall not eat a dead body or torn thing, for it is unclean; I *am* Jehovah. ⁹And they shall keep My charge, and shall bear no sin for it, that they may not die for it when they pollute it; I *am* Jehovah, who is sanctifying them.

¹⁰And no stranger shall eat of the holy

things; a tenant of a priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.

¹¹And if a priest buys a person, the purchase of his silver, he shall eat of it; also one born in his house, they shall eat of his bread. ¹²And a priest's daughter, when she belongs to an alien man, she shall not eat of the heave offering of the holy things. ¹³But a priest's daughter, when she is a widow, or put away, and has no seed, and has turned back to her father's house, as *in* her youth, she shall eat of her father's bread. But no stranger shall eat of it. ¹⁴And if a man shall eat of a holy thing through ignorance, then he shall add the fifth part of it, and shall give it to the priest along with the holy thing. ¹⁵And they shall not pollute the holy things of the sons of Israel, that which they lift up to Jehovah; ¹⁶and so cause them to bear the iniquity of the guilt offering in their eating their holy things. For *I am* Jehovah who sanctifies them.

¹⁷And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁸Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, Any man of the house of Israel, or of the aliens in Israel, who brings near his offering, of all his vows, or of all his free-will offerings which they bring near to Jehovah for a burnt offering; ¹⁹at your own will a male, a perfect one, of the oxen, of the sheep, or of the goats *may be offered*. ²⁰You shall not offer that which has a blemish; for it shall not be acceptable for you. ²¹And when a man brings near a sacrifice of peace offerings to Jehovah, to complete a vow, or for a free-will offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; no blemish shall be in it; ²²blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a running sore, or scurvy, or scabbed, you shall not bring these near to Jehovah; and you shall not make of them a fire offering on the altar to Jehovah. ²³As to an ox or a sheep deformed or dwarfed, you shall make it a free-will offering; but it is not acceptable for a vow. ²⁴As to *anything* bruised, or beaten, or torn, or anything cut, you shall not bring it near to Jehovah; even you shall not do it in your land. ²⁵And you shall not bring near the bread of your God from the hand of a son of a stranger, or any of these,

for their corruption *is* in them, they are blemished; they are not acceptable for you.

²⁶And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁷When an ox, or lamb, or goat is born, and when it has been seven days under its dam, then from the eighth day and onward it is acceptable for an offering, a fire offering to Jehovah; ²⁸but an ox or sheep, it and its young one, you shall not slaughter in one day. ²⁹And when you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to Jehovah, you shall sacrifice it of your free will; ³⁰it shall be eaten on that day; you shall not leave of it until morning; *I am* Jehovah.

³¹And you shall keep My commandments and shall do them; *I am* Jehovah. ³²And you shall not profane My holy name, and I shall be counted holy among the sons of Israel; *I am* Jehovah, who is sanctifying you, ³³who is bringing you up out of the land of Egypt, to become your God; *I am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 23

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, The appointed seasons of Jehovah which you shall proclaim, holy gatherings, shall be these: These *are* My appointed seasons: ³Work is to be done six days, and in the seventh day *shall be* a sabbath of rest, a holy gathering; you shall do no work; *it is* a sabbath to Jehovah in all your dwellings.

⁴These *are* appointed seasons of Jehovah, holy gatherings which you shall proclaim in their appointed seasons: ⁵In the first month, on the fourteenth of the month, between the evenings, *is* the Passover to Jehovah. ⁶And on the fifteenth of this month *is* the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Jehovah; you shall eat unleavened *things* seven days.

⁷On the first day you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service; ⁸and you shall bring near a fire offering to Jehovah seven days; and the seventh day *shall be* a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service.

⁹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you come in to the land which I am giving to you, and have

reaped its harvest, and have brought in the sheaf, the beginning of your harvest, to the priest, ¹¹then he shall wave the sheaf before Jehovah for your acceptance; on the morrow of the sabbath the priest shall wave it. ¹²And you shall prepare a lamb in the day you wave the sheaf, a perfect one, a son of a year, for a burnt offering to Jehovah. ¹³And its food offering *shall be* two-tenth parts of flour mixed with oil, a fire offering to Jehovah, a sweet fragrance; and its drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine. ¹⁴And you shall not eat bread and roasted grain and fresh ears until this self-same day, until you have brought the offering of your God; *it is* a never-ending statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

¹⁵And you shall number to you from the next day after the sabbath, from the day you bring in the sheaf of the wave offering; they shall be seven perfect sabbaths; ¹⁶to the next day after the seventh sabbath, you shall number fifty days; and you shall bring near a new food offering to Jehovah; ¹⁷you shall bring in bread out of your dwellings for a wave offering, two *loaves*; they shall be of two-tenth parts of flour; they shall be baked with leaven; firstfruits to Jehovah. ¹⁸And besides the bread, you shall offer seven lambs, perfect ones, sons of a year, and one bullock, a son of the herd, and two rams; they are a burnt offering to Jehovah, with their food offering and their drink offerings, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ¹⁹And you shall offer one he-goat for a sin offering, and two lambs, sons of a year, for a sacrifice of peace offerings. ²⁰And the priest shall wave them, besides the bread of the firstfruits, a wave offering before Jehovah, besides the two lambs; they are holy to Jehovah for the priest. ²¹And you shall make a proclamation on this same day; *it is* a holy gathering to you. You shall do no work of service. *It is* a never-ending statute in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

²²And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corner of your field, nor shall you gather the gleaning of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor, and for the alien: I am Jehovah your God.

²³And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first of the month, you shall have a sabbath, a memorable acclamation, a holy gathering. ²⁵You shall do no work of service, and you shall bring a fire offering to Jehovah.

²⁶And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁷Also, on the tenth of this seventh month shall be a day of atonement; you shall have a holy gathering, and you shall humble yourselves, and shall bring a fire offering to Jehovah. ²⁸And you shall do no work in this same day, for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before Jehovah your God. ²⁹For any person who is not humbled in this same day shall be cut off from his people.

³⁰And any person who does any work in this same day, I shall even destroy that person from the midst of his people. ³¹You shall do no work; *it is* a never-ending statute throughout your generations, in all your dwellings. ³²*It is* a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall humble yourselves in the ninth of the month at evening; from evening until evening you shall keep your sabbath.

³³And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁴Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* a Feast of Booths seven days to Jehovah. ³⁵On the first day *shall be* a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service. ³⁶Seven days you shall bring a fire offering to Jehovah; on the eighth day you shall have a holy gathering; and you shall burn the fire offering to Jehovah; it is a solemn assembly; you shall do no work of service.

³⁷*These are* the set feasts of Jehovah which you shall proclaim holy gatherings, to bring a fire offering to Jehovah, a burnt offering, and a food offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, the thing of a day on its own day; ³⁸besides the sabbaths of Jehovah, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your free-will offerings which you shall give to Jehovah.

³⁹Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you gather the increase of the land, you shall keep the feast of Jehovah seven days; on the first day a sabbath, and on the eighth day a sabbath.

⁴⁰And you shall take to yourselves on the first day the fruit of majestic trees, palm branches, and boughs of oak trees, and willows of the brook, and shall rejoice before Jehovah your God seven days.

⁴¹And you shall keep a feast to Jehovah, seven days in a year, a never-ending statute throughout your generations; in the seventh month you shall keep it a feast.

⁴²You shall live in booths seven days; all who are home-born in Israel shall live in booths, ⁴³so that your generations shall know that I caused the sons of Israel to live in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I *am* Jehovah your God.

⁴⁴And Moses announced the appointed season of Jehovah to the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 24

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

²Command the sons of Israel, and they shall bring to you pure olive oil, beaten, for the light, to cause a light to burn continually. ³Outside the veil of the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation Aaron shall arrange it from evening until morning before Jehovah continually, a perpetual statute throughout your generations. ⁴He shall arrange the lamps on the pure lampstand before Jehovah continually.

⁵And you shall take flour, and shall bake twelve cakes with it; two tenths shall be in the one cake. ⁶And you shall set them *in* two rows, six *on* a row on the pure table before Jehovah. ⁷And you shall put pure frankincense on the row, and it shall be the bread of a memorial, a fire offering to Jehovah. ⁸On each sabbath day he shall arrange it before Jehovah continually, from the sons of Israel, a never-ending covenant. ⁹And it shall belong to Aaron and to his sons, and they shall eat it in the holy place, for it is most holy to him, from the fire offerings of Jehovah, a never-ending statute.

¹⁰And the son of an Israelite woman, and he a son of an Egyptian man, went out among the sons of Israel. And the son of the woman of Israel and a man of Israel struggled together in the camp. ¹¹And the son of the woman of Israel blasphemed the Name, and cursed. And they brought him in to Moses—and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the

tribe of Dan. ¹²And they put him under guard, that it might be declared to them at the mouth of Jehovah.

¹³And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

¹⁴Bring out the reviler to the outside of the camp. And all those who heard shall lay their hands on his head, and all the congregation shall stone him. ¹⁵And you shall say to the sons of Israel, saying, When any man curses his God, then he shall bear his sin. ¹⁶And he who blasphemes the name of Jehovah shall certainly be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly cast stones at him. As *to* the alien, so *to* a native, when he blasphemes the Name, he is put to death.

¹⁷And a man, when he strikes the soul from any man, he shall surely be put to death.

¹⁸And he who smites an animal to death shall make it good, soul for soul.

¹⁹And when a man causes a blemish in his neighbor, as he has done, so it shall be done to him; ²⁰break for break, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As he has caused a blemish in a man, so it shall be done to him. ²¹And he who smites an animal to death shall repay it; and he who smites a man to death shall be put to death. ²²One judgment shall be for you, whether an alien or a native; for I *am* Jehovah your God.

²³And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought the reviler to the outside of the camp and stoned him *with* stones. And the sons of Israel did as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 25

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying.

²Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you come into the land which I am giving to you, then the land shall keep a sabbath to Jehovah. ³You shall sow your field six years, and you shall prune your vineyard six years, and shall gather its produce.

⁴And in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath to Jehovah. You shall not sow your field, and you shall not prune your vineyard. ⁵You shall not reap that which grows of itself of your harvest; and you shall not gather the grapes of your unkept vine; it shall be a year of rest to the land. ⁶And the sabbath of the land shall be to you for food, to you,

and to your male slave, and to your female slave, and to your hired one, and to your tenant, *those who are living with you*; ⁷and to your livestock, and to the beast which *is* in your land, all the produce of it shall be for food.

⁸And you shall number to yourself seven sabbaths of years, seven years times seven, and all the days of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. ⁹And you shall cause an alarm, the ram's horn to pass over in the seventh month, in the tenth of the month; in the day of atonement shall pass over a ram's horn throughout all your land; ¹⁰and you shall make holy the fiftieth year. And you shall proclaim liberty in the land to all its inhabitants; it shall be a jubilee to you. And you shall return every man to his possession; yea, you shall turn back each to his family. ¹¹It is a jubilee, the fiftieth year; it is a year to you. You shall not sow, nor reap that which grows of itself, nor gather from its unkept vines; ¹²for it is a jubilee, it is holy to you; you shall eat its increase out of the field. ¹³In the year of jubilee you shall return each one to his possession.

¹⁴And if you sell anything to your neighbor, or buy from the hand of your neighbor, you shall not each man oppress his brother. ¹⁵By the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor; by the number of the years of increase he shall sell to you; ¹⁶according to the many years you shall multiply its price; and by the fewness of the years you shall diminish its price; for he is selling to you the number of crops. ¹⁷And you shall not oppress each man his neighbor, and you shall fear your God, for I *am* Jehovah your God.

¹⁸And you shall do My statutes, and you shall keep my judgments and shall do them; and you shall live on the land securely. ¹⁹And the land shall give its fruit, and you shall eat to satisfaction; and you shall dwell securely on it. ²⁰And when you say, What shall we eat in the seventh year; for, lo, we may not sow nor gather our increase? ²¹Then I have commanded My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it shall produce the increase for three years; ²²and you shall sow the eighth year, and shall eat of the old crop until the ninth year, until the coming in of its crop;

you shall eat of the old. ²³And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is Mine; for you are aliens and tenants with Me. ²⁴And you shall grant a redemption for the land in all the land of your possession.

²⁵If your brother has become poor and has sold his possessions, then his kinsman-redeemer shall come, and he shall redeem the thing his brother sold. ²⁶But when a man has no redeemer, and his own hand has reached out, and he has enough *for* its redemption, ²⁷then he shall count the years since its sale, and shall give back the surplus to the man to whom he sold; and he shall return to his possession. ²⁸And if his hand has not found enough to give back to him, then the thing he sold shall be in the hand of him who buys it until the year of jubilee. And it shall go out in the jubilee, and he shall return to his possession.

²⁹And when a man sells a dwelling-house *in* a walled city, then his right of redemption shall be the end of the year from its selling date; his right of redemption shall be *a year of days*. ³⁰And if it is not redeemed until a full year is complete, then the house in the walled city shall be established to perpetuity to its buyer, throughout his generations; it shall not go out in the jubilee. ³¹But the houses of the villages which have no walls all around shall be counted as the field of the country; it may be redeemed, and it shall go out in the jubilee. ³²As to the cities of the Levites, houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites shall have never-ending redemption. ³³And that which is redeemed from the Levites, both the sale of a house, and the city of his possession shall go out in the jubilee. For the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession in the midst of the sons of Israel. ³⁴And the field, the open land of their cities, shall not be sold; for it is a never-ending possession to them.

³⁵And when your brother has become poor, and his hand has failed with you, then you shall strengthen him. He shall live with you as an alien and a tenant. ³⁶You shall take no interest from him, or increase; and you shall fear your God; and the life of your brother *is* with you. ³⁷You shall not give silver to him with interest, and you shall not give your food for

increase; ³⁸*I am* Jehovah your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give to you the land of Canaan, to become your God.

³⁹And when your brother becomes poor with you, and he has been sold to you, you shall not lay on him the service of a slave. ⁴⁰He shall be with you as a hireling, as a tenant; he shall serve with you until the year of jubilee; ⁴¹then he shall go out from you, he and his sons with him, and shall return to his family; he shall even return to the possession of his father. ⁴²For they *are* My servants, whom I have brought out from the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold *with* the sale of a slave. ⁴³You shall not rule over him with severity, and you shall fear your God. ⁴⁴And your male slave and your female slave whom you have from the nations who are all around you, you shall buy them as male slave or female slave; ⁴⁵and also you may buy of the sons of the tenants who are sojourning with you, and of their families who *are* with you, which they have fathered in your land. And they shall be a possession to you. ⁴⁶And you shall take them for inheritance to your sons after you, to hold *for* a possession; you may lay service on them forever. But on your brothers, the sons of Israel, one over another, you shall not rule over him with severity.

⁴⁷And if lifts up a hand of an alien or a tenant with you, and your brother grows poor with him, and he sells himself to an alien, a tenant with with you, or to the offshoot of the family of an alien; ⁴⁸after he has been sold, there is a redemption to him; one of his brothers may redeem him, ⁴⁹or his uncle, or a son of his uncle, may redeem him, or any of his fleshly relations of his family may redeem him. Or, if his own hand has reached out *to gain*, then he may be redeemed. ⁵⁰And he shall count with his buyer from the year of his being sold to him until the year of jubilee, and the silver of his sale shall be by the number of years. As the days of a hireling, it shall be with him. ⁵¹If *there are* yet many years, according to them he shall give back his redemption, from the silver of his purchase. ⁵²And if few are left of the years till the year of jubilee, then he shall

count with him; according to his years he shall give back his redemption price. ⁵³As a hireling, year by year, he shall be with him, and he shall not rule him with severity before your eyes. ⁵⁴And if he is not redeemed in this way, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him. ⁵⁵For the sons of Israel *are* servants to Me; they *are* My servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; *I am* Jehovah your God.

CHAPTER 26

¹You shall not make idols to yourselves; and you shall not set up for yourselves graven images, or a memorial pillar. And you shall not place any stone image in your land, to bow yourselves to it; for *I am* Jehovah your God.

²You shall keep My sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary; *I am* Jehovah.

³If you walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them, ⁴then I will give you rains in their season, and the land shall yield her produce, and the tree of the field shall give its fruit; ⁵and your threshing shall overtake the vintage, and the vintage shall overtake the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread until you have enough, and live in your land securely. ⁶And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall terrify you. And I shall cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, and the sword shall not pass over into your land. ⁷And you shall pursue your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. ⁸And five of you shall pursue a hundred, and a hundred of you shall pursue a myriad; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. ⁹And I shall turn My face toward you and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and shall establish My covenant with you. ¹⁰And you shall eat very old provision, and clear away the old because of the new. ¹¹And I will set My tabernacle in your midst, and My soul shall not loathe you; ¹²and I shall walk always in your midst, and shall be God to you, and you, you shall be people to Me; ¹³*I am* Jehovah your God, who has brought you out of the land of the Egyptians, from being their slaves; and I will break the bars of your yoke, and cause you to stand erect.

¹⁴And if you will not listen to Me, and do not do all these commands; ¹⁵and if you reject My statutes, and if your soul hates My judgments, so as not to do all My commands, to the breaking of My covenant; ¹⁶I will also do this to you, and I shall appoint terror over you, the wasting, and the burning fever, destroying the eyes, and consuming the soul; and you shall sow your seed in vain, and your enemies will eat it. ¹⁷And I shall set My face against you, and you shall be smitten before your enemies; and those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee, and there will be no one pursuing you. ¹⁸And if *after* these *things* you will not listen to Me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sin; ¹⁹and I will break the pride of your strength, and will make your heavens as iron, and your earth as bronze; ²⁰and your strength shall be consumed in vain, and your land shall not give her produce, and the tree of the land shall not give its fruit.

²¹And if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to listen to Me, then I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins, ²²and send against you the beast of the field, and it shall bereave you. And I shall cut off your livestock and shall make you few, and shall cause your ways to become desolate. ²³And if you are not chastised by Me by these things, and shall walk contrary to Me, ²⁴then I, I also, shall walk contrary to you, and shall smite you, even I, seven *times more* for your sins; ²⁵and I will bring a sword on you, executing the vengeance of the covenant, and you shall be gathered to your cities, and I shall send pestilence into your midst; and you shall be given into the hand of an enemy. ²⁶When I break to you the staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and shall give back your bread by weight; and you shall eat, and shall not be satisfied.

²⁷If you will not listen to Me for this, and shall walk contrary to Me, ²⁸then I also will walk contrary to you in fury. I also will chastise you, I also, seven *times* for your sins. ²⁹And you shall eat of the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat of the flesh of your daughters. ³⁰And I shall

destroy your high places and cut down your altars, and shall put your dead bodies on the carcasses of your idols. And My soul shall loathe you. ³¹And I shall make your cities a waste, and shall make your sanctuaries desolate; and I shall not smell your sweet fragrances. ³²And I shall make the land desolate, and your enemies who are living in it shall be astonished at it. ³³And I will scatter you among nations, and shall draw out the sword after you, and your land shall become a waste, and your cities shall be a desolation.

³⁴Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths, all the days of the desolation. And you shall be in the land of your enemies; then the land shall enjoy rest, and shall enjoy its sabbaths. ³⁵It shall rest all the days of the desolation, that which it has not rested in your sabbaths while you lived on it. ³⁶And those who are left of you, I shall also bring a faintness into their heart in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as one flees from the sword; and they shall fall when no one pursues. ³⁷And they shall stumble upon one another, as if it were before the sword, when no one pursues. And you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. ³⁸And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall devour you. ³⁹And of those who are left of you, they shall putrefy in their iniquity, in the lands of your enemies; and also in the iniquities of their fathers, they shall putrefy with them.

⁴⁰And if they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass with which they have trespassed against Me; and, also, that they have walked contrary to Me—⁴¹I also walked contrary to them, and I brought them into the land of their enemies. If their uncircumcised heart is then humbled, and they then *have* satisfied for their iniquity; ⁴²then I will remember My covenant *with* Jacob; and also My covenant with Isaac; and I shall also remember My covenant *with* Abraham, and I shall remember the land. ⁴³For the land shall be forsaken by them, and shall satisfy for its sabbaths, in the

desolation without them. And they shall satisfy for their iniquity, because, even because, they have kicked against My judgments, and their soul has loathed My statutes. ⁴⁴And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I hate them, to consume them, to break My covenant with them; for I *am* Jehovah their God. ⁴⁵Then I shall remember for them the covenant of the first *fathers*, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God; I *am* Jehovah.

⁴⁶These *are* the statutes and the judgments and the laws which Jehovah has given between Him and the sons of Israel, in Mount Sinai, by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 27

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When a man makes a difficult vow by your evaluation, the persons *shall be* Jehovah's. ³And your evaluation shall be of the male from a son of twenty years even until a son of sixty years; then your evaluation shall be fifty shekels of silver by the shekel of the sanctuary. ⁴And if it is a female, then your evaluation shall be thirty shekels. ⁵And if from a son of five years to a son of twenty years, then your evaluation shall be twenty shekels for the male and ten shekels for the female. ⁶And if a son of a month even to a son of five years, then your evaluation shall be five shekels of silver for the male and three shekels of silver for the female. ⁷And if from a son of sixty years and above, if a male, then your evaluation shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels. ⁸but if he is too poor for your evaluation, then he shall be made to stand before the priest, and the priest shall value him; the priest shall value him according to the reach of him who vowed.

⁹And if it is an animal of which they bring an offering to Jehovah, all that *one* gives of it to Jehovah is holy. ¹⁰He shall not replace it, or change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good. And if he shall at all change animal for animal, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be

holy. ¹¹And if any unclean animal, of which they may not bring an offering to Jehovah, then he shall make stand the animal before the priest. ¹²And the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad; as you the priest value it, so it shall be. ¹³But if he really redeems it, then he shall add its fifth to your evaluation.

¹⁴And when a man sanctifies his house as a holy thing to Jehovah, then the priest shall value it, whether good or bad. As the priest values it, so it shall stand. ¹⁵And if he who is sanctifying shall redeem the house, then he shall add a fifth of the silver of its valuation, and it shall become his.

¹⁶And if a man sanctifies a field of his property to Jehovah, then your valuation shall be according to its seed; a homer of barley seed at fifty shekels of silver. ¹⁷If he shall sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, it shall stand according to your valuation. ¹⁸And if he shall sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall count to him the silver according to the years which are left, to the year of the jubilee. And it shall be deducted from your estimation. ¹⁹And if he sanctifying the field really will redeem it, then he shall add a fifth of the silver of your evaluation to it, and it shall rise to become his. ²⁰And if he does not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it is not to be redeemed any more. ²¹And the field shall be holy to Jehovah when it goes out in the jubilee, as a field which is devoted. It shall be a possession to the priest. ²²And if he should devote a field of his purchase, which is not of the fields of his possession, ²³then the priest shall count to him the amount of your valuation to the year of jubilee. And he shall give your valuation in that day, a holy thing to Jehovah. ²⁴In the year of jubilee the field shall return to him from whom he bought it, to him who owns it in the land. ²⁵And all your valuation shall be by the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel. ²⁶However, no man shall dedicate a firstling, which is firstborn to Jehovah among animals, whether ox or sheep—it is Jehovah's. ²⁷And if among the unclean animals, then he shall ransom it at your valuation, and he shall add its fifth to it. And if it is not redeemed, then it shall be

sold at your valuation. ²⁸But any devoted thing which a man devotes to Jehovah from all which *belongs* to him, of man or of animal, or of the field of his possession, it shall not be sold nor redeemed. Every one devoted to Jehovah *is* most holy. ²⁹No devoted thing which is dedicated by man shall be ransomed; it shall surely be put to death. ³⁰And all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land, of the fruit of the tree, shall be Jehovah's—it *is* holy to Jehovah.

³¹And if a man really redeems *any* of his tithes, he shall add its fifth to it. ³²And all the tithe of the herd and of the flock, all that passes under the rod, a tenth shall be holy to Jehovah; ³³he shall not search whether it is good or bad, nor shall he change it. And if he at all changes it, then it shall be that it and its substitute shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

³⁴These *are* the commands which Jehovah has commanded Moses for the sons of Israel, on Mount Sinai.

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

CHAPTER 1

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ²Lift the heads of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, by their heads; ³from a son of twenty years and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel. You shall number them by their armies, even you and Aaron. ⁴And there shall be a man of every tribe with you, every one head of his father's house. ⁵And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: Of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; ⁶Of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; ⁷of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; ⁸of Issachar, Nethaneel the son of Zuar; ⁹of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; ¹⁰of the sons of Joseph, of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; ¹¹of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideon; ¹²of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; ¹³of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran; ¹⁴of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel; ¹⁵of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan. ¹⁶These *were* those called from the congregation, rulers of the tribes of their fathers. They *were* heads of the thousands of Israel.

¹⁷And Moses and Aaron took these men who were marked out by name. ¹⁸And they assembled all the congregation on the first of the second month. And they declared their pedigrees according to their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, by their heads. ¹⁹As Jehovah commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

²⁰And the sons of Reuben, Israel's first-born, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, by their heads, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ²¹those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Reuben

were forty-six thousand and five hundred.

²²Of the sons of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, his numbered ones in the number of names, by their heads, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ²³those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Simeon *were* fifty-nine thousand and three hundred.

²⁴Of the sons of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ²⁵those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Gad *were* forty-five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

²⁶Of the sons of Judah, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ²⁷those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Judah *were* seventy-four thousand and six hundred.

²⁸Of the sons of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ²⁹those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Issachar *were* fifty-four thousand and four hundred.

³⁰Of the sons of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ³¹those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Zebulun *were* fifty-seven thousand and four hundred.

³²Of the sons of Joseph, of the sons of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ³³those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Ephraim *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

³⁴Of the sons of Manasseh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ³⁵those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Manasseh *were* thirty-two thousand and two hundred.

³⁶Of the sons of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ³⁷those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Benjamin *were* thirty-five thousand and four hundred.

³⁸Of the sons of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ³⁹those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Dan *were* sixty-two thousand and seven hundred.

⁴⁰Of the sons of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ⁴¹those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Asher *were* forty-one thousand and five hundred.

⁴²Of the sons of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war: ⁴³those that were numbered of them for the tribe of Naphtali *were* fifty-three thousand and four hundred.

⁴⁴These *were* numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the rulers of Israel being twelve men; they were each one of his fathers' house. ⁴⁵And all those that were numbered of the sons of Israel by their fathers' house, from a son of twenty years and upward, all that were able to go out to war in Israel; ⁴⁶even all those that were numbered *were* six hundred and three thousand, and five hundred and fifty. ⁴⁷But the Levites, according to the tribe of their fathers, were not numbered among them.

⁴⁸And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

⁴⁹However, you shall not number the tribe of Levi, nor shall you *count* their heads among the sons of Israel. ⁵⁰But you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furniture, and over all that belongs to it. They shall bear the tabernacle, and all its furniture. And they shall serve it, and shall encamp around the tabernacle. ⁵¹And when the tabernacle goes forward, the Levites shall take it down. And when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up. And the stranger that draws near shall be put to death. ⁵²And the sons of Israel shall pitch their tents, each man with his own camp, and each man with his own standard, according to their armies. ⁵³But the Levites shall pitch around the tabernacle of the testimony, that there be no wrath on the congregation of the sons of Israel. And the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony. ⁵⁴And the sons of Israel did according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses — so they did.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ²The sons of Israel shall pitch by their fathers' house, every man with his own standard, according to the standards. They shall pitch around the tabernacle of the congregation, afar off. ³And those who pitch on the east side, toward the sunrising, are *of* the standard of Judah's camp, according to their armies, the ruler of the sons of Judah *being* Nahshon the son of Amminadab. ⁴And his army and those numbered of them *were* seventy-four thousand and six hundred. ⁵And those pitching next to him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar; the ruler of the sons of Issachar *being* Nethaneel the son of Zuar; ⁶and his army, and those that were numbered of them *were* fifty-four thousand and four hundred.

⁷And the tribe of Zebulun; the ruler of the sons of Zebulun *being* Eliab the son of Helon. ⁸And his army, and those that were numbered of them *were* fifty-seven thousand and four hundred. ⁹All that were numbered of the camp of Judah *were* a hundred and eighty-six thousand and four hundred, by their armies. They shall

set forth first.

¹⁰On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies; the ruler of the sons of Reuben *being* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

¹¹And his army, and those numbered of it *were* forty-six thousand and five hundred. ¹²And those that pitch next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon; the ruler of the sons of Simeon *being* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddi. ¹³And his army, and those numbered of them *were* fifty-nine thousand and three hundred. ¹⁴And the tribe of Gad: the ruler of the sons of Gad *being* Eliasaph the son of Reuel. ¹⁵And his army, and those numbered of them *were* forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty. ¹⁶All that were numbered of the camp of Reuben *were* a hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty, according to their armies. And they shall pull out second.

¹⁷And the camp of the Levites, *with* the tabernacle of the congregation shall pull out in the middle of the camps. As they encamp, so they shall pull out, each man in his place, by their standards.

¹⁸On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies; the ruler of the sons of Ephraim *being* Elishama the son of Elishama the son of Ammihud. ¹⁹And his army, and those numbered of them *were* forty thousand and five hundred. ²⁰And next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh; the ruler of the sons of Manasseh *being* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ²¹And his army, and those numbered of them *were* thirty-two thousand and two hundred. ²²And the tribe of Benjamin; the ruler of the sons of Benjamin *being* Abidan the son of Gideoni. ²³And his army, and those that were numbered of them *were* thirty-five thousand and four hundred. ²⁴All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim *were* a hundred and eight thousand and one hundred, according to their armies. And they shall pull out third.

²⁵On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan, according to their armies; the ruler of the sons of Dan *being* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ²⁶And his army, and those numbered of them *were* sixty-two thousand and seven hun-

dred. ²⁷And those that pitch next to him shall be the tribe of Asher; the ruler of the sons of Asher *being* Pagiel the son of Ocran. ²⁸And his army, and those that were numbered of them *were* forty-one thousand and five hundred. ²⁹And the tribe of Naphtali; the ruler of the sons of Naphtali *being* Ahira the son of Enan. ³⁰And his army, and those numbered of them *were* fifty-three thousand and four hundred. ³¹All that were numbered of the camp of Dan *were* a hundred and fifty-seven thousand and six hundred. They shall pull out last by their standards.

³²These are those numbered of the sons of Israel by their fathers' houses; all that were numbered of the camps according to their armies *were* six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty. ³³But the Levites were not numbered among the sons of Israel, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

³⁴And the sons of Israel did according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses, so they pitched by their standards, and so they pulled out, each one according to his family, and according to the house of his father.

CHAPTER 3

¹And these are the generations Aaron and Moses, in the day of the speaking of Jehovah with Moses in Mount Sinai. ²And these *are* the names of Aaron's sons: Nadab, the firstborn; and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ³These are the names of Aaron's sons, the anointed priests whose hands he consecrated to act as priests. ⁴And Nadab and Abihu died before Jehovah in the wilderness of Sinai, for bringing strange fire before Jehovah. And they had no sons. And Eleazar and Ithamar acted as priests in the presence of their father Aaron.

⁵And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁶'Bring the tribe of Levi near, and you shall cause it to stand before Aaron the priest. And they shall serve him, and keep his charge, and the charge of all the congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the work of the tabernacle. ⁸And they shall keep all the vessels of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the sons of Israel, to do the

work of the tabernacle. ⁹And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his son. They shall surely be given to him out of the sons of Israel. ¹⁰And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood. And the foreign one who comes near shall be put to death.

¹¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel in the place of every firstborn opening a womb among the sons of Israel; and the Levites have become Mine. ¹³For every firstborn is Mine, from the day I struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I have set apart to Myself every firstborn in Israel, from men to animal. They are Mine. *I am Jehovah.*

¹⁴And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, ¹⁵Visit the sons of Levi by their families, by their fathers' house. You shall number every male from a son of a month and upward. ¹⁶And Moses numbered them according to the command of Jehovah, as he had been commanded.

¹⁷And these are the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. ¹⁸And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. ¹⁹And the sons of Kohath, by their families were Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel. ²⁰And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites by their fathers' houses.

²¹Of Gershon *is* the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites. These are the families of the Gershonites.

²²Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a son of a month and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred. ²³The families of the Gershonites were to pitch behind the tabernacle westward. ²⁴The ruler of the fathers' house of the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son of Lael. ²⁵And the duty of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation *is* the tabernacle, and the tent, and its coverings, and the veil at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; ²⁶and the hangings of the court, and the veil at the

door of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar all around, and its cords, to all its service.

²⁷And of Kohath *is* the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites. These are the families of the Kohathites. ²⁸In number, all the males, from a son of a month and upward were eight thousand and six hundred, keepers of the charge of the sanctuary. ²⁹The families of the sons of Kohath were to pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward; ³⁰the ruler of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites *being* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. ³¹And their charge *was* the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the veil, and all the service of it. ³²Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was ruler over the rulers of the Levites, and had the oversight of those that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

³³Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites. These are the families of Merari. ³⁴And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a son of a month and upward were six thousand and two hundred. ³⁵The ruler of the fathers' house of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward. ³⁶The appointed duty of the sons of Merari *being* the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all its vessels, and all its service; ³⁷and the pillars of the court all around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

³⁸And those that were to pitch before the tabernacle eastward, before the tabernacle of the congregation, toward the sunrising, were Moses, and Aaron, and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the sons of Israel. And the foreigner who goes near shall be put to death. ³⁹All that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the mouth of Jehovah, by their families, all the males from a son of a

month and upward *were* twenty-two thousand.

⁴⁰And Jehovah said to Moses, Count every firstborn male of the sons of Israel from a son of a month and upward, and take the number of their names. ⁴¹And you shall take the Levites for Me, I *am* Jehovah, instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of every firstling among the cattle of the sons of Israel. ⁴²And Moses numbered as Jehovah commanded him, all the firstborn among the sons of Israel. ⁴³And all the firstborn males according to the number of names, from a son of a month and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty-two thousand, two hundred and seventy-three. ⁴⁴And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁴⁵Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle. And the Levites shall be Mine; I *am* Jehovah. ⁴⁶And *from* those redeemed of the two hundred and seventy-three who are more than the Levites, of the firstborn of the sons of Israel, ⁴⁷you shall even take five shekels a piece, by the head—you shall take by the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs *to* the shekel. ⁴⁸And you shall give the silver to Aaron and to his sons, by which these over and above are redeemed. ⁴⁹And Moses shall take the redemption silver from those that are over and above those that were redeemed by the Levites, ⁵⁰from the firstborn of the sons of Israel he shall take the silver, a thousand, three hundred and sixty-five by the sanctuary shekel. ⁵¹And Moses shall give the silver of those redeemed to Aaron and to his sons, according to Jehovah's command, as Jehovah has commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²Lift the heads of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' houses, ³from a son of thirty years and upward, even until fifty years old, all that enter upon the service, to do work in the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath

in the tabernacle of the congregation, the Holy of Holies. ⁵Aaron and his sons shall come in, when the camp pulls out, and shall take down the veil of the hanging, and shall cover the ark of the testimony with it. ⁶And *he* shall put a covering of dugong skins on it, and shall spread a garment entirely of blue on top, and shall put in its staves. ⁷And they shall spread a blue cloth on the table of the showbread, and shall put its dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and the cups of the drink offering, and the continual bread on it. ⁸And they shall spread a cloth of scarlet over them, and shall cover it with a covering of dugong skin, and shall put in its staves. ⁹And *he* shall take a blue cloth and shall cover the lampstand of the lamp, and its lights, and its tongs, and its firepans, and all its oil vessels with which they minister to it. ¹⁰And they shall put it and all its vessels into a covering of dugong skin, and shall put *it* on the bar.

¹¹And they shall spread a blue cloth on the golden altar, and shall cover it with a covering of dugong skin, and shall put in its staves. ¹²And they shall take all the vessels of ministry with which they minister in the sanctuary, and shall put *them* into a blue cloth, and shall cover them with a covering of dugong skin, and shall put *them* on the bar. ¹³And *they* shall remove the ashes of the altar, and shall spread over it a purple cloth; ¹⁴and shall put on it all its vessels with which they minister around it, the firepans, the hooks, and the shovels, and the bowls, all the vessels of the altar. And *they* shall spread a covering of dugong skin on it, and shall put in its staves. ¹⁵And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary, and all the sanctuary vessels, as the camp sets forward, then afterwards the sons of Kohath shall come in to carry. And they shall not touch the holy thing, that they may not die. These are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

¹⁶And the oversight of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *shall be* the oil of the lamp, and the sweet incense, and the continual food offering, and the anointing oil. He shall have the charge of all the tabernacle, of all that is in it, whether it is

the sanctuary, or its furniture.

¹⁷And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ¹⁸Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites. ¹⁹but do this to them, and they shall live and not die as they draw near the Holy of Holies. Aaron and his sons shall go in, and shall appoint them each man to his service, and to his burden. ²⁰And they shall not go in to see when the holy thing is covered, that they may not die.

²¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²²Lift the heads of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers' house, by their families, ²³from a son of thirty years and upward, you shall number them, until a son of fifty years; all that enter to wait on the service, to serve in the tabernacle of the congregation. ²⁴This is the duty of the families of the Gershonites in serving and in bearing burdens. ²⁵They shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, its covering, and the covering of dugong skins that is on its top, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; ²⁶and the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court which is by the tabernacle and by the altar all around, and their cords, and all the vessels of their service, and whatever there may be to do with them; in this they shall serve. ²⁷At the mouth of Aaron, and of his sons, shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, and all their burden, and all their service. And you shall lay a charge on them concerning the duty of all their burden. ²⁸This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tabernacle of the congregation; and their charge is under the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.

²⁹You shall number the sons of Merari by their families, by their fathers' house, ³⁰from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years you shall number them, everyone who is going into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³¹And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation: the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets,

³²and the pillars of the court all around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, of all their vessels, and of all their service. And you shall number the vessels of the charge of their burden by name. ³³This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, for all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation, by the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.

³⁴And Moses and Aaron numbered; also the ruler of the congregation, the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' house, ³⁵from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years everyone who is going into the service, for work in the tabernacle of the congregation. ³⁶their numbered ones, by their families, were two thousand, seven hundred and fifty. ³⁷These are those numbered of the families of the Kohathites, everyone who is serving in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron numbered by the mouth of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses.

³⁸And those numbered of the sons of Gershon, by their families, and by their fathers' house, ³⁹from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years, and everyone who is going into the service, for work in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁰even those numbered of them, by their families, by their father's house were two thousand, six hundred and thirty. ⁴¹These were those numbered of the families of Gershon, everyone who is serving in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the mouth of Jehovah.

⁴²And those numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' house, ⁴³from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years, everyone who is going into the service, for work in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁴even their numbered ones by their families were three thousand and two hundred. ⁴⁵These were those numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered by the mouth of Jehovah, by Moses' hand.

⁴⁶All those numbered, whom Moses and Aaron and the rulers of Israel numbered, of the Levites, by their families,

and by their fathers' house, ⁴⁷from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years, everyone who is going in to do the work of the service, even the service of burden in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁸even their numbered ones were eight thousand, five hundred and eighty; ⁴⁹*one* numbered them by the mouth of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses, each man according to his service, and according to his burden, even they were numbered by him, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Command the sons of Israel, and they shall send every leper out of the camp, and everyone with an issue, and everyone defiled by a dead body. ³You shall send out from male and female. You shall send them to the outside of the camp. And they shall not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell. ⁴And the sons of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp. As Jehovah spoke to Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

⁵And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁶Speak to the sons of Israel, man or woman, when they commit any of the sins of man, by committing a trespass against Jehovah, and that person is guilty: ⁷Then they shall confess their sin which they have done. And he shall restore his guilt in its principal, and add its fifth to it, and shall give *it* to him against whom he has been guilty. ⁸And if a man has no kinsman to whom the guilt may be restored, the guilt which is restored *shall be* Jehovah's, a priest's, besides the ram of the atonement by which he makes atonement for him. ⁹And every heave offering of all the holy things of the sons of Israel which they bring to the priest shall be his. ¹⁰And any man's dedicated things shall become his, that which any man gives to the priest becomes his.

¹¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When any man's wife goes astray, and has committed a trespass against him, ¹³and a man lies with her *with* semen, and it has been hidden from her husband's eyes, and is kept hidden,

and she has been defiled, and there is no witness against her, and she has not been caught; ¹⁴and a spirit of jealousy has passed over him, and he has become jealous of his wife, and she has been defiled. Or, a spirit of jealousy has passed over him, and he has become jealous of his wife, and she has not become defiled: ¹⁵then the man shall bring his wife in to the priest, and he shall bring in her offering for her, a tenth of an ephah of barley meal. He shall not pour oil on it, nor shall he put frankincense on it, for it *is* a food offering of jealousy, a food offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

¹⁶And the priest shall bring her near, and shall cause her to stand before Jehovah.

¹⁷And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel. And the priest shall take of the dust which is on the tabernacle floor, and shall put *it* into the water.

¹⁸And the priest shall cause the woman to stand before Jehovah, and shall uncover the woman's head, and shall give into her hand the food offering of memorial; it is a food offering of jealousy; and in the priest's hand shall be the bitter waters which cause the curse. ¹⁹And the priest shall cause her to swear and shall say to the woman, If no man has lain with you, and if you have not turned aside *to* impurity under your husband, be free from these bitter waters which cause the curse. ²⁰And you, if you have turned aside under your husband, and if you have been defiled, and any man besides your husband has given his semen to you, ²¹then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say to the woman: Jehovah shall make you a curse and an oath among your people, when Jehovah makes your thigh to fall away, and your belly to swell, ²²and these waters which cause the curse shall go into your bowels to cause the belly to swell, and the thigh to fall. And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

²³And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and shall blot *them* with the bitter waters. ²⁴And *he* shall cause the woman to drink the bitter waters which cause the curse. And the waters which cause the curse shall enter into her for bitter things. ²⁵And the priest shall take the

food offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the food offering before Jehovah, and shall bring it near to the altar. ²⁶And the priest shall take a handful of the food offering, its memorial, and shall burn it as incense on the altar. And afterward *he* shall cause the woman to drink the water. ²⁷And when he shall cause her to drink the water, then it shall be, if she has been defiled and has committed a trespass against her husband, the waters which cause the curse shall go into her for bitter things; and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away, and the woman shall become a curse in the midst of her people. ²⁸And if the woman has not been defiled, and is pure, then she shall be clean and shall conceive seed.

²⁹This is the law of jealousies when a wife turns aside under her husband, and has been defiled; ³⁰or when a spirit of jealousy passes over a man, and he has become jealous of his wife, then he shall cause the woman to stand before Jehovah, and the priest shall do to her all this law; ³¹and the man shall be clean from sin, and the woman shall bear her iniquity.

CHAPTER 6

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²'Speak to the sons of Israel and you shall say to them, When a man or woman shall vow the special vow of a Nazarite, to be separated to Jehovah: ³He shall separate from wine and fermented drink; he shall not drink vinegar of wine, or vinegar of fermented drink; he shall not drink any juice of the grapes; and he shall not eat dry or moist grapes. ⁴All the days of his separation he shall not eat from all that is made of the vine, from pressed grapes, even to the grapestone. ⁵All the days of the vow of his separation, a razor shall not pass over his head; he shall be holy until all the days are fulfilled which he has separated to Jehovah. He shall allow the locks of the hair of his head to grow long. ⁶All the days of his separation to Jehovah he shall not go near a dead person. ⁷He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, or for his brother, or for his sister, at their death; because his separation to his God is on his head. ⁸All the days of his

separation he shall be holy to Jehovah. ⁹And if any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day he shall shave it. ¹⁰And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹¹And the priest shall prepare one for a sin offering, and one for a burnt offering, and shall make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead body. And he shall dedicate his head on that day. ¹²And he shall consecrate to Jehovah the days of his Nazariteship, and shall bring a he-lamb of the first year for a guilt offering. But the former days shall be void, for his separation was defiled. ¹³And this is the law of the Nazarite: when the *one* shall bring him in to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, ¹⁴and he shall offer his offering to Jehovah, one he-lamb of the first year, a perfect one, for a burnt offering; and one she-lamb, a yearling, a perfect one, for a sin-offering; and one ram, a perfect one, for a peace offering; ¹⁵and a basket of unleavened cakes of flour, cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their food offering, and their drink offerings. ¹⁶And the priest shall bring them before Jehovah, and shall offer his sin offering and his burnt offering. ¹⁷And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offering to Jehovah, with the basket of unleavened cakes. And the priest shall offer its food offering and its drink offering. ¹⁸And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation and shall put *it* on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering. ¹⁹And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder from the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* on the palms of the Nazarite after he has shaved his separation. ²⁰And the priest shall wave them, a wave offering before Jehovah. *It is* holy to the priest, besides the breast of the wave offering, and besides the leg of the heave offering. And afterward the Nazarite shall drink wine. ²¹This is the

law of the Nazarite who vows his offering to Jehovah for his separation, besides that which his hand may get. According to his vow which he vows, so he shall do by the law of his separation.

²²And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²³Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, In this way you shall bless the sons of Israel, saying to them: ²⁴Jehovah bless you and keep you; ²⁵Jehovah cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶Jehovah lift up His face to you, and give you peace. ²⁷So they shall put My name on the sons of Israel, and I Myself will bless them.

CHAPTER 7

¹And it happened on the day that Moses finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it, and sanctified it, and all its vessels, and the altar and all its vessels. And he anointed them and sanctified them. ²And the rulers of Israel, the chiefs of their fathers' houses offered. These *were* the rulers of the tribes; these they that stood over the ones that were numbered. ³And they brought their offering before Jehovah, six covered wagons and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the rulers, for each one an ox. And they presented them before the tabernacle. ⁴And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁵Take it from them, that they may be used to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service. ⁶And Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites. ⁷He gave two wagons and four oxen to the sons of Gershon, according to their service. ⁸And he gave four wagons and eight oxen to the sons of Merari, according to their service under Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. ⁹But he did not give any to the sons of Kohath, because the service of the holy things belonged to them. They bore *them* on *their* shoulders. ¹⁰And the rulers brought the dedication offering of the altar in the day it was anointed. And the rulers brought near their offering before the altar. ¹¹And Jehovah said to Moses, They shall present their offering, one to the day, one ruler to the day, for the dedication of the altar.

¹²And he who brought his offering the first day *was* Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah; ¹³his offering *was*: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ¹⁴one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense; ¹⁵one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ¹⁶one male of the goats for a sin offering; ¹⁷and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

¹⁸On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, ruler of Issachar, offered; ¹⁹he brought for his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ²⁰one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense; ²¹one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ²²one male of the goats for a sin offering; ²³and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

²⁴On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, ruler of the sons of Zebulun: ²⁵his offering *was*: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ²⁶one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense; ²⁷one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ²⁸one male of the goats for a sin offering. ²⁹and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

³⁰On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, the ruler of the sons of Reuben: ³¹his offering *was*: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ³²one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense;

³³one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ³⁴one male of the goats for a sin offering; ³⁵and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

³⁶On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, ruler of the sons of Simeon: ³⁷this offering was: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ³⁸one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense; ³⁹one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ⁴⁰one male of the goats for a sin offering; ⁴¹and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

⁴²On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, ruler of the sons of Gad: ⁴³this offering was one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ⁴⁴one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense; ⁴⁵one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ⁴⁶one male of the goats for a sin offering; ⁴⁷and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

⁴⁸On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, ruler of the sons of Ephraim: ⁴⁹this offering was: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ⁵⁰one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense; ⁵¹one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ⁵²one male of the goats for a sin offering; ⁵³and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Elishama, the son of Ammihud.

⁵⁴On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, ruler of the sons of Manasseh:

⁵⁵this offering was one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ⁵⁶one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense; ⁵⁷one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ⁵⁸one male of the goats for a sin offering; ⁵⁹and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

⁶⁰On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, ruler of the sons of Benjamin: ⁶¹this offering was one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ⁶²one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense; ⁶³one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ⁶⁴one male of the goats for a sin offering; ⁶⁵and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

⁶⁶On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, ruler of the sons of Dan: ⁶⁷this offering was one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ⁶⁸one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense; ⁶⁹one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ⁷⁰one male of the goats for a sin offering; ⁷¹and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

⁷²On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, ruler of the sons of Asher: ⁷³this offering was one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ⁷⁴one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense; ⁷⁵one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ⁷⁶one male of the goats for a sin offering; ⁷⁷and for the

sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

⁷⁸On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, ruler of the sons of Naphtali: ⁷⁹his offering was one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels after the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering; ⁸⁰one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense; ⁸¹one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; ⁸²one male of the goats for a sin offering; ⁸³and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five yearling he-lambs. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

⁸⁴This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, at the hand of the rulers of Israel: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver basins, twelve golden pans; ⁸⁵each silver dish a hundred and thirty in weight, and each basin seventy—all the silver of the vessels was two thousand and four hundred *shekels* by the sanctuary shekel — ⁸⁶twelve golden pans full of incense, ten to this and ten to that pan, according to the sanctuary shekel—all the gold of the pans was a hundred and twenty — ⁸⁷all the animals for the burnt offering, twelve bullocks, twelve rams, twelve yearling he-lambs, and their food offering; and the twelve males of the goats for a sin offering; ⁸⁸and all the animals for the sacrifice of the peace offering, twenty-four bullocks, sixty rams, sixty he-goats, sixty yearling he-lambs. This was the dedication of the altar, after it was anointed.

⁸⁹And when Moses went into the tent of the congregation to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from the mercy-seat which is on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubs; and He spoke to him.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to Aaron and say to him, When you light the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in the front of the lampstand. ³And Aaron did so. He lit its lamps so as

to give light in front of the lampstand, as Jehovah commanded Moses. ⁴And this was the work of the lampstand: beaten work of gold to its base, and to its flowers; it was beaten work, according to the pattern which Jehovah caused Moses to see, so he made the lampstand.

⁵And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁶Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel and cleanse them. ⁷And thus you will do to them to cleanse them: sprinkle water of sin-offering on them. And they shall make a razor pass over all their flesh and wash their garments and cleanse themselves. ⁸And they shall take a bull, a son of the herd, and its food offering, flour mixed with oil, and a second bull, a son of the herd, take for a sin-offering. ⁹And you shall bring near the Levites before the tent of meeting; and you shall gather all the company of the sons of Israel. ¹⁰And you shall bring the Levites before Jehovah and the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites. ¹¹And Aaron shall wave the Levites as a wave offering before Jehovah, from the sons of Israel, that they may serve at the service of Jehovah.

¹²And the Levites shall lay their hands on the head of the bullocks. And you shall offer the one for a sin offering, and one a burnt offering to Jehovah, to atone for the Levites. ¹³And you shall cause the Levites to stand before Aaron, and before his sons, and shall wave them as a wave offering to Jehovah. ¹⁴And you shall separate the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel, and the Levites shall become Mine. ¹⁵And afterward the Levites shall come in to serve the tabernacle of the congregation; and you shall cleanse them, and shall wave them, a wave offering. ¹⁶For they are wholly given to Me from among the sons of Israel; instead of the one who opens any womb, the firstborn of all, from the sons of Israel. I have taken them to Myself. ¹⁷For every firstborn among the sons of Israel among man and among animal is Mine; I set them apart for Myself in the day I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt. ¹⁸And I take the Levites instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel. ¹⁹And I have given the Levites as gifts to Aaron and to his sons from

among the sons of Israel, to do the service of the sons of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make atonement for the sons of Israel through the sons of Israel's drawing near to the sanctuary.

²⁰And Moses and Aaron, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel did to the Levites according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses concerning the Levites; so the sons of Israel did to them.

²¹And the Levites cleansed themselves, and washed their garments. And Aaron waved them *as* a wave offering before Jehovah; and Aaron atoned for them, to cleanse them. ²²And afterward the Levites went in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation, before Aaron and before his sons; as Jehovah commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

²³And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying ²⁴*This is that which pertains to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward he shall go in to do the service and the works of the tabernacle of the congregation.* ²⁵And from a son of fifty years they shall return from the service of the work, and shall not serve any more. ²⁶But he shall serve with his brothers in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge; only *he* shall not serve *at* a service. So you shall do to the Levites concerning their charge.

CHAPTER 9

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ²Also the sons of Israel shall prepare the Passover in its appointed season. ³In the fourteenth day of this month, between the evenings, you shall prepare it according to all its statutes, and according to all its ordinances. ⁴And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel to prepare the Passover. ⁵And they prepared the Passover in the first *month* on the fourteenth day of the month, between the evenings, in the wilderness of Sinai, according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses — so the sons of Israel did.

⁶And *there were* men who had been defiled by the body of a man, and they had not been able to prepare the Passover on

that day. And they came near before Moses, and before Aaron on that day. ⁷And those men said to him, *We are defiled by the body of a man. Why are we restrained so as not to be able to offer the offering of Jehovah in its appointed season, in the midst of the sons of Israel?*

⁸And Moses said to them, *You wait, so that I may hear what Jehovah will command concerning you.* ⁹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰*Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a body, or be in a distant journey, yet he shall keep the Passover to Jehovah.*

¹¹In the second month, on the fourteenth day at dusk, they shall keep it, they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs; ¹²they shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it. According to all the statutes of the Passover, they shall keep it. ¹³But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and has failed to prepare the Passover, even that person shall be cut off from his people; because he did not bring the offering of Jehovah in its appointed season—that man shall bear his sin. ¹⁴And if a stranger shall reside with you, and desires to keep the Passover to Jehovah; he shall do according to the statute of the Passover, and according to its ordinance. You shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.

¹⁵And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the tabernacle of the testimony. And at evening there was on the tabernacle the appearance of fire, until morning. ¹⁶So it was always; the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night. ¹⁷And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, then after that the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes*; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the sons of Israel encamped.

¹⁸By the mouth of Jehovah the sons of Israel pulled up; and by the mouth of Jehovah they encamped. All the days that the cloud remained over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. ¹⁹And when the cloud tarried on the tabernacle many days, then the sons of Israel kept the charge of Jehovah, and did not pull up. ²⁰And so

when the cloud was a number of days over the tabernacle, by the mouth of Jehovah they camped; and by the mouth of Jehovah they pulled up *stakes*.

²¹And so when the cloud *was there* from evening until morning, when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they pulled up. Whether by day or by night, when the cloud was taken up, then they pulled up. ²²Whether two days, or a month, or days, when the cloud tarried over the tabernacle, to remain over it, the sons of Israel remained in camp, and did not pull up. And when it was lifted up, they pulled up. ²³By the mouth of Jehovah they encamped, and by the mouth of Jehovah they pulled up *stakes*. They kept the charge of Jehovah, by the mouth of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 10

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Make two trumpets of silver for yourself. You shall make them of beaten work, and they shall be to you for the calling of the congregation, and for causing the camps to pull up. ³And when they shall blow with them, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴And if they blow with one, then the rulers, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall assemble to you. ⁵And when you blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall then pull up. ⁶And when you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall pull up; they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. ⁷But when the assembly is gathered, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm. ⁸And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets. And they shall be to you for a never-ending statute throughout your generations. ⁹And when you go into battle in your land against the foe distressing you, then you shall blow with the trumpets, and you shall be remembered before Jehovah your God. And you shall be saved from your enemies. ¹⁰And in the day of your gladness, and in your appointed times, and in your new moons, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. And

they shall be to you for a memorial before your God. I *am* Jehovah your God.

¹¹And it happened in the second year, in the second month, in the twentieth of the month, the cloud went up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. ¹²And the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* in their goings from the wilderness of Sinai. And the cloud stayed *on it* in the wilderness of Paran. ¹³And they pulled up first at the mouth of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses. ¹⁴And in the front, the standard of the camp of the sons of Judah pulled up *stakes*, by their armies. And over its army *was* Nahshon the son of Amminadab. ¹⁵And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Issachar *was* Nethaneel the son of Zuar. ¹⁶And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun *was* Eliab the son of Helon. ¹⁷And the tabernacle was taken down, and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari pulled up, bearing the tabernacle. ¹⁸And the standard of the camp of Reuben pulled up, by their armies. And over its army *was* Elizur the son of Shedeur. ¹⁹And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai. ²⁰And over the army of the tribe of Gad *was* Eliasaph son of Deuel. ²¹And the Kohathites pulled up, bearing the sanctuary. And *others* set up the tabernacle while they came. ²²And the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim pulled up, by their armies. And over its army *was* Elishama the son of Ammihud. ²³And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh *was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ²⁴And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin *was* Abidan the son of Gideoni.

²⁵And the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan pulled up, to the rear of all the camps, by their armies. And over its army *was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ²⁶And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Asher *was* Pagiel the son of Ocran. ²⁷And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son of Enan. ²⁸These *were* the travels of the sons of Israel according to their armies. And they pulled up *stakes*.

²⁹And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are traveling to the place of

which Jehovah has said, I will give it to you. Go with us, and we will do good to you; for Jehovah has spoken good concerning Israel. ³⁰And he said to him, I shall not go, but I shall go to my land and to my kindred. ³¹And he said, Please do not forsake us, because you know *as to how* we encamp in the wilderness, and you shall be to us for eyes. ³²And it shall come to pass when you go with us; yea, it shall be that what good Jehovah shall do to us, we shall do good to you.

³³And they pulled up from the mount of Jehovah three days' journey. And the ark of the covenant of Jehovah pulled out before them, three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. ³⁴And the cloud of Jehovah was on them by day as they pulled out from the camp. ³⁵And it happened when the ark pulled out, Moses said, Rise, O Jehovah, and Your enemies shall be scattered, and those hating You shall flee from Your presence. ³⁶And when it rested, he said, Return, O Jehovah, *to* the myriads, the thousands of Israel.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the people *were* evil, as those complaining in the ears of Jehovah. And Jehovah heard, and His anger glowed, and the fire of Jehovah burned among them, and devoured in the *extreme* edge of the camp. ²And the people cried to Moses, and Moses prayed to Jehovah, and the fire was quenched. ³And he called the name of that place Taberah, because the fire of Jehovah burned among them.

⁴And the mixed multitude that *was* among them lusted *with a great* lust; and the sons of Israel also turned back and wept, and said, Who shall cause us to eat meat? ⁵We remember the fish that we ate in Egypt for nothing; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic; ⁶and now our soul withers. There is nothing except this manna *before* our eyes. ⁷And the manna *was* like coriander seed, and its look like the look of bdellium resin gum. ⁸And the people went around and gathered *it* and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in mortars, and boiled *it* in a pan, and made it into cakes. And its taste was like the taste of fresh oil. ⁹And when the dew came down on the camp by night,

the manna came down on it.

¹⁰And Moses heard the people weeping by its families, each at the door of his tent; and the anger of Jehovah glowed exceedingly, and in the eyes of Moses *it was* evil.

¹¹And Moses said to Jehovah, Why have You done evil to Your servant; and why have I not found grace in Your eyes, to put the burden of all this people on me? ¹²I, have I conceived all this people? I, have I begotten it, that You say to me, Carry it in your bosom as the foster father bears the suckling, to the land which You have sworn to its fathers? ¹³Where shall I get flesh to give to all this people? For they weep to me, saying, Give to us flesh that we may eat. ¹⁴I am not able, I alone, to bear all this people, for *it is* too heavy for me; ¹⁵and if You deal thus with me, please quickly kill me, if I have found grace in Your eyes, and let me not look on my affliction.

¹⁶And Jehovah said to Moses, Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you have known that they *are* elders of the people, and its officers. And you shall take them to the tabernacle of the congregation; and they shall station themselves there with you. ¹⁷And I shall come down and speak with you there; and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon you, and will put *it* on them; and they will bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone. ¹⁸And you shall say to the people, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat flesh. For you have wept in the ears of Jehovah, saying, Who shall give us flesh, for we *had* good in Egypt? And Jehovah shall give meat to you, and you shall eat. ¹⁹You shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days; ²⁰*but* to a month of days, until it comes out of your nostrils, and it shall become to you a loathsome thing; because you have loathed Jehovah, who *is* in your midst, and weep before Him, saying, Why *is it* that we have come out of Egypt?

²¹And Moses said, The people in whose midst I *am* are six hundred thousand footmen; and You, You have said, I shall give meat to them, and they shall eat a month of days. ²²Shall flock and herd be slaughtered for them, so *one* may find for

them? Are all the fish of the sea to be gathered for them, that *one* may find for them? ²³And Jehovah said to Moses, Is the hand of Jehovah shortened? Now you shall see whether My word shall come to pass to you or not.

²⁴And Moses went out and spoke to the people the words of Jehovah, and gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and caused them to stand around the tabernacle. ²⁵And Jehovah came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took of the spirit which *was* on him, and put *it* on the seventy men of the elders. And it happened, as the spirit rested on them, that they prophesied, but they did not continue.

²⁶And two of the men were left in the camp, the name of the one *being* Eldad, and the name of the second Medad; and the spirit rested on them, and they *were* among those written, but did not go out to the tabernacle. And they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp. ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, minister to Moses, of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, stop them. ²⁹And Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people *were* prophets, that Jehovah would put His spirit on them!

³⁰And Moses withdrew into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

³¹And a wind went forth from Jehovah and cut off quails from the sea, and let *them* fall by the camp, as a day's journey here, and as a day's journey there, all around the camp, and about two cubits deep on the face of the land. ³²And the people rose up all that day, and all that night, and the day after, and gathered the quails; he who had least had gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves around the camp. ³³The meat *was* yet between their teeth, it was not yet cut off, and the anger of Jehovah glowed among the people. And Jehovah struck among the people *with* a very great plague. ³⁴And one called the name of that place The Graves of Lust; for there they buried the people who lusted.

³⁵From the Graves of Lust the people pulled up to *go to* Hazeroth, and they remained in Hazeroth.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses, because of the Cushite woman whom he had taken. For he had taken a Cushite woman. ²And they said, Has Jehovah spoken only by Moses? Has He not also spoken by us? And Jehovah heard. ³And the man Moses *was* very meek, more than any man who *was* on the face of the earth. ⁴And Jehovah said suddenly to Moses, and to Aaron, and to Miriam, You three come out to the tabernacle of the congregation. And the three of them came out. ⁵And Jehovah came down in the pillar of the cloud and stood at the tabernacle door, and called Aaron and Miriam. And both of them came out. ⁶And He said, Now hear My words, If your prophet is of Jehovah, I shall make Myself known to him in an appearance; I will speak to him in a dream. ⁷*It is not so with My servant Moses! He is faithful in all My house. I speak to him mouth to mouth, and by an appearance, and not in riddles; and he carefully looks upon the form of Jehovah.* So why have you not been afraid to speak against My servant, against Moses? ⁸And the anger of Jehovah glowed against them, and He left. ⁹And the cloud turned away from the tent. And, behold, Miriam *was* leprous as snow! And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and, behold, *she was* leprous!

¹¹And Aaron said to Moses, Oh my lord, I beg you, do not lay sin upon us, by which we have done foolishly, and by which we have sinned. ¹²I beg you, do not let her be as *one* dead, of whom the flesh is half-consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb. ¹³And Moses cried to Jehovah, saying, O God, I beg You, give healing to her, I beseech You.

¹⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, If her father had but spat in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? She shall be shut out seven days at the outside of the camp, and afterward she shall be brought in. ¹⁵And Miriam was shut out at the outside of the camp seven days, and the people did not pull up *stakes* until Miriam was brought in. ¹⁶And afterward the people pulled up from Hazeroth, and they encamped in the wilderness of Paran.

CHAPTER 13

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 'Send men for you, and they shall spy out the land of Canaan which I am giving to the sons of Israel; you shall send one man for the tribe of his fathers, one man, every one a leader among them. ²And by the command of Jehovah Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran; they *were* all of them men, heads of the sons of Israel. ³And these *were* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur; ⁴of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori; ⁵of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh; ⁶of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph; ⁷of the tribe of Ephraim, Joshua the son of Nun; ⁸of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu; ⁹of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi; ¹⁰of the tribe of Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi; ¹¹of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli; ¹²of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael; ¹³of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi; ¹⁴of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. ¹⁵These *were* the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

¹⁷And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, You go up this *way* into the Negeb, and go up *into* the hills; ¹⁸and you shall see the land, what it *is*, and the people who are living on it, whether it *is* strong or feeble; whether it *is* few or many; ¹⁹and what the land *is* in which they live, whether good or bad; and what *are* the cities in which they live, whether in camps or in fortresses; ²⁰and what the land *is*, whether it is fat or lean; whether wood is in it or not. And you shall make yourselves strong and shall take of the fruit of the land. And *it was* the days of the first-ripe grapes.

²¹And they went up and spied out the land, from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, at the entrance to Hamath. ²²And they went up into the Negeb, and came to Hebron. And Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the sons of Anak, *were* there. And Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt. ²³And they came in to the valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch and one cluster of grapes. And

they carried it on a staff by two; also of the pomegranates, and of the figs. ²⁴That place was called the Torrent of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the sons of Israel cut from there.

²⁵And they returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days. ²⁶And they pulled up and came in to Moses and to Aaron, and to all the tabernacle of the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh. And they brought them and all the congregation word, and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷And they reported to him and said, We came to the land where you sent us, and it surely does flow with milk and honey; and this is its fruit. ²⁸But the people that live in the land *are* fierce, and the cities are fortified, very great. And also we have seen the children of Anak there. ²⁹Amalek lives in the land of the Negeb, and the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorites live in the hills. And the Canaanite is living by the sea, and beside the Jordan. ³⁰And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, We will certainly go up, and we will seize it, for we are well able *to do* it. ³¹And the men who had gone up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people, for it *is* stronger than we. ³²And they sent out an evil report of the land which they had spied out to the sons of Israel, saying, The land into which we passed, to spy it out, *is* a land eating up its inhabitants. And all the people we saw in its midst *were* men of stature. ³³And we saw the giants there, the sons of Anak, of the giants. And we were in our own eyes as grasshoppers, and so we were in their eyes.

CHAPTER 14

¹And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried; and the people wept during that night. ²And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses, and against Aaron. And all the congregation said to them, Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt, or in this wilderness; of that we had died! ³And why is Jehovah bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our infants shall become a prey. Is it not good for us to return to Egypt? ⁴And they said each to his brother,

Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt.

⁵And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. ⁶And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who spied out the land, tore their garments. ⁷And they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, The land into which we passed, to spy it out, *is* an exceedingly good land. ⁸If Jehovah has delighted in us, then He will bring us into this land and will give it to us, a land which is flowing with milk and honey. ⁹Only, do not rebel against Jehovah. And you, do not fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their defense has turned away from them; and Jehovah *is* with us; do not be afraid of them. ¹⁰And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. And the glory of Jehovah appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation, to all the sons of Israel.

¹¹And Jehovah said to Moses, How long will this people despise Me? And How long will they continue not to believe in Me, for all the signs which I have done in its midst? ¹²I shall strike it with pestilence and dispossess it. And I will make you a nation greater and mightier than it. ¹³And Moses said to Jehovah, And the Egyptians will hear. For You have brought up this people out of their midst with Your power. ¹⁴And they will say to the inhabitant of this land, They have heard that You, Jehovah, *are* in the midst of this people, who is seen eye with eye. You *are* Jehovah, and Your cloud stands over them; in a pillar of cloud You go before them by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵And will you execute this people as one man? Then the nations who have heard Your fame will speak, saying, ¹⁶Because Jehovah is not able to bring this people into the land which He swore to them, therefore He has slain them in the wilderness. ¹⁷And now, I beseech You, let the power of my Lord be great, as You have spoken, saying, ¹⁸Jehovah is slow to anger, and of great mercy, bearing away iniquity and transgression; and by no means will clear the *guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the sons, on the third and on the fourth *generation*. ¹⁹I

beseech You, forgive the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of Your mercy, and as You have borne with this people from Egypt, even until now.

²⁰And Jehovah said, I have forgiven according to your words; ²¹but as I live, all the earth shall be filled *with* the glory of Jehovah; ²²for all the men who are seeing My glory, and My signs which I have done in Egypt and in the wilderness and have tried Me these ten times, and have not listened to My voice, ²³they shall not see the land which I have sworn to their fathers. Yea, not one of those scorning Me shall see it. ²⁴And My servant Caleb, because there is another spirit in him, and he is fully following Me, I shall bring him into the land into which he has gone, and his seed shall possess it—²⁵and the Amalekite and the Canaanite were living in the valley. Tomorrow turn and pull up *stakes* for yourselves; *going* into the wilderness, the way of the Red Sea.

²⁶And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²⁷How long shall I bear *with* this evil company who *are* murmuring against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel which they are murmuring against Me. ²⁸Say to them, *As* I live, says Jehovah, as surely as you have spoken in My ears, so I will do to you. ²⁹Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, even all your numbered ones, as to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, in that you have murmured against Me. ³⁰You shall certainly not come into the land which I lifted up My hand to cause you to live in it, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. ³¹As for your infants, of whom you have said, They shall be a prey, I shall bring them in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected. ³²As for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. ³³And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your fornications until your carcasses are wasted in the wilderness; ³⁴by the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year; you shall bear your iniquities forty years; you shall know My alienation *from* you. ³⁵I *am* Jehovah; I have spoken. I shall do this to all this evil company who are

gathered together against Me; they shall be brought to an end in this wilderness, and there they shall die.

³⁶And the men whom Moses had sent to spy out the land, and who, when they returned, made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report against the land, ³⁷even those men bringing up an evil report of the land died by the plague before Jehovah. ³⁸But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, remained alive of those men that went to spy out the land. ³⁹And Moses told these words to all the sons of Israel; and the people mourned deeply. ⁴⁰And they rose up early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Behold, we are here, and we will go up to the place which Jehovah has said, for we have sinned. ⁴¹And Moses said, Why do you now transgress the mouth of Jehovah, since it will not prosper? ⁴²Do not go up, for Jehovah is not in your midst, even that you shall not be defeated by your enemies. ⁴³For the Amalekite and the Canaanite are there before you; and you shall fall by the sword because you have turned back from following Jehovah; and Jehovah is not with you. ⁴⁴And they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain, but the ark of the covenant of Jehovah and Moses did not leave the middle of the camp. ⁴⁵And the Amalekite and the Canaanite who were living in that mountain came down and struck them, and beat them down, to Hormah.

CHAPTER 15

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you have come to the land of your dwellings, which I am giving to you, then you shall prepare a fire offering to Jehovah, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice, in fulfillment of a vow, or as a free-will offering, or in your appointed seasons, to make a soothing fragrance to Jehovah, out of the herd, or out of the flock.

⁴And he who is bringing his offering to Jehovah shall bring near a food offering of flour, a tenth part, mixed with a fourth of a hin of oil; ⁵and wine for a drink offering, a fourth of a hin you shall prepare for the burnt offering, or for a sacrifice, for the one

lamb. ⁶Or you shall prepare a food offering of flour for a ram, two tenth parts mixed with oil, a third of a hin; ⁷and wine for a drink offering, a third part of a hin. You shall bring it near, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ⁸And when you prepare a son of the herd for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice, in fulfillment of a vow, or peace offerings to Jehovah, ⁹then he shall bring near for the son of the herd a food offering of flour, three tenth parts, mixed with oil, a half of a hin; ¹⁰and you shall bring wine near for a drink offering, a half of a hin, as a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ¹¹So it shall be done for one ox, or for the one ram, or for a lamb of the sheep, or of the goats. ¹²You shall prepare according to the number. So you shall do for everyone according to their number. ¹³All that are home-born shall do these things in this way, in bringing in an offering made by fire, of a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ¹⁴And if an alien lives with you, or whoever may be among you, throughout your generations, and desires to offer a fire offering of a soothing fragrance to Jehovah; as you do, so he shall do. ¹⁵As for the congregation, there shall be one statute both for you and for the alien that lives with you, a never-ending statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the alien be before Jehovah. ¹⁶There shall be one law and one ordinance both for you and for the alien that lives with you.

¹⁷And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁸Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land to which I bring you, ¹⁹then it shall be that when you eat of the bread of the land, you shall lift up a heave-offering to Jehovah. ²⁰You shall lift up a cake of the first of your dough as a heave-offering; as the heave-offering of the threshing-floor, so you shall lift it up. ²¹You shall give of the first of your dough to Jehovah, a heave offering for your generations.

²²And when you shall err and not shall perform all these commands which Jehovah has spoken to Moses, ²³even all that Jehovah has commanded you by the hand of Moses from the day that Jehovah commanded, and onward for your generations, ²⁴then it shall be, if it be done in

error by the congregation, by ignorance, even all the congregation shall offer a son of the herd, one bullock, for a burnt offering, for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah, and its food offering, and its drink offering, according to the ordinance; and one kid of the goats for a sin offering.

²⁵And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel; and it shall be forgiven them. For it was in error, and they have brought their offering, a fire offering to Jehovah, and their sin offering before Jehovah for their error.

²⁶And all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and the alien that lives among them, shall be forgiven; for as to all the people, *it was* in ignorance.

²⁷And if one person sins through error, then he shall bring a she-goat of the first year for a sin offering. ²⁸And the priest shall atone for the soul that errs when he sins through error, before Jehovah, to atone for him. And he shall be forgiven, ²⁹both the native among the sons of Israel, and the alien that lives among them; one law shall be to you for him who acts in error. ³⁰And the soul that does anything with a high hand, whether of a native or of the alien, the same blasphemes Jehovah. And that person shall be cut off from the midst of his people. ³¹For he has despised the word of Jehovah and has broken His command; that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be on him.

³²And while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath day. ³³And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. ³⁴And they put him under guard; for it had not been declared what should be done to him. ³⁵And Jehovah said to Moses, The man shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp. ³⁶And all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stone him with stones. And he died, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

³⁷And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁸Speak to the sons of Israel and you shall say to them that they shall make themselves fringes on the corners of their garments, for their generations. And they

shall put with the fringe of each corner a thread of blue. ³⁹And it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look on it and remember all the commandments of Jehovah, and do them; and that you do not go about after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you go astray; ⁴⁰that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy to your God. ⁴¹*I am* Jehovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. *I am* Jehovah your God.

CHAPTER 16

¹And Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, took both Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben; ²and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty rulers of the congregation, elect men of the assembly, men of name. ³And they were assembled against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, You *take* too much! For all the congregation, all of them *are* holy, and Jehovah is among them. Why then do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of Jehovah?

⁴And Moses heard and fell on his face. ⁵And he spoke to Korah, and to all his company, saying, In the morning Jehovah will show who are His, and him who is holy, and shall cause him to come near Him; even him whom He may choose He will cause to come near to Him. ⁶Do this: take censers for yourselves, Korah, and all his company, ⁷and put fire in them, and put incense on them before Jehovah tomorrow; and it shall be, the men whom Jehovah chooses, he shall be the holy one. You *take* too much, sons of Levi! ⁸And Moses said to Korah, Hear now, you sons of Levi, ⁹is it but a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of Jehovah, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them?

¹⁰Yea, He has brought you near, and all your brothers, the sons of Levi, with you. And will you seek the priesthood also? ¹¹Therefore, you and all your company that have gathered together against

Jehovah: What is Aaron that you murmur against him?

¹²And Moses sent to call for Dathan and for Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, We will not come up. ¹³Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but must you also certainly seize dominion over us? ¹⁴Yea, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance in fields and vineyards; will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up! ¹⁵And Moses was very angry, and said to Jehovah, Do not respect their offering; I have not taken one ass from them, nor have I done evil to one of them.

¹⁶And Moses said to Korah, You and all your company, you be there before Jehovah, you and they, and Aaron, tomorrow. ¹⁷And each one take his censer, and you shall put incense on them, and shall offer before Jehovah, each his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; even you and Aaron, each his censer. ¹⁸And they each took his censer, and put fire on them, and lay incense on them, and they stood at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, with Moses and Aaron. ¹⁹And Korah assembled all the congregation against them, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the glory of Jehovah was seen by all the congregation.

²⁰And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²¹Separate yourselves from the midst of this company, and I will consume them in a moment. ²²And they fell on their faces, and said, O God, God of the spirits of all flesh; shall one man sin, and will You be angry with all the congregation?

²³And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴Speak to the congregation, saying, You get away from around the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. ²⁵And Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel went after him. ²⁶And he spoke to the congregation, saying, Please turn away from the tents of these wicked men, and do not touch anything that they have, lest you be consumed in all their sins. ²⁷And they got away from around the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came

out, standing at the door of their tents, and their wives, their sons, and their infants.

²⁸And Moses said, By this you shall know that Jehovah has sent me to do all these works, *and* that not from my own heart.

²⁹If these die according to the death of all men, and are visited according to the visitation of all men, then Jehovah has not sent me. ³⁰And if Jehovah makes a new thing, and the ground opens her mouth and swallows them, and all that they have, and they go down alive to Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised Jehovah. ³¹And it happened, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground which was under them split apart, ³²and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them, and their houses, and all the men who *were* for Korah, and all their possessions. ³³And they went down, they and all that they had, alive to Sheol, and the earth covered over them; and they perished from the midst of the assembly. ³⁴And all Israel who *were* around them fled at their cry; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up.

³⁵And fire came forth from Jehovah and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered the incense.

³⁶And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁷Speak to Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, and he shall lift up the censers from the midst of the burning, and shall scatter the fire yonder, for they have become holy, ³⁸the censers of these sinners against their own souls. And they shall make of them spread out plates, a covering for the altar, for they have brought them near before Jehovah, and they are holy. And they shall become a sign to the sons of Israel. ³⁹And Eleazar the priest took the copper censers, which they who were burned had brought near, and they spread them out, a covering for the altar, ⁴⁰a memorial to the sons of Israel, so that an alien who is not of the seed of Aaron shall not draw near to offer incense before Jehovah, and shall not be as Korah, and as his company; as Jehovah had spoken by the hand of Moses to him.

⁴¹And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured on the next day against Moses and against Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of Jehovah. ⁴²And it happened, as the company was called

together against Moses and against Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of the congregation. And, behold, the cloud had covered it, and the glory of Jehovah appeared! ⁴³And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴⁴And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁴⁵Get away from the midst of this company, and I shall consume them in a moment; and they fell on their faces. ⁴⁶And Moses said to Aaron, Take the firepan, and put fire on it from the altar, and lay on incense, and go, hurry to the congregation, and make atonement for them, for the wrath has gone out from the presence of Jehovah; the plague has begun. ⁴⁷And Aaron did as Moses had spoken, and ran into the midst of the assembly. And, behold, the plague had begun among the people! And he laid on the incense and made atonement for the people, ⁴⁸and stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed. ⁴⁹And those who died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those who died for the matter of Korah. ⁵⁰And Aaron turned back to Moses, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and the plague was stayed.

CHAPTER 17

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel, and take from each of them a rod, for a father's house, from all their rulers, for the house of their fathers, twelve rods. You shall write the name of each on his rod. ³And you shall write Aaron's name on the tribe of Levi; for one rod shall be for the head of their fathers' house. ⁴And you shall place them in the tabernacle of the congregation, before the testimony, where I shall meet with you. ⁵And it shall be that the man's rod which I choose shall blossom. And I shall cause the murmurings of the sons of Israel, which they are murmuring against you, to cease from Me. ⁶And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their rulers gave to him one rod for each ruler, one rod for a ruler, for their fathers' house, twelve rods, and the rod of Aaron was among the rods.

⁷And Moses placed the rods before

Jehovah, in the the tabernacle of the testimony. ⁸And it happened on the next day, Moses went into the tabernacle of the testimony, and, behold! The rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded, and put forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and bore ripe almonds. ⁹And Moses brought out all the rods from before Jehovah to all the sons of Israel. And they looked, and each one took his rod.

¹⁰And Jehovah said to Moses, Put back the rod of Aaron, before the testimony, to be kept as a token to the sons of rebellion. And you shall end their murmurings off Me; and they shall not die. ¹¹And Moses did as Jehovah had commanded him; so he did.

¹²And the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, Behold, we die. we perish, we all perish. ¹³Anyone who draws near to the tabernacle of Jehovah shall die; shall we be consumed to die?

CHAPTER 18

¹And Jehovah said to Aaron, You, and your sons, and your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary. And you, and your sons with you, shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood; ²and also your brothers, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, you shall bring near with you, that they may be joined to you and may minister to you, you and your sons in your being before the tabernacle of the testimony. ³And they shall keep your charge and the charge of all the tabernacle; only, they shall not go near to the vessels of the sanctuary and to the altar. And they shall not die, either they or you. ⁴And they shall be joined to you, and shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle, and a stranger shall not go near to you. ⁵And you shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar, and there shall be no more wrath against the sons of Israel. ⁶And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel; as a gift they are given to you by Jehovah, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁷And you, and your sons with you, shall keep your priesthood, in everything that

pertains to the altar, and to that inside the veil. And you shall serve; I have given you the priesthood as a service of gift; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

⁸And Jehovah spoke to Aaron, *saying*, And I, behold, I have given to you the charge of My heave offerings, of all the dedicated things of the sons of Israel. I have given them to you for the anointing, and to your sons, by a never-ending statute. ⁹This shall be yours of the most holy things, from the fire: every offering of theirs, even every food offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every guilt offering of theirs, which they may render to Me; it *shall be* most holy to you, and to your sons. ¹⁰You shall eat it in the holy of holies; every male shall eat it; it shall be holy to you. ¹¹And this is yours, the heave offering of their gift with all the wave offerings sons of Israel. I have given them to you, and to your sons, and to your daughters with you, by a never-ending statute; every clean one in your house shall eat it. ¹²All the best of the oil, and all the best of the new wine, and wheat, the firstfruits of them which they give to Jehovah, I have given to you. ¹³The firstfruits of all that *is* in their land, which they bring in to Jehovah shall be yours; every clean one in your house shall eat it; ¹⁴every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours; ¹⁵every one opening a womb of all flesh which they offer to Jehovah, among man and among animal, shall be yours. Only, you shall certainly redeem the firstborn of man, and you shall redeem the firstling of the unclean beasts. ¹⁶And their redeemed ones, from a month old, you shall redeem with your valuation, of silver, five shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary; it *is* twenty gerahs. ¹⁷But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, you shall not redeem; they *are* holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and you shall burn their fat as incense, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ¹⁸And their flesh shall be yours, as the breast of the wave offering, and as the right leg; it shall be yours. ¹⁹All the heave offerings of the holy things which the sons of Israel shall lift up to Jehovah, I have given to you and

to your sons, and to your daughters with you, by a never-ending statute, a covenant of salt, it *shall be* forever before Jehovah to you and to your seed with you.

²⁰And Jehovah said to Aaron, You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel. ²¹And, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel to the sons of Levi for an inheritance, in return for their service which they are serving, the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

²²And the sons of Israel shall not come near to the tabernacle of the congregation any more, lest they bear sin, and die.

²³But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity; it shall be a never-ending statute throughout your generations, that in the midst of the sons of Israel they shall have no inheritance; ²⁴but the tithes of the sons of Israel which they shall lift up to Jehovah, a heave offering, I have given to the Levites for inheritance; therefore I have said to them, They shall have no inheritance among the sons of Israel.

²⁵And Jehovah spoke to Moses, *saying*, ²⁶And you shall say to the Levites; and you shall speak to them, When you take the tithe from the sons of Israel, which I have given to you from them, for your inheritance, then you shall lift from it a heave offering of Jehovah, a tithe of the tithe.

²⁷And your heave offering shall be counted to you as grain from the threshing-floor, and as fullness from the wine-press. ²⁸So you also shall lift up the heave offering of Jehovah from all your tithes which you receive from the sons of Israel. And you shall give from it the heave offering of Jehovah to Aaron the priest. ²⁹You shall lift up the whole heave offering of Jehovah out of all your gifts, out of all its fat, its hallowed part, out of it. ³⁰And you shall say to them, When you lift up its fat out of it, then it shall be counted to the Levites as increase of a threshing-floor, and as increase of a wine-press. ³¹And you shall eat it in every place, you and your households, for it *is* your reward in return for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation. ³²And you shall bear no sin because of it, since you have lifted up from it the

best of it. And you shall not profane the holy things of the sons of Israel, so that you may not die.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²This is the statute of the law which Jehovah has commanded, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer, a perfect one, in which there is no blemish, on which no yoke ever came. ³And you shall give her to Eleazar the priest, and she shall be brought forth outside the camp; and she shall be slaughtered before his face. ⁴And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and shall sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tabernacle of the congregation seven times. ⁵And the heifer shall be burned before his eyes; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood with her dung, shall be burned. ⁶And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop and scarlet, and shall cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he may come into the camp; and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. ⁸And he that burned her shall wash his clothes in water, and shall bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening. ⁹And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and shall lay them up outside the camp in a clean place. And it shall be kept for the congregation of the sons of Israel for a water of impurity; it is a purging offering.

¹⁰And he that gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and shall be unclean until the evening; and it shall be to the sons of Israel, and to the stranger that lives among them, for a never-ending statute.

¹¹He that touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. ¹²He shall cleanse himself for it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean. And if he does not cleanse himself on the third day, then on the seventh day he shall not be clean. ¹³Anyone who touches the dead body, the body of a man who dies, and does not cleanse himself, he shall have defiled the tabernacle of Jehovah; and that

person shall be cut off from Israel, for the water of impurity shall not be sprinkled upon him. He shall be unclean; his uncleanness *shall be* still on him.

¹⁴This is the law when a man dies in a tent: Everyone who comes into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁵And every open vessel which has no covering of thread on it shall be unclean. ¹⁶And whoever in the open field touches one that has been pierced with a sword, or one that has died of himself, or the bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁷And for the unclean they shall take the ashes of the burning of the purging offering, and running water in a vessel shall be put on it. ¹⁸And a clean person shall take hyssop, and shall dip it in the water, and shall sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave. ¹⁹And the clean person shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening. ²⁰But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Jehovah; the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him; he *shall be* unclean. ²¹And it shall be a never-ending statute to them; and he that sprinkles the water of impurity shall wash his clothes; and he touches the water of sprinkling shall be unclean until evening. ²²And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul that touches it shall be unclean until evening.

CHAPTER 20

¹And the sons of Israel, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month; and the people remained in Kadesh. And Miriam died there, and was buried there. ²And there was no water for the congregation, and they were gathered against Moses, and against Aaron. ³And the people contended

with Moses, and spoke, saying, Oh that we had died when our brothers died before Jehovah! 'And, why have you brought the assembly of Jehovah to this wilderness to die there, we and our animals? 'And, why have you brought us up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place, not a place of seed, nor fig, nor vine, nor pomegranate; and there is no water to drink? 'And Moses and Aaron went in from the eyes of the assembly, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and fell on their faces. And the glory of Jehovah appeared to them.

⁷And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 'Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aaron. And speak to the rock before their eyes. And it shall give forth its water; and you shall bring water out of the rock to them; so you shall water the congregation and their animals. 'And Moses took the rod from before Jehovah, as He commanded him.

¹⁰And Moses and Aaron assembled the congregation before the rock. And he said to them, Hear now, you rebels, shall we bring forth water to you out of this rock?

¹¹And Moses lifted up his hand and smote the rock with his rod twice; and much water came out; and the congregation and their animals drank. ¹²And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe in Me, to sanctify Me before the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring in this congregation to the land which I have given to them. ¹³These are the waters of Meribah, because the sons of Israel contended with Jehovah, and He was sanctified upon them.

¹⁴And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: So says your brother Israel, You surely have known all the travail which has found us; ¹⁵that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we lived in Egypt many days, and the Egyptians did evil to us and to our fathers. ¹⁶And we cried to Jehovah, and He heard our voice, and sent a messenger, and is bringing us out of Egypt; and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border. ¹⁷Please let us pass over, through your land; we shall not pass over through a field, nor through a vineyard, nor shall we drink water of a well; we shall go along the

king's highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left, until we have passed your border. ¹⁸And Edom said to him, You shall not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against you. ¹⁹And the sons of Israel said to him, We shall go in the highway; and if we drink of your waters, our cattle and us, then I shall give their price. Only let me pass through on my feet; there shall be no harm. ²⁰And he said, You shall not pass through. And Edom came out against him with many people, and with a strong hand. ²¹And Edom refused to allow Israel to pass over through his border. And Israel turned away from him.

²²And the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, pulled up stakes from Kadesh and came in to Mount Hor. ²³And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, on the edge of the land of Edom, saying, ²⁴Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not go into the land which I have given to the sons of Israel, because you rebelled against My mouth at the waters of Meribah. ²⁵Take Aaron and his son Eleazar, and cause them to go up to Mount Hor; ²⁶and strip Aaron of his garments, and you shall put them on his son Eleazar. And Aaron shall be gathered and shall die there. ²⁷And Moses did as Jehovah had commanded; and they went up to Mount Hor before the eyes of all the congregation. ²⁸And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and clothed his son Eleazar with them. And Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. And Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. ²⁹And all the congregation saw that Aaron had died, and they mourned Aaron thirty days, all the house of Israel.

CHAPTER 21

¹And king Arad the Canaanite, who lived in the south, heard that Israel had come the way of Atharim; and he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. ²And Israel vowed a vow to Jehovah, and said, If you will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities. ³And Jehovah listened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they

utterly destroyed them and their cities; and the name of the place was called Hormah.

⁴And they pulled up from Mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the soul of the people became impatient because of the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God, and against Moses, Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul hates the light bread.* ⁶And Jehovah sent fiery serpents among the people; and they bit the people, and many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came in to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against Jehovah, and against you. Pray to Jehovah, and He shall turn the serpent away from us. And Moses prayed on behalf of the people. ⁸And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Make yourself a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that when anyone is bitten, when he sees it, he shall live. ⁹And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole; and it happened, if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

¹⁰And the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* and encamped in Oboth. ¹¹And they pulled up from Oboth, and camped in Ije-abarim, in the wilderness that is before Moab, toward the rising of the sun. ¹²From there they pulled up and camped in the valley of Zered. ¹³From there they pulled up and camped beyond Arnon, which is in the wilderness that comes out of the border of the Amorite; for Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorite; ¹⁴therefore, it is said in the Book of the Wars of Jehovah: Vaheb in Suphah, the torrents of Arnon, ¹⁵and the slope of the torrent-beds that turn down toward the site of Ar, and lean on the border of Moab.

¹⁶And from there *they went* to Beer; that *is* the well of which Jehovah spoke to Moses, *saying*, Gather the people and I will give water to them.

¹⁷Then Israel sang this song: Spring up, O well, sing to it; ¹⁸the well which the princes dug, which the nobles of the people dug with their staves, *at the word of the Lawgiver.*

And *they went* from the desert to Mattanah. ¹⁹And from Mattanah *they went* to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bemoth; ²⁰and from Bemoth in the valley which *is* in the field of Moab to the top of Pisgah, and looking toward the wilderness.

²¹And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, *saying*, ²²Let me pass through your land; we will not turn into a field or into a vineyard; we will not drink waters of a well; we will go in the king's highway until we have passed over your border. ²³And Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border. And Sihon gathered all his people and went out to meet Israel in the wilderness, and *they came* to Jahaz and fought against Israel. ²⁴And Israel struck him by the mouth of the sword and seized his land, from Arnon to Jabbok, to the sons of Ammon. For the border of the sons of Ammon *was* strong. ²⁵And Israel took all these cities. And Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorite, in Heshbon and in all its daughter villages. ²⁶For Heshbon *was* the city of Sihon king of the Amorites. And he had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken his land out of his hand, to Arnon. ²⁷On account of this the parable-speakers say, Come to Heshbon! Let the city of Sihon be built and established! ²⁸For a fire has gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon; it has consumed Ar of Moab, the lords of the high places of Arnon. ²⁹Woe to you, Moab! You are undone, O people of Chemosh! He has given his sons as fugitives and his daughters into captivity, to Sihon king of the Amorites. ³⁰We have cast them down; Heshbon has perished, even to Dibon; and we have ravaged even to Nophah, which *is* to Medeba.

³¹And Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

³²And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took its villages and drove out the Amorite who was there. ³³And they turned and went the way of Bashan. And Og king of Bashan came out to meet them, he and all his people, to battle *at* Edrei. ³⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people and his land. And you

shall do to him as you have done to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. ³⁵And they struck him and his sons and all his people until he did not have a remnant left. And they seized his land.

CHAPTER 22

¹And the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* and camped on the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan, *by* Jericho.

²And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

³And Moab greatly feared because of the people, for it *was* many. And Moab *was* vexed by the presence of the sons of Israel. ⁴And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now this assembly is licking up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor *was* king of Moab at that time.

⁵And he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor which *is* beside the River of the land of the sons of his people, to call for him, saying, Behold! A people has come out of Egypt. Behold! it has covered the face of the earth, and it is setting next to me. ⁶And now please come, curse this people for me, for it *is* stronger than I. Perhaps I will prevail, that we may strike them, that I may drive them out from the land. For I know that whoever you bless *is* blessed, and whoever you curse *is* cursed.

⁷And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian left with the rewards of the seer in their hand. And they came to Balaam and spoke the words of Balak to him.

⁸And he said to them, Stay here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, even as Jehovah may speak to me. And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam. ⁹And God came to Balaam and said, Who *are* these men with you? ¹⁰And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor king of Moab has sent to me, ¹¹*saying*, Behold, a people has come out of Egypt which covers the eye of the earth. Now come, curse them for me; perhaps I will be able to overcome it and drive it out. ¹²And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for it *is* blessed. ¹³And Balaam rose in the morning and said to

the leaders of Balak, Go to your land, for Jehovah has refused to allow me to go with you.

¹⁴And the leaders of Moab rose up and came to Balak. And *they* said, Balaam refuses to come with us.

¹⁵And Balak sent yet again, more leaders and more honorable than *they*.

¹⁶And they came to Balaam and said to him, So says Balak the son of Zippor, Please do not be hindered from coming to me, ¹⁷for I will honor you with very much honor; and all that you say to me I will do. And please come, curse this people for me. ¹⁸And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give to me his house full of gold and silver, I could not go beyond the mouth of Jehovah my God, to do anything, small or great. ¹⁹And now please stay here tonight, you also. And I shall know what more Jehovah may speak to me. ²⁰And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, If the men have come to call you, rise up, go with them and say only the thing that I speak to you — it you shall do. ²¹And Balaam rose up in the morning and saddled his ass and went with the leaders of Moab.

²²And the anger of God glowed because he went. And the Angel of Jehovah set Himself in the road, as an enemy against him. And he was riding on his ass, and two of his young men with him.

²³And the ass saw the Angel of Jehovah standing in the road, and His sword *was* drawn in His hand. And the ass turned out of the road and went into a field. And Balaam struck the ass, to turn it back into the road. ²⁴And the Angel of Jehovah stood in a narrow path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this *side* and a wall on that. ²⁵And the ass saw the Angel of Jehovah, and she pushed herself to the wall and crushed the foot of Balaam against the wall. And again he struck her. ²⁶And again the Angel of Jehovah passed on and stood in a narrow place, where there *was* no way to turn, either to the right or to the left. ²⁷And the ass saw the Angel of Jehovah, and she lay down under Balaam. And the anger of Balaam glowed, and he struck the ass with his staff. ²⁸And Jehovah opened the mouth

of the ass, and she said to Balaam, What have I done to you that you have struck me these three times? ²⁹And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have insulted me. If only there *were* a sword in my hand now I would kill you. ³⁰And the ass said to Balaam, Am I not your ass on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Was I ever known to do so to you? And he said, No. ³¹And Jehovah opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Angel of Jehovah standing in the road with His sword drawn in His hand. And he bowed and fell on his face. ³²And the Angel of Jehovah said to him, Why have you struck your ass these three times? Behold, I have come out as an enemy because your way *is* contrary to Me. ³³And the ass saw Me and turned aside before Me these three times. If she had not turned aside surely now I would have killed you and saved her alive. ³⁴And Balaam said to the Angel of Jehovah, I have sinned, for I did not know that You stood against me in the way. Now if evil *is* in Your eyes, I will turn back by myself. ³⁵And the Angel of Jehovah said to Balaam, Go with the men. But only the word that I speak to you, it you shall speak. And Balaam went with the leaders of Balak.

³⁶And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, and had gone out to meet him, to a city of Moab which *is* on the border of Arnon, which *is* in the outermost border, ³⁷then Balak said to Balaam, Sending did I not send to you, to call for you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not truly able to honor you? ³⁸And Balaam said to Balak, Behold, I have come to you. Now am I able to to speak anything at all? The word which God puts in my mouth, that I will speak. ³⁹And Balaam went with Balak. And they came to Kirjath-huzzoth. ⁴⁰And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam and to the leaders who *were* with him. ⁴¹And it happened in the morning, and Balak took Balaam and caused him to go up to the high places of Baal. And from there he saw the edge of the people.

CHAPTER 23

¹And Balaam said to Balak, Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven

bullocks and seven rams for me here. ²And Balak did as Balaam had spoken. And Balak and Balaam offered a bullock and a ram on the altar. ³And Balaam said to Balak, Station yourself by your burnt offering, and I will go on; it may be that Jehovah will come to meet me, and I will declare to you the things which He reveals to me. And he went to a high place. ⁴And God came to Balaam, and he said to Him, I have set up seven altars. And I have offered a bullock and a ram on the altar. ⁵And Jehovah put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and you shall say this. ⁶And he returned to him. And, lo, he was standing by his burnt offering, he and all the leaders of Moab. ⁷And he took up his parable and said, He has led me from Aram, Balak king of Moab; from the mountains of the east, *saying*, Come, curse Jacob for me; and, Come, rage at Israel. ⁸How shall I curse *him* whom God has not cursed? And how shall I rage at *him* whom Jehovah has not raged at? ⁹For from the top of the rocks I see him, and I behold him from the heights. Lo, it is a people that shall dwell alone and not be reckoned among the nations. ¹⁰Who can count Jacob's dust, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his! ¹¹And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and lo you have surely blessed. ¹²And he replied and said, Must not I take heed to speak what Jehovah has put in my mouth? ¹³And Balak said to him, Now come with me to another place where you will see it; only you will see its edge and shall not see all of it; and curse it for me there. ¹⁴And he took him to the field of Zohim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on the altar. ¹⁵And he said to Balak, Stand here by the burnt offering while I go to meet *Him* over there. ¹⁶And Jehovah met Balaam and put a word in his mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and say this. ¹⁷And he came to him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt offering, and Moab's chiefs with him. And he said to him, What has Jehovah spoken? ¹⁸And he took up his parable and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; give ear to me, son of Zippor. ¹⁹God is not

a man that He should lie; nor a son of man that He should repent. Has He said, and shall He not do it? And *has He* spoken, and shall He not make it good? ²⁰Behold, I have received *word* to bless; yes, He has blessed; I cannot reverse it. ²¹He has seen no iniquity in Jacob, nor has He seen mischief in Israel. Jehovah his God *is* with him, and the shout of a king *is* in him. ²²God who brought them out of Egypt *is* for him like the lofty horns of the wild ox. ²³For there *is* not a spell against Jacob, nor any fortune-telling against Israel. Now it is said of Jacob and Israel, *See what God has done!* ²⁴Behold, the people shall rise like a lioness, and as a lion he shall lift himself up; he shall not lie down until he eats the prey and drinks the blood of the slain. ²⁵And Balak said to Balaam, Do not curse it at all, nor bless it at all. ²⁶And Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not speak to you, saying, All that Jehovah speaks, that I will do? ²⁷And Balak said to Balaam, Come, please, I will take you to another place. It may be that it will be right in the eyes of God to curse it for me from there. ²⁸And Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, which looks toward the wilderness. ²⁹And Balaam said to Balak, Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bullocks and seven rams for me here. ³⁰And Balak did as Balaam said; and he offered a bullock and a ram on the altar.

CHAPTER 24

¹And Balaam saw that it pleased Jehovah to bless Israel, and he did not go, as at other times, to seek spells. And he set his face toward the wilderness. ²And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping, by its tribes. And the Spirit of God was on him. ³And he took up his parable and said, The saying of Balaam the son of Beor, and the saying of the man whose eyes have been opened; ⁴the saying of him who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, fallen down, yet with open eyes: ⁵How good are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel! ⁶They are spread out like valleys, like gardens by a river; and Jehovah has planted aloes, as cedars beside the water. ⁷He makes water flow from his buckets,

and his seed *shall be* in mighty waters; and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom exalted. ⁸God who has brought him out of Egypt *is* for him like the lofty horns of the wild ox; he shall eat up the nations that are his foes, and shall break their bones in pieces, and shall pierce them through *with* his arrows. ⁹He has crouched; he has lain down like a lion, and like a lioness; who shall rouse him up? Blessed is everyone that blesses you, and cursed is everyone that curses you.

¹⁰And Balak's anger glowed against Balaam, and he struck his palms together. And Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies; and, behold, you have altogether blessed them these three times. ¹¹And now, flee to your place. I thought to honor you with great honor, but, behold, Jehovah has kept you back from honor. ¹²And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak to your messengers that you sent to me, saying, ¹³If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the mouth of Jehovah, to do good or bad of my own heart what Jehovah speaks, that I will speak? ¹⁴And now, behold, I go to my people. Come, and I will counsel you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days. ¹⁵And he took up his parable and said, The saying of Balaam the son of Beor, and the saying of the man whose eyes *are* opened; ¹⁶the saying of him who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down, yet with open eyes: ¹⁷I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near. A star shall come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel and shall dash the corners of Moab, and break down all the sons of tumult. ¹⁸And Edom shall be a possession; and Seir shall be a possession, for *his* foes; but Israel shall do mightily. ¹⁹And *one* out of Jacob shall rule, and will destroy the survivors from Ar.

²⁰And he looked upon Amalek, and took up his parable and said, Amalek *was* the first of the nations, but his latter end *is* to destruction forever. ²¹And he looked upon the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Your dwelling-place may be enduring, and your nest may be set in a

rock, ²²but the Kenites shall be consumed, until Assyria shall carry you away.

²³And he took up his parable and said, Alas! Who shall live when God puts out?

²⁴And ships *shall come* from the coast of Chittim, and they shall humble Assyria, and they shall humble Eber, and he also *shall come* to destruction forever.

²⁵And Balaam rose up and left, and returned to his place; and Balak also went on his way.

CHAPTER 25

¹And Israel lived in Shittim. And the people began to fornicate with the daughters of Moab. ²And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods. And the people ate and bowed themselves to their gods. ³And Israel was joined to Baal-peor, and the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel. ⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, Take all the leaders of the people and hang them up to Jehovah before the sun, that the fierce anger of Jehovah may be turned away from Israel. ⁵And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Each one of you kill his men, *those who joined to Baal-peor*. ⁶And, behold, a man of the sons of Israel came and brought in to his brothers a woman of Midian, before the eyes of Moses and before the eyes of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁷And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest saw. And *he* rose from amidst the congregation and took a javelin in his hand, ⁸and went in after the man of Israel, into the tent room. And *he* pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the sons of Israel. ⁹And those that died by the plague *were* twenty-four thousand.

¹⁰And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹¹Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned My wrath away from the sons of Israel while he was zealous for My sake among them, so that I did not consume the sons of Israel in My jealousy. ¹²Therefore say, Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; ¹³and it shall be to him, and to his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and

made atonement for the sons of Israel.

¹⁴And the name of the man of Israel who was smitten, who was smitten with the woman of Midian, *was* Zimri, the son of Salu, ruler of a father's house of the Simeonites. ¹⁵And the name of the woman who was smitten, the woman of Midian, *was* Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head of the people of a father's house in Midian.

¹⁶And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁷Vex the Midianites; and you shall strike them; ¹⁸for they are vexers to you, because of the wives with which they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a ruler of Midian, their sister, who was smitten in the day of the plague because of the matter of Peor.

CHAPTER 26

¹And it happened, after the plague. Jehovah spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, ²Lift the heads of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel. ³And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab beside Jordan, *at* Jericho, saying, ⁴*Count* from a son of twenty years and upward, as Jehovah commanded Moses and the sons of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt.

⁵Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, the sons of Reuben: *of* Hanoch *came* the family of the Hanochites; *of* Pallu the family of the Palluites; ⁶from Hezron the family of the Hezronites; *of* Carmi, the family of the Carmites. These are the families of the Reubenites; and those who were numbered with them were forty-three thousand, seven hundred and thirty. ⁷And the son of Pallu *was* Eliab. ⁸And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This *is* that Dathan and Abiram *who were* called ones *in* the congregation, who fought against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they fought against Jehovah. ⁹And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah, when at the death of that company, when

the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men. And they became a sign; ¹¹but the sons of Korah did not die.

¹²The sons of Simeon according to their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites; ¹³of Zerach, the family of the Zerachites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. ¹⁴These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand, two hundred.

¹⁵The sons of Gad according to their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; ¹⁶of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites; ¹⁷of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites. ¹⁸These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those numbered of them, forty thousand, five hundred.

¹⁹The sons of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

²⁰And the sons of Judah by their families: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Pharez, the family of the Pharazites; of Zerach, the family of the Zarhites. ²¹And the sons of Pharez: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. ²²These are the families of Judah, according to those numbered of them, seventy-six thousand, five hundred.

²³Of the sons of Issachar, according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Pua, the family of the Punites; ²⁴of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

²⁵These are the families of Issachar according to those numbered to them, sixty-four thousand, three hundred.

²⁶Of the sons of Zebulun, according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. ²⁷These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those numbered to them, sixty thousand, five hundred.

²⁸And the sons of Joseph according to their families: Manasseh and Ephraim.

²⁹The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir fathered Gilead; of Gilead, the family of

the Gileadites. ³⁰These are the sons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites.

³¹And of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; ³²and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites. ³³And Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah. ³⁴These are the families of Manasseh, and those numbered of them, fifty-two thousand, seven hundred.

³⁵These are the sons of Ephraim, according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. ³⁶And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites. ³⁷These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those numbered of them, thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

³⁸The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; ³⁹of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites. ⁴⁰And Bela's sons were Ard and Naaman. *Of Ard*, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman the family of the Naamites. ⁴¹These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families, and their numbered ones, forty-five thousand, six hundred.

⁴²These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families. ⁴³All the families of the Shuhamites according to those numbered of them, sixty-four thousand, four hundred.

⁴⁴Of the sons of Asher according to their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the Berites. ⁴⁵Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. ⁴⁶And Asher's daughter's name was Sarah. ⁴⁷These are the families

of the sons of Asher according to those numbered of them, fifty-three thousand, four hundred.

⁴⁸The sons of Naphtali according to their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; ⁴⁹of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. ⁵⁰These are the families of Naphtali by their families, and their numbered ones were forty-five thousand, four hundred.

⁵¹These were the numbered ones of the sons of Israel, six hundred and one thousand, seven hundred and thirty.

⁵²And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁵³The land shall be divided to those for an inheritance, according to the number of names. ⁵⁴To the many you shall increase their inheritance; and to the few you shall diminish their inheritance; each according to the mouth of his numbered ones shall be given his inheritance. ⁵⁵But the land shall be divided by lot. They shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers. ⁵⁶According to the mouth of the lot, possession of it shall be divided between the many and few.

⁵⁷And these are the numbered ones of the Levites by their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. ⁵⁸These are the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites; the family of the Hebronites; the family of the Mahlites; the family of the Mushites; the family of the Korathites.

And Kohath fathered Amram; ⁵⁹And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt. And she bore Aaron and Moses to Amram, and their sister Miriam. ⁶⁰And Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar were born to Aaron. ⁶¹And Nadab and Abihu died for bringing strange fire before Jehovah. ⁶²And those numbered of them, twenty-three thousand; all males from a month old and upward. For they were not counted among the sons of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the sons of Israel.

⁶³These are those numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab, beside

Jordan, near Jericho. ⁶⁴And among these there was not a man of those numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. ⁶⁵For Jehovah had said to them, They shall surely die in the wilderness; and not a man of them should be left except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 27

¹And came the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the family of Manasseh, the son of Joseph. And these are his daughters' names: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. ²And they stood before Moses and Eleazar the priest, and before the rulers and all the congregation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, ³Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company who met together against Jehovah in the company of Korah, but he died for his own sins, and had no sons. ⁴Why is our father's name taken away from the midst of his family because there is no son to him? Give us an inheritance among our father's brothers. ⁵And Moses brought their cause before Jehovah. ⁶And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ⁷The daughters of Zelophehad speak rightly. You shall surely give them a possession, an inheritance among their father's brothers. And you shall cause their father's inheritance to pass to them. ⁸And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, When a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass on his inheritance to his daughter. ⁹And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. ¹⁰And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. ¹¹And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his nearest relative, of his family. And he shall own it, and it shall be a statute of judgment to the sons of Israel, as Jehovah has commanded Moses.

¹²And Jehovah said to Moses, Get up into this mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel. ¹³And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people as

your brother Aaron was gathered. ¹⁴For you rebelled against My mouth in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify Me at the waters before their eyes — they *were* the waters of Meribah in Kadesh, in the desert of Zin.

¹⁵And Moses spoke to Jehovah, saying,

¹⁶Let Jehovah, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation ¹⁷who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in, so that the assembly of Jehovah may not be as sheep to whom there is no shepherd.

¹⁸And Jehovah said to Moses, Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.

¹⁹And cause him to stand before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation, and give him a charge in their sight. ²⁰And you shall put your honor on him, so that all the congregation of the sons of Israel will listen. ²¹And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask for him according to the judgment of the Urim before Jehovah. At his mouth they shall go out, and at his mouth they shall come in, he and all the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation. ²²And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him. And he took Joshua and made him stand before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation. ²³And he laid his hands on him, and gave him a charge, even as Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 28

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying ²Command the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, My offering, My bread for My fire offerings, My soothing fragrance, you shall take heed to offer to Me in its appointed season. ³And you shall say to them, This *is* the fire offering which you shall offer to Jehovah, two yearling lambs without blemish, day by day, as a continual burnt offering. ⁴You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, and you shall offer the other lamb between the two evenings; ⁵and a tenth of an ephah of flour for a food offering, mixed with beaten oil, a fourth of a hin; ⁶a continual burnt offering which was offered in Mount Sinai for a

soothing fragrance, a fire offering to Jehovah; ⁷and its drink offering, a fourth of a hin for the one lamb; pour a drink offering of strong drink to Jehovah in the sanctuary. ⁸And you shall offer the other lamb between the evenings, even as its food offering of the morning, and as its drink offering, you shall offer as a sacrifice made by fire, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. ⁹And on the sabbath day, two lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones, and two tenth parts of flour, a food offering mixed with oil, and its drink offering; ¹⁰the burnt offering of the sabbath on its sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

¹¹And in the beginning of your months you shall bring near a burnt offering to Jehovah: two bullocks, sons of the herd, and one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones. ¹²and three tenth parts of flour, a food offering mixed with oil for the one bullock; and two tenths parts of flour as a food offering mixed with oil for the one ram; ¹³and a tenth part of flour mixed with oil as a food offering for the one lamb; a burnt offering, a soothing fragrance, a fire offering to Jehovah; ¹⁴and their drink offerings shall be a half of a hin to a bullock, and a third of a hin to a ram, and a fourth of a hin to a lamb, of wine. This *shall be* the burnt offering of every month for the months of the year. ¹⁵And one kid of the goats for a sin offering to Jehovah; it shall be prepared besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering.

¹⁶And in the fourteenth day of the first month *is* the Passover of Jehovah. ¹⁷And in the fifteenth day of this month a feast: unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. ¹⁸In the first day *shall be* a holy convocation; you shall do no work of service. ¹⁹And you shall offer a fire offering, a burnt offering to Jehovah — two bullocks, sons of the herd, and one ram, and seven lambs, sons of a year; they shall be perfect ones for you; ²⁰and their food offering, flour mixed with oil. You shall prepare three tenths parts for a bullock, and two tenths parts for a ram. ²¹You shall prepare one tenth part for the one lamb, and for the seven lambs; ²²and one goat, a sin offering to atone for you, ²³besides the

burnt offering of the morning, the continual burnt offering, you shall prepare these. ²⁴In this way you shall prepare daily, seven days, bread for a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. It shall be prepared besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. ²⁵And on the seventh day you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service. ²⁶And in the day of the firstfruits, as you offer a new food offering to Jehovah in your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service; ²⁷and you shall offer a burnt offering for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah: two bullocks, sons of the herd, one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year ²⁸and their food offering, flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts to the one bullock, two tenth parts to the one ram, ²⁹one tenth part to the one lamb, for the seven lambs; ³⁰one kid of the goats to make atonement for you. ³¹You shall offer them besides the continual burnt offering and its food offering and drink offerings; they shall be perfect ones for you.

CHAPTER 29

¹And in the seventh month, on the first of the month you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service. It shall be a day of blowing the trumpets to you. ²And you shall prepare a burnt offering for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah: one bullock, a son of the herd, one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones; ³and their food offering, flour mixed with oil, three tenths parts for the bullock, two tenths parts for the ram, ⁴and one tenth part for each of the seven lambs; ⁵and one kid of the goats, a sin offering to make atonement for you; ⁶besides the burnt offering of the month, and its food offering, and the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance for soothing fragrance, a fire offering to Jehovah.

⁷And on the tenth of this seventh month you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service, you shall humble your souls. ⁸And you shall offer a burnt offering to Jehovah, a soothing fragrance: one bullock, a son of the herd, one ram,

seven lambs, sons of a year; they shall be perfect ones for you; ⁹and their food offering, flour mixed with oil, three tenths parts for the bullock, two tenths parts for the one ram; ¹⁰one tenth part for the one lamb, for the seven lambs; ¹¹one kid of the goats, a sin offering, besides the sin offering of the atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and their drink offerings.

¹²And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service; and you shall celebrate a feast to Jehovah seven days. ¹³And you shall offer a burnt offering, a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah: thirteen bullocks, sons of the herd, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year; they shall be perfect ones; ¹⁴and their food offerings, flour mixed with oil, three tenths parts to the one bullock, for the thirteen bullocks; two tenths parts to each of the two rams; ¹⁵and one tenth part to each of the fourteen lambs; ¹⁶and one kid of the goats, a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its food offering and its drink offering. ¹⁷And on the second day twelve bullocks, sons of the herd, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones; ¹⁸and their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance; ¹⁹and one kid of the goats, a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and their drink offerings. ²⁰And in the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones; ²¹and their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance; ²²and one goat as a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

²³And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones; ²⁴their food offering, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance; ²⁵and one kid of the goats, a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering. ²⁶And on

the fifth day nine bullocks two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones; ²⁷their food offering, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance; ²⁸and one goat, a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering. ²⁹And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones; ³⁰their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance; ³¹and one goat, a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering. ³²And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones; ³³their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance; ³⁴and one goat, a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

³⁵And you shall have a solemn assembly on the eighth day; you shall do no work of service. ³⁶And you shall offer a burnt offering, a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year, perfect ones; ³⁷their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance; ³⁸and one goat, a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering. ³⁹You shall prepare these in your appointed seasons, apart from your vows and your free-will offerings, for your burnt offerings and for your food offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

⁴⁰And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 30

¹And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, This is the thing which Jehovah has commanded:

²When a man vows a vow to Jehovah, or has sworn an oath to bind his soul with a

bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do all that has gone out of his mouth. ³And when a woman vows a vow to Jehovah, and has bound a bond in the house of her father in her youth, ⁴and her father has heard her vow, and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father has remained silent as to her, then all her vows shall stand; and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. ⁵But if her father has prohibited her in the day he heard, none of her vows and her bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. And Jehovah will forgive her because her father prohibited her. ⁶And if she belongs to a husband, and her vows *are* on her, or a rash utterance *on* her lips with which she has bound her soul, ⁷and her husband has heard, and in the day he heard he has remained silent as to her, then her vows shall stand, and her bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. ⁸And if in the day her husband hears, he prohibits her, then he has broken her vow which *is* on her, and the rash utterance of her lips with which she has bound her soul. And Jehovah will forgive her.

⁹And *as* to the vow of a widow, or her that is divorced, all that she has bound on her soul shall be established on her. ¹⁰And if she has vowed *in* the house of her husband, or bound a bond on her soul with an oath, ¹¹and her husband has heard, and has remained silent as to her, *and* he has not prohibited her, then all her vows shall be established, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. ¹²And if her husband has certainly broken them in the day he heard, none of the utterance of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall stand; her husband has broken them. And Jehovah will forgive her.

¹³Every vow and every oath, any bond to humble a soul, her husband shall establish it, or her husband shall break it. ¹⁴And if her husband is altogether silent at her from day to day, then he has established all her vows, or all her bonds which *are* on her; he has established them; for he remained silent as to her in the day he heard. ¹⁵And if he at all breaks them after he hears, then he has borne her iniquity.

¹⁶These are the statutes which Jehovah

has commanded Moses between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter in her youth *in* the house of her father.

CHAPTER 31

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Execute the vengeance of the sons of Israel against the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people. ³And Moses spoke to the people, saying, Some men of you be armed for the army, and they shall be against Midian, to give the vengeance of Jehovah on Midian; ⁴you shall send to the army a thousand for a tribe as to all the tribes of Israel. ⁵And a thousand for a tribe were given out of the thousands of Israel, twelve thousand armed ones of the army. ⁶And Moses sent them to the army, a thousand for a tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the army; also the holy vessels, and the trumpets to sound in his hand. ⁷And they warred against Midian, as Jehovah had commanded Moses, and killed every male. ⁸And they killed the kings of Midian, besides the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword. ⁹And the sons of Israel took the women of Midian captive, and their infants, and all their livestock, and all their purchased things. And they plundered all their wealth. ¹⁰And they burned all their cities with fire, their homes, and all their towers. ¹¹And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, among man and among animal. ¹²And they brought it to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the sons of Israel; the captives, and the prey, and the spoil—to the camp, to the plains of Moab which *are* by Jordan, *near* Jericho.

¹³And Moses and Eleazar the priest, and all the rulers of the congregation went out to meet them outside the camp. ¹⁴And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds who came from the service of the war. ¹⁵And Moses said to them, Have you saved all the women alive? ¹⁶Behold, these through the counsel of Balaam caused the sons of

Israel a deliverance of treachery against Jehovah in the matter of Peor; and the plague was on the company of Jehovah.

¹⁷And now kill every male among the infants; yea, you shall kill every woman having known a man by lying with a male.

¹⁸And you shall keep alive for yourselves all the female children who have not known a *man* by lying with a male. ¹⁹And pitch outside the camp seven days. Whoever has killed any person, and whoever touched a pierced one, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captives. ²⁰And as to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood, you shall purify *them*.

²¹And Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who went to battle, This *is* the statute of the law which Jehovah has commanded Moses: ²²only the gold, the silver, the copper, the iron, the tin, and the lead, ²³everything that passes through the fire, you shall make it go through the fire; and it shall be clean. Only it shall be purified with the water for impurity. And every thing that cannot go through the fire, you shall make go through the water. ²⁴And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean. And afterwards you shall come into the camp.

²⁵And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁶Lift the heads of the prey of the captives among man and among beast, you and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers of the congregation. ²⁷And you shall divide the prey between those skilled in war, that went out to battle, and all the congregation. ²⁸And you shall levy a tribute to Jehovah from the men of war who went out to the battle: one body out of five hundred, of men, and of the herd, and of the asses, and of the flock, ²⁹you shall take from their half, and you shall give to Eleazar the priest *as* the heave offering of Jehovah. ³⁰And from the sons of Israel's half, you shall take one portion out of fifty, of man, and of the herd, and of the asses, and of the flock, of all the livestock, and you shall give them to the Levites keeping the charge of the tabernacle of Jehovah.

³¹And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as Jehovah had commanded Moses. ³²And the prey, the rest of the spoil which

the people of the army plundered, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep, ³³and seventy-two thousand oxen, ³⁴sixty-one thousand of the asses; ³⁵and of human beings, of the women who had not known *a man* by lying *with* a male, the persons *were* thirty-two thousand. ³⁶And the half, the portion of those who went out to the war, the number of the flock *was* three hundred and thirty-seven thousand, five hundred. ³⁷And the tribute to Jehovah of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five, ³⁸and the oxen, thirty-six thousand; and their tribute to Jehovah, seventy-two; ³⁹and the asses thirty thousand, five hundred; and their tribute to Jehovah, sixty-one; ⁴⁰and the human beings sixteen thousand; and their tribute to Jehovah, thirty-two persons. ⁴¹And Moses gave the tribute, the heave offering of Jehovah, to Eleazar the priest, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

⁴²And of the sons of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men who warred: ⁴³even the congregation's half was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand, five hundred of the flock; ⁴⁴and of the oxen, thirty-six thousand; ⁴⁵and thirty thousand, five hundred asses; ⁴⁶and sixteen thousand human beings. ⁴⁷Moses took from the sons of Israel's half the one portion from the fifty of man and of animal. And *he* gave them to the Levites keeping the charge of the tabernacle of Jehovah, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

⁴⁸And the officers who were over the thousands of the army, heads of the thousands and heads of the hundreds, drew near to Moses. ⁴⁹And they said to Moses, You servants have lifted the heads of the men of war who *were* with us, and not a man of us is missing. ⁵⁰And we bring near Jehovah's offering, each what he has found, vessels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and jewels, to make atonement for ourselves before Jehovah. ⁵¹And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all crafted things. ⁵²And all the gold of the heave offering which they lifted up to Jehovah *was* sixteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty shekels, from the heads of thousands and from the heads of hundreds, ⁵³men of the

army *who* had each taken spoil for himself. ⁵⁴And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the heads of the thousands and of the hundreds. And they brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, a memorial for the sons of Israel before Jehovah.

CHAPTER 32

¹And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had many livestock, a very great multitude. And they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead. And, behold, the place *was* a place *for* livestock. ²And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came in and spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the rulers of the congregation, saying, ³Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, ⁴the land which Jehovah has struck before the congregation of Israel *is* a land for livestock, and your servants *own* livestock. ⁵And they said, If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. Do not make us pass over the Jordan. ⁶And Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, Do your brothers go into the battle, and you, do you sit here? ⁷And why do you discourage the heart of the sons of Israel from passing over to the land which Jehovah has given to them? ⁸So your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. ⁹And they went up to the valley of Eshcol and saw the land, and discouraged the hearts of the sons of Israel, so as *for* them not to go into the land which Jehovah had given to them. ¹⁰And the anger of Jehovah glowed in that day, and He sword, saying, ¹¹Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; because they have not wholly followed Me; ¹²except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have fully followed Jehovah. ¹³And Jehovah's anger glowed against Israel. And He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the eyes of Jehovah was destroyed. ¹⁴And, behold, you have risen up in your fathers'

stead, an increase of sinful men, to add still more to the heat of Jehovah toward Israel! ¹⁵For if you turn away from following Him, He will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and so you will hurt all this people.

¹⁶And they came near to him and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones.

¹⁷And we ourselves shall go armed, eager before the sons of Israel, until we have brought them to their place. And our little ones shall live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁸We will not return to our houses until each man of the sons of Israel has inherited his inheritance. ¹⁹For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan, and beyond; for our inheritance has fallen to us eastward on this side of Jordan. ²⁰And Moses said to them, If you will do this thing; if you will arm for battle before Jehovah, ²¹and all of you will go over Jordan armed before Jehovah, until He has driven His enemies out before Him, ²²and the land is subdued before Jehovah, then afterwards you shall return and be guiltless before Jehovah, and before Israel. And this land shall be your possession before Jehovah. ²³But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against Jehovah, and know that your sin will find you out. ²⁴Build cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep, and do that which has come out of your mouth.

²⁵And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, Your servants will do as my lord commands.

²⁶Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock shall be there in the cities of Gilead. ²⁷But your servants will go over, every man armed for war, before Jehovah to battle, as my lord says. ²⁸And Moses commanded Eleazar the priest concerning them, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel; ²⁹even Moses said to them, If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben pass over the Jordan with you, each armed for battle before Jehovah, and the land shall be subdued before you, then you shall give to them the land of Gilead for a possession. ³⁰But if they will not go over armed with you, they shall have posses-

sions among you in the land of Canaan. ³¹And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben replied, saying, As Jehovah has said to your servants, so we will do. ³²We ourselves will go over armed before Jehovah *into* the land of Canaan, so that the land of our inheritance on that side of Jordan may be ours.

³³And Moses gave to them, even to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, and to the half tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, by its cities, with *their* borders, even the cities of the land all around.

³⁴And the sons of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, ³⁵and Ataroth-shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah, ³⁶and Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fortified cities, and folds for sheep.

³⁷And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjath-aim, ³⁸and Nebo, and Baal-meon, their names being changed, and Shibmah. And they called by name the names of the cities which they had built. ³⁹And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and captured it, and expelled the Amorite who was in it. ⁴⁰And Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he lived in it. ⁴¹And Jair the son of Manasseh went out and captured their towns, and called them Towns of Jair. ⁴²And Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages; and he called it Nobah after his own name.

CHAPTER 33

¹These *are* the journeys of the sons of Israel who went out from the land of Egypt according to their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. ²And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the mouth of Jehovah. And these are their journeys, according to their goings out:

³And they pulled up *stakes* from Ramesses in the first month on the fifteenth day of the first month. On the next day after the Passover the sons of Israel went out with a high hand, before the eyes of all the Egyptians. ⁴And the Egyptians were burying those whom Jehovah had smitten among them, every firstborn, and Jehovah

had executed judgments on their gods. ⁵And the sons of Israel pulled up from Rameses and camped in Succoth. ⁶And they pulled up from Succoth and camped at Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness. ⁷And they pulled up from Etham and turned back to Pihahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon; and they camped before Migdol. ⁸And they pulled up from Pihahiroth and passed over through the midst of the Sea, into the wilderness, and went a journey of three days in the wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah. ⁹And they pulled up from Marah and came to Elim. And in Elim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. And they camped there. ¹⁰And they pulled up from Elim and camped by the Red Sea. ¹¹And they pulled up from the Red Sea and camped in the wilderness of Sin. ¹²And they pulled up from the wilderness of Sin and camped in Dophkah. ¹³And they pulled up from Dophkah and camped in Alush. ¹⁴And they pulled up from Alush and camped in Rephidim; and no water was there for the people to drink. ¹⁵And they pulled up from Rephidim and camped in the wilderness of Sinai. ¹⁶And they pulled up from the wilderness of Sinai and camped in The Graves of Lust. ¹⁷And they pulled up from The Graves of Lust and camped in Hazeroth. ¹⁸And they pulled up from Hazeroth and camped in Rithmah. ¹⁹And they pulled up from Rithmah and camped in The Pomegranate Breach. ²⁰And they pulled up from The Pomegranate Breach and camped in Libnah. ²¹And they pulled up from Libnah and camped in Rissah. ²²And they pulled up from Rissah and camped in the Meeting Place. ²³And they pulled up from the Meeting Place and camped in Mount Shaphar. ²⁴And they pulled up from Mount Shaphar and camped in Haradah. ²⁵And they pulled up from Haradah and pitched in Makheloth. ²⁶And they pulled up from Makheloth and camped in Tahath. ²⁷And they pulled up from Tahath and camped in Tarah. ²⁸And they pulled up from Tarah and camped in Mithcah. ²⁹And they pulled up from Mithcah and camped in Hashmonah. ³⁰And they pulled up from Hashmonah and camped in Moseroth.

³¹And they pulled up from Moseroth and camped in Benejaakan. ³²And they pulled up from Benejaakan and camped in the Hole of the Cleft. ³³And they pulled up from the Hole in the Cleft camped in Jotbathah. ³⁴And they pulled up from Jotbathah and camped in Abronah. ³⁵And they pulled up from Abronah and camped in Ezion-geber. ³⁶And they pulled up from Ezion-geber and camped in the wilderness of Zin; it is Kadesh. ³⁷And they pulled up from Kadesh and camped in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

³⁸And Aaron the priest went up into Mount Hor at the mouth of Jehovah; and he died there in the fortieth year after the sons of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first of the month. ³⁹And Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old at his death in Mount Hor.

⁴⁰And king Arad the Canaanite, who lived in the Negeb, in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the sons of Israel. ⁴¹And they pulled up from Mount Hor and camped in Zalmonah. ⁴²And they pulled up from Zalmonah and camped in Punon. ⁴³And they pulled up from Punon and camped in Obboth. ⁴⁴And they pulled up from Obboth and camped in Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab. ⁴⁵And they pulled up from Ijim and camped in Dibongad. ⁴⁶And they pulled up from Dibongad and camped in Almon-diblathaim. ⁴⁷And they pulled up from Almon-diblathaim and camped in the Abarim mountains, by Nebo. ⁴⁸And they pulled up from the Abarim mountains and camped in the plains of Moab beside Jordan, near Jericho. ⁴⁹And they camped by the Jordan, from the House of Deserts even to the Meadow of Acacias in the plains of Moab.

⁵⁰And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab, beside Jordan, near Jericho, saying, ⁵¹Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ⁵²then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their engraved images; yea, you shall destroy all their casted images, and demolish all their high places. ⁵³And you shall possess the land, and live in it, for I have given you

the land, to possess it. ⁵⁴And you shall inherit the land by lot, by your families. You shall increase the inheritance to the many, and you shall diminish the inheritance to the few; wherever the lot falls out to him, it is his. You shall inherit by the tribes of your fathers. ⁵⁵And if you will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be, those whom you let remain of them *shall be* thorns in your eyes, and as goads in your sides. And they will vex you on the land in which you are living. ⁵⁶And it shall be, as I thought to do to them, so I shall do to you.

CHAPTER 34

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Command the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you have come into the land of Canaan, this *is* the land which falls to you by inheritance, the land of Canaan, by its borders: ³And your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin, along by the hand of Edom, and it shall be to you a south border from the end of the Salt Sea, eastward. ⁴And the border shall turn around to you from the south to the ascent of Akkrabbim, and shall pass on to Zin, and its end shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea; and it shall go out at Hazar-addar, and it shall pass on to Azmon. ⁵And the border shall turn from Azmon to the brook of Egypt, and its border shall be at the sea. ⁶As to the western border, even the Great Sea shall be a border to you; this is your western border. ⁷And this is your northern border: from the Great Sea you shall mark out for yourselves Mount Hor; ⁸from Mount Hor you shall mark out a line to the entrance to Hamath; and the edge of the border shall be at Zedad. ⁹And the border shall go forth to Ziphron, and the edge of it shall be at Hazar-enan; this shall be your northern border. ¹⁰And you shall mark out your line for the eastern border from Hazar-enan to Shepham. ¹¹And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down and shall reach on the shoulder of the Sea of Chinnereth eastward. ¹²And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and the end of it shall be at the Salt Sea.

This shall be your land according to its borders all around.

¹³And Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, This *is* the land which you shall receive as inheritance by lot, which Jehovah has commanded to give to the nine tribes and the half tribe: ¹⁴For the tribe of the sons of Reuben according to their fathers' houses, and the tribe of the sons of Gad according to their fathers' houses have received; and the half tribe of Manasseh shall have received their inheritance. ¹⁵The two tribes and the half tribe shall have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan *at* Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.

¹⁶And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁷These are the names of the men that shall take possession of the land for you: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. ¹⁸And you shall take one ruler of every tribe, to take possession of the land.

¹⁹And these *are* the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh; ²⁰and of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud; ²¹of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon; ²²and of the tribe of the sons of Dan, Bukki the ruler, son of Jogli; ²³of the sons of Joseph, of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, Hanniel the ruler, the son of Ephod; ²⁴and of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, Kemuel the ruler, the son of Shiphtan; ²⁵and of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun, Elizaphan the ruler, the son of Parnach; ²⁶and of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, Paltiel the ruler, the son of Azzan; ²⁷and of the tribe of the sons of Asher, Ahihud the ruler, the son of She-lomi; ²⁸and of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali, Pedahel the ruler, the son of Ammihud. ²⁹These *are* the ones whom Jehovah commanded to divide the land to the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAPTER 35

¹And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab, beside Jordan, *near* Jericho, saying, ²Command the sons of Israel that they give to the Levites cities to live in, from the land of their possessions, and you shall give to the Levites open land for the cities. ³And they shall have the

cities to live in, and their open lands shall be for their cattle, and for their substance, and for all their animals. ⁴And the open land around the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits all around. ⁵And you shall measure outside the city for the east side two thousand cubits, and for the south side two thousand cubits, and for the west side two thousand cubits; the city being in the middle. This shall be to them the open land around the cities.

⁶And the cities which you shall give to the Levites *shall be* the six cities of refuge which you shall give for the manslayer that *he* may flee there; and besides them you shall give forty-two cities. ⁷All the cities which you shall give to the Levites *shall be* forty-eight cities, them and the open land around them. ⁸And you shall give the cities from the possession of the sons of Israel. From the many you shall increase, and take away from the few. According to its inheritance which it inherits each tribe shall give of its cities to the Levites.

⁹And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ¹¹then you shall choose cities to be cities of refuge for you, so that the manslayer may flee there, he that kills a person through error.

¹²And the cities shall be to you for refuge from the kinsman-avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation for judgment. ¹³As to the cities which you shall give, six *shall be* cities of refuge for you. ¹⁴You shall give three of the cities beyond the Jordan, and you shall give three of the cities in the land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge.

¹⁵These six cities shall be for a refuge to the sons of Israel, and to an alien, and to a sojourner in their midst, that may flee there any person who kills anyone unawares. ¹⁶And if he strikes him with an instrument of iron, and he dies, *he is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁷And if he strikes him with a stone *in* the hand, by which he dies, and he dies, *he is* a murderer; the murderer shall certainly be put to death. ¹⁸And if he

strikes him with a wooden instrument *in* the hand, by which he dies, and he dies, *he is* a murderer; the murderer shall certainly be put to death. ¹⁹The avenger of blood shall himself put to death the murderer; when he meets with him he shall put him to death. ²⁰And if he pushes him down, or has thrown at him by laying in wait, and he dies; ²¹or if he has struck him with his hand in enmity, and he dies, the striker shall certainly be put to death; *he is* a murderer. When the avenger of blood meets him he shall put to death the murderer. ²²And if in an instant he pushed him without enmity, or has thrown at him anything without lying in wait; ²³or with any stone without seeing, by which he dies, and has caused *it* to fall on him, and he dies, and *he is* not an enemy to him, nor seeking his evil; ²⁴then the congregation shall judge between the striker and the avenger of blood, by these judgments. ²⁵And the congregation shall deliver the manslayer out of the avenger of blood's hand. And the congregation shall return him to the city of refuge to which he had fled, and he shall live in it until the high priest dies, he who was anointed with the holy oil. ²⁶But if the manslayer at all goes out from the border of the city of his refuge, there to which he has fled, ²⁷and the avenger of blood finds him outside the border of the city of his refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the manslayer, there shall be no blood guiltiness to him, ²⁸because he should have dwelt in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest. And after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession. ²⁹And these things shall be to you for a statute of judgment for your generations, in all your dwellings.

³⁰Whoever kills any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses. And one witness shall not testify against a person, to die. ³¹And you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer; he is punishable for death, for dying he shall die. ³²And you shall take no ransom *for him* to flee to the city of his refuge, to return to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

³³And you shall not pollute the land which you *are* in, for blood pollutes the

land. And no ransom *is to be taken* for the land for blood which is shed in it, except for the blood of him who sheds it; ³⁴and you shall not defile the land in which you are living. I dwell in its midst, for I, Jehovah, am dwelling in the midst of the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 36

¹And the heads of the fathers of the families of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near. And *they* spoke before Moses, and before the rulers, the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the sons of Israel. ²And they said: Jehovah commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the sons of Israel. And my lord was commanded by Jehovah to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters. ³And *if* they shall be for wives to one of the sons of the *other* tribes of the sons of Israel, then their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong. So it shall be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. ⁴And when the Jubilee of the sons of Israel shall come, then their inheritance shall be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong. So their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

⁵And Moses commanded the sons of Israel according to the mouth of Jehovah, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph speak right. ⁶This *is* the thing which Jehovah has commanded concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them be wives to *those* good in their eyes, only let them be for wives to the family of the tribe of their father, ⁷so no inheritance of the sons of Israel shall turn from tribe to tribe. For the sons of Israel shall each one cling to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. ⁸And any daughter that possesses an inheritance from any tribe of the sons of the tribe of her father, so that the sons of Israel may each possess the inheritance of his father; ⁹and the inheritance shall not turn from *one* tribe to another tribe. For the tribes of the sons of Israel shall each one cling to its own inheritance, ¹⁰as Jehovah commanded Moses. So the daughters of Zelophehad did. ¹¹For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, Zelophehad's daughters, *were* for wives to their father's brothers' sons. ¹²They were for wives to the families of the sons of Manasse the son of Joseph, and their inheritance was with the tribe of the family of their father.

¹³These are the commandments and the judgments which Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses to the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab, beside the Jordan, *near* Jericho.

THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

CHAPTER 1

¹These *are* the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan; in the wilderness, in the Arabah, opposite to Suph, between Paran and Tophel, and Laban and Hazeroth, and Dizahab; ²eleven days from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea. ³And it happened, in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first of the month, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Jehovah had commanded him concerning them; ⁴after he had stricken Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth in Edrei, ⁵beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying, ⁶Jehovah our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, You have had enough of dwelling in this mountain; ⁷turn and pull up *stakes* and go into the hill-country of the Amorites, and to all its neighboring places, in the Arabah in the hill-country, and in the low country, and in the Negeb, and in the shore of the sea, the land of the Canaanites, and of Lebanon, to the great river, the river Euphrates. ⁸Behold, I have set before you the land; go in and possess the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them, and to their seed after them.

⁹And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you by myself. ¹⁰Jehovah your God has multiplied you, and, behold, today you *are* as the stars of heaven for multitude. ¹¹May Jehovah the God of your fathers add to you, a thousand times more than you *are*, and bless you as He has spoken to you! ¹²How can I by myself bear your pressure and your burden, and your strife? ¹³Give wise and understanding men, and *those* known to your tribes, and I will appoint them rulers over you. ¹⁴And you answered me and said, The thing which you have spoken *is* good to do. ¹⁵And I took the chiefs of your tribes, wise and noted men, and I appointed them rulers over you, commanders over thousands, and commanders over hundreds, and commanders over

fifties, and commanders over tens, and officers, for your tribes. ¹⁶And I commanded your judges at that time, saying, Hear between your brothers; and judge *with* righteousness between a man and his brother, and his alien. ¹⁷You shall not respect persons in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid because of the face of a man, for the judgment is God's; and the thing which is too hard for you, you shall bring near to me, and I shall hear it. ¹⁸And at that time I commanded you all the things which you were to do.

¹⁹And we pulled up *stakes* from Horeb and went *through* all that great and fearful wilderness which you have seen, the way of the hill-country of the Amorites, as Jehovah our God commanded us. And we came into Kadesh-barnea. ²⁰And I said to you, You have come into the hill-country of the Amorites, which Jehovah our God is giving to us. ²¹See, Jehovah your God has set the land before you; go up, possess it, as Jehovah the God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be afraid. ²²And you came near to me, every one of you, and said, Let us send men before us, and they shall search out the land for us, and they shall bring us back word *as to* the way in which we shall go up, and the cities to which we shall come. ²³And the thing was good in my eyes, and I took twelve men of you, one man for each tribe. ²⁴And they turned and went up to the hill-country and came into the valley of Eshcol, and searched it. ²⁵And they took of the fruit of the land with their hands and brought it down *to* us, and brought us back word, and said, The land which Jehovah our God has given us *is* good. ²⁶And you were not willing to go up; yea, you rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah your God, ²⁷and murmured in your tents, and said, Because of Jehovah's hatred *for* us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorite to destroy us. ²⁸Where *shall* we go up? Our brothers have melted our hearts, saying, We have seen there a people greater and taller than we, cities great and walled up to the

heavens, and also the sons of Anak.

²⁹And I said to you, Do not be terrified, nor be afraid of them; ³⁰Jehovah your God who goes before you shall fight for you Himself, according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes; ³¹and in the wilderness, where you have seen how Jehovah your God has borne you as a man bears his son, in all the way which you have gone, until you have come to this place. ³²Yet in this thing you *are* not believing in Jehovah your God, ³³who went before you in the way to seek out a place for you to pitch your tents, in fire by night, to show you the way in which you should go, and in a cloud by the day.

³⁴And Jehovah heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and swore, saying, ³⁵Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land which I have sworn to give to your fathers, ³⁶except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it, and I shall give the land on which he has walked to him, and to his sons, because he has fully followed Jehovah. ³⁷And Jehovah was angry with me for your sake, saying, Also you shall not go in there. ³⁸Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there; you shall strengthen him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit. ³⁹And your infants, *of* whom you said, They are a prey, and your sons who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there, and I will give it to them, and they shall possess it. ⁴⁰And you, turn yourselves and pull up *stakes* toward the wilderness, the way of the Red Sea.

⁴¹And you answered and said to me, We have sinned against Jehovah; we shall go up, and we shall fight, according to all that which Jehovah our God has commanded us. And you each one girded on his weapons of war, and you thought it easy to go up to the hill country. ⁴²And Jehovah said to me, Say to them, You shall not go up, nor fight, for I am not in your midst; lest you be struck before your enemies. ⁴³And I spoke to you, and you did not listen, and rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah, and acted proudly, and went up into the hill-country. ⁴⁴And the Amorites who lived in that hill-country came out to meet you, and they chased you, as the bees

do, and struck you in Seir, to Hormah. ⁴⁵And you returned and wept before Jehovah, but Jehovah did not listen to your voice, nor did He give ear to you. ⁴⁶And you lived many days in Kadesh, according to the days that you remained there.

CHAPTER 2

¹And we turned and pulled up into the wilderness, the way of the Red Sea, as Jehovah had spoken to me; and we went around the mountain of Seir many days. ²And Jehovah spoke to me, saying, ³You have gone around this mountain long enough; turn yourselves northward. ⁴And command the people, saying, You shall pass over into the border of your brothers, the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, and they shall be afraid of you. And you shall be on guard very much; ⁵you shall not fight against them, for I will not give their land to you, *even* to a step of a sole of a foot, for I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession. ⁶You shall buy food from them with silver, and you shall eat; and you shall buy water from them with silver, and you shall drink. ⁷For Jehovah your God has blessed you with all the work of your hands; He has known your walking *through* this great wilderness. Jehovah your God *has been* with you these forty years; you have lacked nothing. ⁸And we passed on from our brothers, the sons of Esau, those living in Seir, by the way of the Arabah, by Elath, and by Ezion-geber, we turned and passed on by the way of the wilderness of Moab. ⁹And Jehovah said to me, Do not besiege Moab, nor stir yourself up against them in battle, for I will not give their land to you *for* a possession. For I have given *Ar* as a possession to the sons of Lot. ¹⁰The Emim lived there in days gone by, a great and plentiful people, and tall as the Anakim; ¹¹they are reckoned to be giants, they too, like the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. ¹²And the Horites lived in Seir before; and the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place, as Israel has done to the land of his possession, which Jehovah has given to them. ¹³Now, rise up and you yourselves pass over the torrent Zered; and we

crossed over the torrent Zered. ¹⁴And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we had crossed over the torrent Zered, *were* thirty-eight years, until the end of all the generation, *even* the men of war *were* destroyed from the midst of the camp, as Jehovah swore to them. ¹⁵And the hand of Jehovah was also against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp, until they were consumed.

¹⁶And it happened, when all the men of war had finished dying from among people, ¹⁷Jehovah spoke to me, saying, ¹⁸*You are* passing over the border of Moab today, *to* Ar, ¹⁹and you shall draw near, across from the sons of Ammon. You shall not besiege them nor be stirred up against them, for I have not given of the land of the sons of Ammon to you *for* a possession. For I have given it *for* a possession to the sons of Lot. ²⁰It is reckoned a land of giants, even it; giants formerly lived in it, and the Ammonites call them Zamzumim; ²¹a great and plentiful people, and tall as the Anakim. And Jehovah destroyed them before them, and they expelled them, and lived in their place; ²²as He had done for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them, and they expelled them, and lived in their place until today. ²³And the Avvim who lived in villages as far as Azzah, *the* Caphtorim coming out of Caphtor destroyed them, and lived in their place. ²⁴Rise up; pull up and cross over the river Arnon; behold, I have given Sihon the king of Heshbon, the Amorite, and his land into your hands. Begin to possess, and stir yourselves up against him *in* battle. ²⁵Today I will begin to put your dread and your fear on the face of the people under all the heavens, who will hear your fame, and will tremble and writhe because of you.

²⁶And I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon *with* words of peace, saying, ²⁷Let me pass on the highway through your land; I will go on the highway; I will not turn aside *to* the right or the left; ²⁸you shall sell me food for silver, and I shall eat; and you shall give me water for silver, and I will drink. Only, let me pass through on

my feet, ²⁹as the sons of Esau who live in Seir, and the Moabites who live in Ar, have done to me, until I have crossed over the Jordan, to the land which Jehovah our God *is* giving to us. ³⁰And Sihon the king of Heshbon was not willing to let us pass by him, for Jehovah your God had hardened his spirit, and had emboldened his heart, so as to give him into your hand, as it is this day.

³¹And Jehovah said to me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before you; begin to possess, in order to possess his land. ³²And Sihon came out to meet us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz. ³³And Jehovah our God delivered him before us, and we struck him and his sons, and all his people. ³⁴And we captured all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed every city; men and women and little ones. We did not leave a remnant. ³⁵Only, we plundered the cattle for ourselves, and we took the plunder of the cities. ³⁶From Aroer, which is by the edge of the river Arnon, and the city beside the river, even to Gilead, there was not a city which *was* too high for us. Jehovah our God delivered all before us. ³⁷Only, you did not come near to the land of the sons of Ammon, any part of the river Jabbok, and the cities of the hill-country, and all which Jehovah our God had forbidden us.

CHAPTER 3

¹And we turned and went up by the way of Bashan, and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us, he and all his people, to battle *at* Edrei. ²And Jehovah said to me, Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him as you have done to Sihon the king of the Amorites who lived in Heshbon. ³And Jehovah your God also gave Og the king of Bashan into our hands, and all his people. And we struck him until not *one* survivor *was* left to him. ⁴And we captured all his cities at that time, there not being a city which we did not take from them, sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ⁵All these cities *were* fortified with high walls, gates and double-leaved doors, besides a great many *of* the

unwalled towns. ⁶And we utterly destroyed them, as we had done to Sihon the king of Heshbon, destroying every city, the men, the women and the little ones. ⁷And we plundered for ourselves all the livestock, and the plunder of the cities.

⁸And we took the land that was beyond the Jordan from the valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon, out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites. ⁹*The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir—*¹⁰*all the cities of the tableland, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salcah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.* ¹¹For only Og the king of Bashan remained of the rest of the giants. Behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, nine cubits long and four cubits broad, by the cubit of a man? ¹²And this *is the* land we possessed at that time: from Aroer by the valley of Arnon, and half the hill-country of Gilead, and its cities I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites. ¹³And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, to all Bashan that is called the land of the giants. ¹⁴Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and called them, even Bashan, after his own name, Towns of Jair, until today. ¹⁵And I gave Gilead to Machir. ¹⁶And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the valley of Arnon, the middle of the valley and *its* border; even to the river Jabbok *which is* the border of the sons of Ammon; ¹⁷and the Arabah, the Jordan and *its* border, from Chinnereth even to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah eastward.

¹⁸And I commanded you at that time, saying, Jehovah your God has given you this land to possess it. And you shall pass over armed before your brothers, the sons of Israel, all the warriors. ¹⁹Only, your wives and your little ones, and your livestock, shall dwell in your cities which I have given to you — I know that you have much livestock — ²⁰until Jehovah shall give rest to your brothers like yourselves, and they, too, have possessed the land which Jehovah your God is giving to them

beyond the Jordan. Then you shall *each* man return to his possession which I have given to you. ²¹And I at that time commanded Joshua, saying, Your eyes have seen all that Jehovah your God has done to these two kings; so Jehovah shall do to all the kingdoms to which you *are* passing over. ²²Do not fear them; for Jehovah your God, He shall fight for you.

²³And I prayed to Jehovah for favor at that time, saying, ²⁴Lord Jehovah, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand—for who *is* a God in the heavens or in the earth who can do according to Your works and according to Your might?—²⁵I pray to You, let me pass over and see the good land which *is* beyond the Jordan, this good hill-country, and Lebanon. ²⁶But Jehovah was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. And Jehovah said to me, Let it be much for you; do not speak any more to Me about this thing. ²⁷Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and see with your eyes; for you shall not cross over this Jordan. ²⁸And command Joshua and make him strong, and make him brave, for he shall cross over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see. ²⁹So we stayed in the valley across from Beth-peor.

CHAPTER 4

¹And now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the judgments which I *am* teaching you to do, so that you may live and go in, and possess the land which Jehovah the God of your fathers *is* giving to you. ²You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, to keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you.

³Your eyes have seen that which Jehovah has done in Baal-peor. For Jehovah your God has destroyed them from among you, the men that followed Baal-peor. ⁴And you who held fast to Jehovah your God *are* alive today, all of you. ⁵Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, as Jehovah my God has commanded me, to do *them* in the midst of the land where you *are* going in, to possess

it; ⁶and you shall keep and do *them*, for it shall be your wisdom and your understanding before the eyes of the peoples who hear all these statutes. And they shall say, This great nation *is* a people wise and understanding. ⁷For who *is* a great nation whose God is coming near to them, as Jehovah your God *is*, in all our calling on Him? ⁸And who *is* a great nation whose statutes and judgments *are as* righteous as all this law which I set before you today?

⁹Only, take heed to yourself and keep your soul carefully, that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen; and that they not depart from your heart all the days of your life. And you shall make them known to your sons, and to your sons' sons: ¹⁰*The day that you stood before Jehovah your God in Horeb, when Jehovah said to me, Gather the people to Me, and I will make them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live on the earth; and that they may teach their sons.* ¹¹And you drew near and stood below the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the heart of the heavens, darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

¹²And Jehovah spoke to you out of the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you did not see a form, only a voice.

¹³And He declared His covenant to you which He has commanded you to do, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. ¹⁴And Jehovah commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, for you to do them in the land which you shall pass over to possess it.

¹⁵Therefore you shall carefully watch over your souls, for you have not seen any likeness in the day Jehovah spoke to you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire, ¹⁶that you not deal corruptly, and make for yourselves a graven image, a likeness of any figure, the form of a male or female, ¹⁷the form of any animal which *is* in the earth; the form of any winged bird that flies in the heavens; ¹⁸the form of any creeping thing on the ground; the form of any fish in the waters under the earth; ¹⁹and that you not lift up your eyes towards the heavens and shall see the sun, and the

moon, and the stars, all the host of the heavens, and you be drawn away and worship them, and serve them; which Jehovah your God has allotted to all the peoples under all the heavens. ²⁰And Jehovah has taken you, and has brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people to Him, an inheritance, as *it is* this day. ²¹And Jehovah was angry with me because of your words, and swore I would not pass over the Jordan, and that I might not go into the good land which Jehovah your God is giving to you *as* an inheritance. ²²For I *will* die in this land; I *shall* not pass over the Jordan. But you *shall* pass over, and shall possess this good land. ²³Take heed to yourselves, that you not forget the covenant of Jehovah your God, which He has made with you, and make to yourselves a graven image, a likeness of anything which Jehovah your God has forbidden you. ²⁴For Jehovah your God *is* a consuming fire; He *is* a jealous God.

²⁵When you father sons and son's sons, and you have been long in the land, and have dealt corruptly, and have made a graven image, a likeness of anything, and have done that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah your God, to provoke Him to anger; ²⁶I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you shall soon utterly perish from off the land to which you go over the Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong *your* days on it, but shall utterly be destroyed. ²⁷And Jehovah shall scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations to which Jehovah shall lead you away. ²⁸And there you shall serve other gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which cannot see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹And if you shall seek Jehovah your God from there, then *you* shall find *Him*, if you seek Him with your whole heart, and with all your soul, ³⁰in your distress, when all these things have found you, in the latter days, then you shall return to Jehovah your God, and shall listen to His voice. ³¹For Jehovah your God *is* a merciful God. He will not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

³For ask now of the days past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and from the one end of the heavens to the other end of the heavens, whether there has been a thing as great as this, or has *anything* like it been heard. ³Has a people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and lived? ³⁴Or has God gone forth to take to Himself a nation from the midst of a nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Jehovah your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵To you it was revealed, so that you might know that Jehovah *is* God, *and* no one else besides Him. ³⁶He made you hear His voice out of the heavens, that He might discipline you; and He made you to see His great fire on earth; and you heard His word from the midst of the fire. ³⁷And because He loved your fathers, and chose their seed after them, and brought you out with His presence, with His great power, out of Egypt, ³⁸in order to drive out nations greater and mightier than you from before you, to bring you in, to give their land for an inheritance, as *it is* this day; ³⁹know today, and lay *it* to your heart, that Jehovah, He *is* God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. ⁴⁰And you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am commanding you today, so that it may be well with you, and with your sons after you, and so that you may prolong *your* days on the earth, which Jehovah our God is giving to you all the days.

⁴¹Then Moses separated three cities beyond the Jordan, toward the sunrising, ⁴²that the manslayer might flee there, he who killed his neighbor unawares, and did not hate him *in* times before, and he fleeing to one of these cities might live: ⁴³Bezer in the wilderness, in the tableland, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites.

⁴⁴And this *is* the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel; ⁴⁵these are the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances which Moses spoke to the sons of

Israel when they came out of Egypt; ⁴⁶beyond the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel struck when they came out of Egypt. ⁴⁷And they took possession of his land, and the land of Og the king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites who *were* beyond the Jordan, toward the sunrising; ⁴⁸from Aroer, which *is* on the edge of the river of Arnon, even to Mount Sion, which *is* Hermon; ⁴⁹and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

CHAPTER 5

¹And Moses called to all Israel and said to them, Hear, Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears today. And you shall learn them, and shall take heed to do them. ²Jehovah your God cut a covenant with us in Horeb. ³Jehovah did not cut this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us who are all of us here, alive today. ⁴Jehovah talked with you face to face in the mountain out of the midst of the fire. ⁵I stood between Jehovah and you at that time, to declare to you the word of Jehovah; for you were afraid from the face of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain, *when He spoke*, saying:

⁶*I am* Jehovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

⁷You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁸You shall not make a graven image for you, any likeness which *is* in the heavens above, or which *is* in the earth beneath, and which *is* in the waters *from* under the earth. ⁹You shall not bow yourself to them nor serve them, for I, Jehovah your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of fathers on children, and on the third, and on the fourth *generation* of those that hate Me, ¹⁰and doing kindness to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

¹¹You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

¹²Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Jehovah your God has commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor, and shall do all your work, ¹⁴and the seventh day *shall be* a sabbath to Jehovah your God. You shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male slave, nor your female slave, nor your ox, nor your ass, nor any of your livestock, nor your stranger that *is* within your gates; so that your male slave and your female slave may rest like yourself. ¹⁵And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by a stretched-out arm. On account of this Jehovah your God has commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

¹⁶Honor your father and your mother, as Jehovah your God has commanded you, so that your days may be prolonged, and so that it may be well with you in the land which Jehovah your God *is* giving to you.

¹⁷You shall not commit murder.

¹⁸You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁹You shall not steal.

²⁰You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

²¹You shall not lust after your neighbor's wife; nor shall you covet your neighbor's house, his field, nor his male slave, nor his female slave, his ox, nor his ass, nor anything which *is* your neighbor's.

²²Jehovah spoke these words to all your assembly, on the Mount, out of the midst of the fire of the cloud, and out of the thick darkness, with a great voice. And He added no more; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone, and gave them to me.

²³And it happened, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain burned with fire, you came near to me, all the rulers of your tribes, and your elders, ²⁴and you said, Behold, Jehovah your God has revealed His glory and His greatness to us, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, and he lives. ²⁵Now then why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of Jehovah your God any more, then we shall die. ²⁶For who of all flesh that has

heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and *has* lived? ²⁷You go near and hear all that Jehovah our God may say, and you shall speak to us all that Jehovah our God may speak to you. And we will hear it and do *it*. ²⁸And Jehovah heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me. And Jehovah said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you; they have well *said* all that they have spoken. ²⁹Oh that this heart of theirs *would be* like this always, to fear Me, and to keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them, and with their sons forever. ³⁰Go say to them, Return to your tents. ³¹But as for you, you stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the ordinances which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I am giving to them, to possess it. ³²And you shall be careful to do as Jehovah your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or left. ³³You shall walk in all the ways which Jehovah your God has commanded you, so that you may live, and *that* good *may be* to you, and you may prolong *your* days in the land which you will possess.

CHAPTER 6

¹And this *is* the commandment, the statute and the judgments which Jehovah your God commanded to teach you, to do *them* in the land to which you are crossing over, to possess it, ²that you might fear Jehovah your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you; you, and your son, and your sons' son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. ³Hear, then, O Israel, and take heed to do *it*, that it may be well with you, that you may increase mightily, as Jehovah the God of your fathers has promised you, *in* the land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴Hear, O Israel, Jehovah our God *is* one Jehovah. ⁵And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶And these words which I am commanding you today shall be on your heart. ⁷And you shall point out them to your sons, and

shall speak of them as you sit in your house, and as you walk in the way, and as you are lying down, and as you are rising up. ⁸And you shall bind them for a sign on your hand; and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. ⁹And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house, and on your gates.

¹⁰And it shall be, when Jehovah your God shall bring you into the land which He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to you great and good cities, which you have not built, ¹¹and houses full of good things which you have not filled, and wells dug which you did not dig, vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant—and you shall eat and be satisfied—¹²you shall be on guard that you not forget Jehovah who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. ¹³You shall fear Jehovah your God, and you shall serve Him, and you shall swear by His name. ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who are around you—¹⁵for Jehovah your God is a jealous God in your midst—lest the anger of Jehovah your God burn against you, and He destroy you from off the face of the earth.

¹⁶You shall not test Jehovah your God as you tested Him in Massah. ¹⁷You shall diligently keep the commands of Jehovah your God, and His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. ¹⁸And you shall do the right thing and the good thing in the eyes of Jehovah, so that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, ¹⁹to cast out all your enemies from before you, as Jehovah has spoken.

²⁰When your son asks you hereafter, saying, What are the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances which Jehovah your God has commanded you?

²¹Then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, and Jehovah brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²²And Jehovah gave signs and great and grievous wonders on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his household, before our eyes. ²³And He has brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our

fathers. ²⁴And Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Jehovah our God for our good forever, to keep us alive, as today. ²⁵And it shall be righteousness for us when we take heed to do all this commandment before Jehovah our God, as He has commanded us.

CHAPTER 7

¹When Jehovah your God shall bring you into the land to which you are going, to possess it, and He casts out many nations from before you, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations larger and mightier than you; ²and when Jehovah your God shall give them up before you, and you strike them, then you shall utterly destroy them; you shall not cut a covenant with them, nor show mercy to them; nor shall you intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughter to his son, nor shall you take his daughter to your son. ³For he will turn your son away from following Me, that they may serve other gods; and the anger of Jehovah will glow against you, and He will destroy you quickly. ⁴But you shall deal with them in this way: you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces the cult-stones; and you shall cut down their pillars; and you will burn their carved images with fire.

⁵For you are a holy people to Jehovah your God. Jehovah your God has chosen you to be His own treasure, out of all the people on the face of the earth. ⁶Jehovah did not set His love on you or choose you because you were more in number than any people, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁷But because Jehovah loved you, and because He kept the oath which He swore to your fathers, Jehovah has caused you to go out with a strong hand, and redeemed you from the house of slaves, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁸Because of this, know that Jehovah your God, He is God, the faithful God, keeping the covenant, and mercy to those who love Him, and to those who keep His commands, to a thousand generations; ⁹and repaying to his face those that hate Him, to destroy him; He will not delay, He will repay him who hates Him

to his face. ¹¹And you shall keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the ordinances which I am commanding you today, to do them.

¹²And it shall be, because you hear judgments, and keep and do them, even Jehovah your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers. ¹³And He will love you, and bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your oxen and the wealth of your flock, in the land which He has sworn to your fathers, to give *it* to you. ¹⁴You shall be blessed above all people; there shall not be a barren man or a barren woman among you, nor among your livestock. ¹⁵And Jehovah shall turn aside every sickness from you; and He will not put on you any of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you have known; but He will put them on all who hate you. ¹⁶And you shall destroy all the peoples whom Jehovah your God is giving to you. And your eye shall have no pity on them; and you shall not serve their gods; for it *shall* be a snare to you.

¹⁷If you shall say in your heart, These nations *are* more plentiful than I; how can I throw them out?—¹⁸you shall not be afraid of them; you shall surely remember that which Jehovah your God has done to Pharaoh, and to all Egypt, ¹⁹the great trials which your eyes have seen, and the miracles, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched-out arm with which Jehovah your God has brought you out. So Jehovah your God shall do to all the peoples of whose face you are afraid. ²⁰And Jehovah your God shall send the storms among them, until the ones who are left perish, even *those* who hide themselves from your face.

²¹You shall not be afraid of them, for Jehovah your God *is* among you, a mighty and fearful God. ²²And Jehovah your God will clear out those nations before you by little and little. You may not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon you. ²³And Jehovah your God shall deliver them up before you, and destroy them with a great destruction until they are exterminated.

²⁴And He shall give their kings into your hand; and you shall destroy their name from under the heavens. No man shall be able to stand before you until you have destroyed them. ²⁵You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; and you shall not lust after the silver and gold on them, nor shall you take *it* to yourself, that you not be snared by it; for it *is* an abomination to Jehovah. ²⁶And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, that you not be a cursed thing like it. You shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly hate it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

CHAPTER 8

¹You shall take heed to do every commandment which I am commanding you today, so that you may live and may multiply and may go in and possess the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers. ²And you shall remember all the way which Jehovah your God has caused you to go these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, to try you, to know that which *is* in your heart, whether you will keep His commandments or not. ³And He has humbled you, and caused you to hunger, and caused you to eat the manna, which you had not known, even your fathers had not known, in order to cause you to know that man shall not live by bread alone, but man shall live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Jehovah. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you, and your foot did not swell, these forty years. ⁵And you have known with your heart that as a man disciplines his son, Jehovah your God disciplines you. ⁶And you shall keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him. ⁷For Jehovah your God brings you into a good land, a land of streams of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹a land in which you shall eat bread without want; you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones *are* iron; and you shall dig copper out of its mountains. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be satisfied; and you shall bless Jehovah your God in the good land

which He has given to you.

¹¹Take heed to yourself, lest you forget Jehovah your God so as not to keep His commandments, and His ordinances, and His statutes, which I am commanding you today; ¹²that *when* you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built goodly houses, and have lived *in them*; ¹³and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold have multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴then it rises up into your heart, and you forget Jehovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves; ¹⁵who led you through the great and dreadful wilderness, *with* burning serpent, and scorpion, and thirst, where there is no water; who brought you water out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶who fed you with manna in the wilderness, which your fathers did not know; that He might humble you and that He might prove you, to do you good at your latter end; ¹⁷that you not say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth. ¹⁸But you shall remember Jehovah your God, for *it is* He who gives to you power to get wealth; that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as this day.

¹⁹And it shall be, if you shall forget Jehovah your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you today that you shall utterly perish; ²⁰as the nations that Jehovah makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you did not listen to the voice of Jehovah your God.

CHAPTER 9

¹Hear, O Israel, you shall cross over the Jordan today, to go in to expel nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and walled up to the heavens; ²a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, Who can stand before the sons of Anak? ³And know today that Jehovah your God *is* He who passes over before you *as* a consuming fire; He will destroy them, and he will bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and make them to perish quickly, as Jehovah has spoken to you.

⁴Do not say in your heart, when Jehovah your God has cast them out from before you, saying, Jehovah has brought me in to possess this land for my righteousness. But *say*, Jehovah drives them out from before you because of the wickedness of those nations. ⁵It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you go to possess their land. But Jehovah your God is dispossessing them from before you because of the wickedness of these nations; and in order to establish the word which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ⁶And you shall know that Jehovah your God is not giving you this good land, to possess it, for your righteousness; for you *are* a stiff-necked people.

⁷Remember; do not forget how you made Jehovah your God angry in the wilderness; even from the day that you came out of the land of Egypt until you came into this place, you have been rebellious against Jehovah. ⁸Even in Horeb you made Jehovah angry; and Jehovah breathed angrily against you, to destroy you. ⁹When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of Stone, tablets of the covenant which Jehovah cut with you, and I remained in the mountain forty days and forty nights — I did not eat bread nor did I drink water — ¹⁰and Jehovah gave to me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them was written according to all the words which Jehovah spoke with you in the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly; ¹¹then it happened, at the end of forty days and forty nights Jehovah gave the two tablets of stone to me, tablets of the covenant, ¹²and Jehovah said to me, Rise up, go down quickly from here; for your people whom you have brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly; they have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molten image.

¹³And Jehovah spoke to me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, *it is* a stiff-necked people. ¹⁴Let Me alone that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under the heavens; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they. ¹⁵And I turned and came down from

the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant *were* in my two hands; ¹⁶and I looked; and, behold! You had sinned against Jehovah your God; you had made a molten calf for yourselves; you had quickly turned out of the way which Jehovah had commanded you. ¹⁷And I took hold of the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. ¹⁸And I fell down before Jehovah, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water; because of all your sins which you had sinned, in doing that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to make Him angry. ¹⁹For I was afraid because of the anger and the fury with which Jehovah had been angry against you, to destroy you. And Jehovah listened to me at this time also. ²⁰And Jehovah showed Himself very angry with Aaron, to destroy him, and I also prayed for Aaron at that time. ²¹And I took your sin, the calf which you made, and I burned it with fire, and beat it, grinding it very well until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that came down out of the mountain.

²²And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at The Graves of Lust you provoked Jehovah to anger. ²³And when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given to you, then you rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah your God, and did not believe Him, nor listen to His voice. ²⁴You have been rebels against Jehovah from the day that I knew you.

²⁵And I fell down before Jehovah the forty days and the forty nights that I had thrown myself down, for Jehovah had said to destroy you. ²⁶And I prayed to Jehovah, and said, O Lord Jehovah, do not destroy Your people, and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed in Your greatness; whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²⁷Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; do not look to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin, ²⁸lest the land from which You brought us say, Because Jehovah was not able to bring them into the land which He promised them; and, because He hated

them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness. ²⁹And they *are* Your people, and Your inheritance, whom You have brought out by Your great power, and by Your stretched-out arm.

CHAPTER 10

¹At that time Jehovah said to me, Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me, into the mountain, and you shall make for yourself an ark of wood; ²and I shall write on the tablets the words which were on the first tablets, which you have broken, and you shall place them in the ark. ³And I made an ark of acacia-wood, and cut out two tablets of stone like the first, and went up into the mountain; and the two tablets *were* in my hand. ⁴And He wrote on the tablets according to the writing, the Ten Words which Jehovah had spoken to you in the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly. And Jehovah gave them to me, ⁵and I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark which I had made. And they are there, as Jehovah commanded me.

⁶And the sons of Israel traveled from Beeroth of the sons of Jaakan to Mosera; Aaron died there, and he was buried there; and his son Eleazar was acting as priest in his place. ⁷From there they pulled up to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of water brooks. ⁸At that time Jehovah separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant before Jehovah, to stand before Jehovah and to minister to Him, and to bless in His name, until today. ⁹Therefore, Levi has no portion nor inheritance according as Jehovah your God spoke to him.

¹⁰And I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights, as at the first. And Jehovah listened to me that time also; Jehovah would not destroy you. ¹¹And Jehovah said to me, Rise up! Go before the people, causing them to set forward, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers, to give *it* to them.

¹²And now, Israel, what has Jehovah your God asked of you, except to fear Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve Jehovah your God with all your heart, and

with all your soul; ¹³to keep the commandments of Jehovah, and His statutes which I am commanding you today, for your good. ¹⁴Behold, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens, the earth and all that *is* in it, *belong* to Jehovah your God. ¹⁵Only, Jehovah has delighted in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their seed after them, on you out of all the peoples, as today. ¹⁶And you shall circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and you shall not harden your neck any more. ¹⁷For Jehovah your God, He is the God of gods, and the Lord of lords; the great, the mighty, the fearful God who does not lift up faces, nor take a bribe.

¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, to give to him food and clothing. ¹⁹And you shall love the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear Jehovah your God; you shall serve Him; and you shall cleave to Him; and you shall swear by His name. ²¹He *shall be* your praise, and He your God, who has done for you these great and fearful *things* which your eyes have seen. ²²Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons; and now Jehovah your God has made you as the stars of the heavens for multitude.

CHAPTER 11

¹And you shall love Jehovah your God, and keep His charge, and His statutes, and His judgments, and His commandments all the days. ²And you know today, for *I do not speak* with your sons who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisement of Jehovah your God, His greatness, His mighty hand, and His stretched-out arm, ³and His signs, and His works which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to all his land; ⁴and that which he has done to the army of Egypt, to its horses, and to its chariots, when He caused the waters of the Sea of Reeds to flow over them as they chased them. And Jehovah destroyed them to this day; ⁵and that which He has done to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place; ⁶and that which He has done to Dathan, and to Abiram, sons of Eliab, Reuben's son, when the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them

and their houses and their tents and the living substance at their feet, in the midst of all Israel. ⁷But your eyes see all the great work of Jehovah which He has done. ⁸And you shall keep all the commandments which I am commanding you today, so that you shall be strong, and shall go in and possess the land to which you are crossing over, to possess it; ⁹and so that you may prolong *your* days in the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to give to them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰For the land to which you are going, to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from where you came, where you sowed your seed and watered *it* with your foot, as a garden of herbs. ¹¹But the land which you are entering, to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, drinking water from the rain of the heavens; ¹²a land which Jehovah your God cares for; the eyes of Jehovah your God are constantly on it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

¹³And it shall be, if you carefully listen to My commands which I command you today, to love Jehovah your God, and to serve Him with all your heart, and with all your soul, ¹⁴that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, and your wine, and your oil. ¹⁵And I will give grass in your fields for your livestock; and you shall eat and be satisfied. ¹⁶Take heed to yourselves, that your heart not be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods, and bow down to them; ¹⁷and the anger of Jehovah glow against you, and He shut up the heavens, and there be no rain, and the ground not give her increase, and you perish quickly from off the good land which Jehovah is giving to you.

¹⁸And you shall lay these words up in your heart, and in your soul, and shall bind them for a sign on your hand. And they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹And you shall teach them to your sons by speaking of them as you sit in your house, and as you go in the way, and as you lie down, and as you rise up. ²⁰And *you* shall write them on the sideposts of your house,

and on your gates, ²⁴that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your sons, in the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to give to them, as the days of the heavens over the earth. ²⁵For if you will carefully keep this command which I am commanding you, to do it, to love Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave to Him, ²⁶then Jehovah shall expel all these nations from before you, and you shall possess nations greater and mightier than you. ²⁷Every place where the sole of your foot treads shall be yours, from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the furthest sea shall be your border. ²⁸No man shall stand before you. Jehovah your God shall put your dread and your fear on the face of all the land on which you tread, as He has spoken to you.

²⁹Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: ³⁰A blessing if you hear the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you today; ³¹and a curse if you will not hear the commandments of Jehovah your God, but will turn aside out of the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

³²And it shall be, when Jehovah your God shall bring you into the land to which you go to possess it, that you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim, and the curse on Mount Ebal. ³³Are they not beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites that live in the Arabah, opposite to Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh? ³⁴For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you; and you shall possess it and live in it. ³⁵And take heed to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I am setting before you today.

CHAPTER 12

¹These *are* the statutes and the ordinances which you shall take heed to do in the land which Jehovah the God of your fathers has given to you, to possess it, all the days that you live on the earth: ²You shall completely destroy all the places where the nations which you are dispossessing served their gods, on the high

mountains, and on the hills, and under every leafy tree. ³And you shall break down their altars, and shatter their standing pillars. And you shall burn their pillars with fire. And you shall cut down the carved images of their gods, and shall destroy their names out of that place. ⁴You shall not do so to Jehovah your God. ⁵But you shall seek to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose out of all your tribes; for you shall seek His dwelling, to put His name there. And you shall go there. ⁶And you shall bring your burnt offerings there, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the offering of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will offering, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock. ⁷And you shall eat there before Jehovah your God, and shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, with which Jehovah your God has blessed you. ⁸You shall not do according to all that we *are* doing here today, each *doing* all that *is* right in his own eyes. ⁹For you have not come to the rest and to the inheritance which Jehovah your God is giving to you. ¹⁰And you shall cross over the Jordan, and shall live in the land which Jehovah your God is causing you to inherit. And He shall give you rest from all your enemies all around; and you shall live securely. ¹¹And it shall be, the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I *am* commanding you, your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice free-will offerings which you vow to Jehovah. ¹²And you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God, you and your sons, and your daughters, and your male slaves, and your slave-girls, and the Levite who *is* within your gates because he has no portion or inheritance with you. ¹³Take heed to yourself that you not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; ¹⁴but in the place which Jehovah shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command.

¹⁵Only with all the desire of your soul you shall sacrifice and shall eat flesh

within all your gates according to the blessing of Jehovah your God which He has given you, the unclean and the clean one may eat of it, as of the gazelle and as of the hart. ¹⁶Only, you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it as water on the earth. ¹⁷You may not eat the tithe of your grain within your gates, and of your new wine, and your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock, and any of your vows which you vow, and your free-will offering, and the heave offering of your hand. ¹⁸But you shall eat it before Jehovah your God in the place which Jehovah your God shall choose, you and your son, and your daughter, and your male slave, and your slave-girl, and the Levite who *is* within your gates. And you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God in all that you put your hand to. ¹⁹Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live on the land.

²⁰When Jehovah your God shall enlarge your border, as He has promised you, and you shall say, I will eat meat, because your soul longs to eat meat, you may eat meat according to all the desire of your soul. ²¹If the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to put His name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock which Jehovah has given you, as I have commanded you; and you shall eat within your gates according to all the desire of your soul. ²²Only, as the gazelle and the hart are eaten, so you shall eat of it; the unclean and the clean may eat of it alike. ²³Only, be sure not to eat the blood, for the blood *is* the life, and you shall not eat the life with the meat; you shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth as water. ²⁴You shall not eat it in order that it may be well with you, and with your sons after you, when you do that which *is* right in the eyes of Jehovah. ²⁵Only, your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take up and shall go to the place which Jehovah shall choose. ²⁶And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of Jehovah your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out by the altar of Jehovah your God; and you shall eat the meat. ²⁸And you take heed to hear all these words which I am

commanding you, in order that it may be well with you and with your sons after you forever, when you do that which *is* good and right in the eyes of Jehovah your God.

²⁹When Jehovah your God shall cut off the nations from before you, where you are going in to possess them, and you shall possess them, and shall live in their land, ³⁰take heed to yourself that you not be snared to follow them after they have been destroyed before you; and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? And I shall do so, even I. ³¹You shall not do so to Jehovah your God; for everything hateful to Jehovah, which He detests, they have done to their gods. For they have even burned their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

³²All the things that I command you, take heed to do them and you shall not add to it, nor take away from it.

CHAPTER 13

¹If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams rises among you, and gives you a sign or a wonder, ²and the sign or the wonder which he foretold to you occurs, saying, Let us go after other gods which you have not known, and let us serve them, ³you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams. For Jehovah your God *is* testing you, to know if you love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴You shall walk after Jehovah your God, and you shall fear Him. And you shall keep His commandments, and you shall hear His voice, and you shall serve Him, and you shall cleave to Him. ⁵And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken apostasy against Jehovah your God, who is bringing you out of the land of Egypt, and has redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to drive you out of the way in which Jehovah your God has commanded you to walk. And you shall put away evil from among you.

⁶If your brother, your mother's son, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who *is* as your own soul, shall entice you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, you and your fathers, ⁷of

the gods of the people who are around you, who are near you, or who are far off from you, from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth, ⁹you shall not consent to him, nor listen to him, nor shall your eye have pity on him, nor shall you spare nor hide him. ¹⁰But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and the hand of all the people last. ¹¹And you shall stone him with stones, and he shall die, for he has sought to drive you away from Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. ¹²And all Israel shall hear and fear, and shall not again do any such wicked thing as this among you.

¹³If, in one of your cities which Jehovah your God is giving you to live in, you hear one saying, ¹⁴*Certain men, sons of Belial, have gone out from among you and have drawn away those who live in their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known; ¹⁵then you shall inquire and make search, and ask carefully; and, behold if the thing is truly established, that this abominable thing has been done among you, ¹⁶you shall surely strike those who live in that city by the mouth of the sword, destroying it completely, and all that is in it, and its livestock, with the mouth of the sword. ¹⁷And you shall gather all its spoil into the middle of its open place, and shall burn the city with fire, and all its spoil, completely, before Jehovah your God. And it shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built any more. ¹⁸And not any of the cursed thing shall cleave to your hand, so that Jehovah shall turn from the fierceness of His anger, and shall give mercies to you, and shall love you, and shall multiply you, as He has sworn to your fathers, ¹⁹when you listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, to keep all His commandments which I am commanding you today, to do that which is right in the eyes of Jehovah your God.*

CHAPTER 14

¹You are sons to Jehovah your God; you shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. ²For you are holy people to Jehovah your God; and Jehovah has chosen you to be a

people to Him, a special treasure out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

³You shall not eat any abominable thing. ⁴These are the animals which you shall eat: the ox, the flocked sheep, and the flocked goat, ⁵the hart and gazelle, and roebuck, and wild goat, and antelope, and oryx, and mouflon. ⁶And you may eat every animal that divides the hoof, and divides two hoofs wholly, and chews the cud among the animals. ⁷But you shall not eat of those that *only* chew the cud, or those *only* dividing the cloven hoof: the camel, and the hare, and the rock-badger — for they chew the cud, but do not divide the hoof. They *shall be* unclean to you. ⁸And the swine, because it divides the hoof, but *does not chew* the cud; it is unclean to you—you shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead body.

⁹These you shall eat of all that are in the waters: you shall eat all that have fins and scales. ¹⁰And whatever does not have fins and scales, you shall not eat. It *shall be* unclean to you.

¹¹You shall eat of all clean birds. ¹²But you shall not eat of these: the eagle, the black vulture, and the bearded vulture, ¹³and the hawk, and falcons, and the kite by its kinds, ¹⁴and all ravens by their kinds; ¹⁵and the ostrich, and the great owl, and the sea gull, and small hawks by their kinds, ¹⁶the little owl, and the eared owl, and the barn owl, ¹⁷and the pelican, and the owl, and the cormorant, ¹⁸and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat. ¹⁹And every teeming thing that flies *shall be* unclean to you; they shall not be eaten. ²⁰You may eat of all clean birds.

²¹You shall not eat of anything that died of itself. You may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it. Or you may sell it to a foreigner. For you are a holy people to Jehovah your God. You shall not simmer a kid in its mother's milk.

²²You shall surely tithe all the increase of your seed that the field yields year by year. ²³And you shall eat before Jehovah your God in the place which He shall choose to cause to dwell His name there, the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and

of your flock; that you may learn to fear Jehovah your God all *your* days. ²⁴And if the way is too long for you, so that you cannot carry it, because the place is too far from you which Jehovah your God shall choose to set His name there, when Jehovah your God shall bless you; ²⁵then you shall give *it* for silver, and bind up the silver in your hand. And you shall go to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose. ²⁶And you shall pay the silver for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for fermented drink, or for whatever your soul desires. And you shall eat there before Jehovah your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. ²⁷And you shall not forsake the Levite who *is* within your gates, for he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

²⁸At the end of three years, even the same year, you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase, and shall lay it up within your gates. ²⁹And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the alien, and the fatherless, and the widow who *are* within your gates shall come and shall eat and be satisfied; so that Jehovah your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

CHAPTER 15

¹At the end of *every* seven years you shall make a release. ²And this *is* the manner of the release: Everyone who has a loan to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not exact *it* of his neighbor and his brother, because a release has been proclaimed for Jehovah. ³You may exact *it* from a foreigner, but your hand shall release whatever is yours with your brother, ⁴except when there shall be no one in need among you. For Jehovah will greatly bless you in the land that Jehovah your God is giving you for an inheritance, to possess it, ⁵only if hearing you listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, to take heed to do all this command which I *am* commanding you today. ⁶For Jehovah your God will bless you as He promised you. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

⁷If there is a poor man among you, one

of your brothers inside any of your gates in your land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your needy brother. ⁸But you shall surely open your hand to him, and shall surely lend him enough for his need in that which he lacks. ⁹Beware that there is no evil thought in your heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release draws near; and your eye *be* evil against your needy brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to Jehovah against you, and it be sin to you. ¹⁰You shall surely give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because Jehovah your God will bless you for this thing, in all your work, and in all that you put your hand to. ¹¹For the poor will never cease from the midst of the land. On account of this I command you, saying, You shall surely open your hand to your poor and needy brother in your land.

¹²If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. ¹³And when you send him out free from you, you shall not let him go away empty. ¹⁴You shall richly bestow on from your flock, and from your threshing-floor, and from your winepress, with that which Jehovah your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. ¹⁵And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah your God redeemed you—on account of this I command you this thing today. ¹⁶And it shall be, if he says to you, I will not go out from you, because he loves you and your house, because *it was* good for him with you; ¹⁷then you shall take an awl, and shall put it through his ear, and through the door, and he shall be your slave forever. And you shall do so to your slave-girl also. ¹⁸It shall not seem hard in your eyes when you send him away free from you. For to the double of the hire of a hireling he has served you six years. And Jehovah your God will bless you in all that you do.

¹⁹All the firstling males that are born of your herd and of your flock, you shall sanctify to Jehovah your God. You shall do no work with the firstling of your ox, nor

shear the firstling of your flock. ²⁰You shall eat it before Jehovah your God year by year in the place which Jehovah shall choose, you and your household. ²¹And if there is *any* blemish in it, lameness, or blindness, or any evil blemish whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to Jehovah your God. ²²You shall eat it inside your gates; the unclean and the clean alike, as the gazelle and as the hart. ²³Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.

CHAPTER 16

¹Observe the month Abib, and keep the Passover to Jehovah your God. For in the month of Abib Jehovah your God brought you out of Egypt by night. ²And you shall sacrifice a Passover to Jehovah your God of the flock, and of the herd, in the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there. ³You shall eat no leavened bread with it. You shall eat unleavened bread with it seven days, even the bread of affliction. For you came out of the land of Egypt in haste, so that you may remember the day that you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. ⁴And there shall be no leaven seen with you in your borders seven days; nor shall *any* of the flesh which you sacrificed the first day at evening remain all night until the morning. ⁵You may not sacrifice the Passover offering inside any of your gates, which Jehovah your God gives you. ⁶But at the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there, you shall sacrifice the Passover offering at evening, at the going of the sun, at the time when you came out of Egypt. ⁷And you shall cook and eat in the place which Jehovah your God shall choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go into your tents. ⁸You shall eat unleavened bread six days, and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to Jehovah your God. You shall do no work.

⁹You shall number to yourself seven weeks. *When* the sickle begins to reap in the standing grain, you shall begin to number seven weeks. ¹⁰And you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to Jehovah your God according to the measure of the free-will offering of your hand, which you shall give according as Jehovah your God

blesses you. ¹¹And you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God, you and your son, and your daughter, and your male slave, and your slave-girl, and the Levite that *is* inside your gates, and the alien, and the fatherless, and the widow that *are* among you, in the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there. ¹²And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall take heed to do these statutes.

¹³You shall keep the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing-floor and from your winepress. ¹⁴And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son, and your daughter, and your male slave, and your slave-girl, and the Levite, and the alien, and the fatherless, and the widow that *are* inside your gates. ¹⁵You shall keep a solemn feast seven days to Jehovah your God in the place which Jehovah shall choose; for Jehovah your God shall bless you in all your produce, and in every work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful.

¹⁶Three times in a year shall all your males appear before Jehovah your God in the place which He shall choose: In the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before Jehovah empty, ¹⁷*but* each with his gift of his hand, according to the blessing of Jehovah your God, which He has given you.

¹⁸You shall appoint judges and officers for yourself in all your gates which Jehovah your God gives you, tribe by tribe. And they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. ¹⁹You shall not pervert judgment. You shall not regard faces, nor shall you take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous. ²⁰You shall follow perfect justice, that you may live and possess the land which Jehovah your God is giving you.

²¹You shall not set up for yourself pillars of any trees which you make for yourself near the altar of Jehovah your God. ²²And you shall not raise up for yourself *any* standing image, which Jehovah your God detests.

CHAPTER 17

¹You shall not sacrifice to Jehovah your God an ox or sheep in which there is a blemish, any evil thing — for it is a hateful thing to Jehovah your God.

²When there is found among you, in one of your gates which Jehovah your God is giving to you, a man or woman who does that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah your God, in transgressing His covenant, ³and has gone and served other gods, and worshiped them; or the sun, or the moon, or of the host of the heavens, which I have not commanded; ⁴and it has been revealed to you, and you have heard, and searching have searched; and, behold, it is true; and the thing is confirmed, *that* this hateful thing has been done in Israel — ⁵then you shall bring out to your gates that man or that woman who has done this evil thing, the man or the woman; and you shall stone them with stones, and they shall die. ⁶At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses shall he that is to die be put to death. He shall not be put to death at the mouth of one witness. ⁷The hand of the witnesses shall be first on him, to put him to death; and the hand of all the people last. And you shall put away the evil from among you.

⁸If a matter is too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between cause and cause, or between stroke and and stroke, matters of strife within your gates, then you shall rise and go up to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose. ⁹And you shall come in to the priest, of the Levites, and to the judge who is in those days, and shall inquire. And they shall declare the sentence of judgment to you. ¹⁰And you shall do according to the word which they declare to you from that place which Jehovah shall choose. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they direct you. ¹¹You shall do according to the mouth of the law which they direct you, and according to the judgment which they deliver to you. You shall not turn aside from the word which they declare to you, right or left. ¹²And the man who acts with pride so as not to listen to the priest who is standing to serve Jehovah your God there, or to the judge, even that man shall die; and you

shall put away evil from Israel. ¹³And all the people shall hear, and fear, and shall not presume any more.

¹⁴When you come into the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, and have possessed it, and settled in it; and you shall say, Let me set a king over me like all the nations around me., ¹⁵then you shall certainly set a king over you. You may not set an alien over you, one who is not your brother. ¹⁶Only, he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to turn back to Egypt so as to multiply horses, since Jehovah has said to you, You shall not again return in this way any more. ¹⁷And he shall not multiply wives to himself, and his heart shall not turn aside. And he shall not greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. ¹⁸And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from before the priests, the Levites. ¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear Jehovah your God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; ²⁰so that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or to the left; so that he may prolong his days over his kingdom, he and his sons in the midst of Israel.

CHAPTER 18

¹The Priests, the Levites, all the tribe of Levi shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel. They shall eat fire offerings of Jehovah, even His inheritance. ²And he shall have no inheritance among his brothers — Jehovah Himself is his inheritance, as He has spoken to him. ³And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from those that offer a sacrifice, whether it is an ox or sheep, that they shall give to the priest the leg, and the two cheeks, and the stomach, ⁴the first of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your flock, you shall give to him. ⁵For Jehovah your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to serve in the name of Jehovah, he and his sons continually.

⁶And if a Levite comes from one of your

cities out of all Israel, where he has been living, and comes with all the desire of his soul to the place which Jehovah shall choose, ⁷then he shall serve in the name of Jehovah his God, as all his brothers the Levites who stand before Jehovah do. ⁸They shall eat portion like portion, except of the sales of *what belonged* to his father.

⁹When you come to the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, you shall not learn to do according to the hateful acts of those nations. ¹⁰There shall not be found in you one who passes his son or his daughter through the fire, one that uses divination, an observer of clouds, or a fortune-teller, or a whisperer of spells, ¹¹or a magic-charmer, or one asking of familiar spirits, or a wizard, or one inquiring of the dead. ¹²For all doing these things *are* an abomination to Jehovah. And because of these filthy acts Jehovah your God *is* expelling *these nations* before you. ¹³You shall be perfect with Jehovah your God. ¹⁴For these nations whom you shall expel listen to observers of clouds, and to diviners. But *as* to you, Jehovah your God has not allowed you to do so.

¹⁵Jehovah your God shall raise up to you a Prophet from among you, of your brothers. *One* like me — you shall listen to Him, ¹⁶according to all that you desired of Jehovah your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of Jehovah my God, nor let me see this great fire any more, lest I die. ¹⁷And Jehovah said to me, They have spoken well what they have said. ¹⁸I shall raise up a Prophet to them from among their brothers, like you; and I will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him. ¹⁹And it shall be, whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I will require *it* at his hand. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, that which I have not commanded him to speak, and who speaks in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. ²¹And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which Jehovah has not spoken? ²²When a prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah, if the thing does not happen or come about, that *is* the thing which Jehovah has not

spoken—the prophet has spoken it proudly; you shall not be afraid of him.

CHAPTER 19

¹When Jehovah your God shall cut off the nations whose land Jehovah your God is giving to you, and when you take their place, and live in their cities, and in their houses, ²you shall separate three cities for you in the midst of your land, which Jehovah your God is giving you to possess it. ³You shall prepare the way for yourself, and shall divide into three parts the border of your land which Jehovah your God shall cause you to inherit, so that every manslayer may flee there.

⁴And this is the case of the manslayer who shall flee there, that he may live: whoever strikes his neighbor unawares, and has not hated him yesterday *and* the day before; ⁵even he who goes into the forest with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand brings a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron *head* slips from the wood and finds his neighbor so that he dies —he shall flee to one of these cities, and shall live; ⁶that the avenger of blood not pursue the manslayer when his heart is hot, and shall overtake him because the way is long, and shall strike the life from him, and he had no sentence of death, for he did not hate him yesterday *or* the day before. ⁷On account of this *I am* commanding you, saying, You shall separate to yourself three cities. ⁸And if Jehovah your God shall enlarge your border, as He has sworn to your fathers, and shall give to you all the land which He has spoken to give to your fathers, ⁹if you will keep these commandments which *I am* commanding you today, to love Jehovah your God, and to walk in His ways forever, then you shall add to yourself another three cities to these three. ¹⁰And innocent blood shall not be shed in the midst of your land, which Jehovah your God is giving to you *as* an inheritance, and there be blood on you.

¹¹And if a man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and rises up against him, and strikes his life from him, so that he dies, and flees to one of these cities, ¹²then the elders of his city shall send and bring him there, and give him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may

die. Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the innocent blood from Israel, and it shall be well with you.

¹⁴You may not remove your neighbor's landmark, which those formerly have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land which Jehovah your God is giving you, to possess it.

¹⁵One witness shall not rise against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin which he sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, a thing shall be established. ¹⁶If a vicious witness rises up against any man to charge apostasy against him, ¹⁷then both the men who have the dispute shall stand before Jehovah, before the priests and the judges who shall be in those days. ¹⁸And the judges shall carefully investigate. And, behold, if the witness is a false witness, *and* he has testified falsely against his brother, ¹⁹then you shall do to him as he plotted to do to his brother. And you shall put away the evil from among you. ²⁰And those who remain shall hear and fear, and thereafter not shall add to commit any such evil among you. ²¹And your eye shall not pity; life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAPTER 20

¹When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots, a people more than you, you shall not be afraid of them. For Jehovah your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. ²And it shall be, when you draw near to battle, the priest shall come and speak to the people, ³and say to them, Hear, Israel, you are drawing near today to battle against your enemies. Do not let your heart be faint; do not fear nor tremble, nor be terrified at their presence. ⁴For Jehovah your God is He who is going before you, to fight for you with your enemies, to save you. ⁵And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, who is the man that has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, that he not die in battle and another man dedicate it. ⁶And who is the man that has planted a vineyard, and has not used its fruit? Let him go and return to

his house, that he not die in the battle, and another man use its fruit. ⁷And who is the man who has betrothed a woman, and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, that he not die in the battle, and another man take her. ⁸And the officers shall speak further to the people, and say, Who is the man who is afraid, and faint of heart? Let him go and return to his house; then the heart of his brothers will not melt like his heart. ⁹And it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, commanders of the armies shall be appointed at the head of the people.

¹⁰When you come near a city to fight against it, then call to it for peace. ¹¹And it shall be, if it answers peace to you, and shall open to you, then it shall be that all the people found in it shall be a laborer for you, and shall serve you. ¹²And if it shall not make peace with you, and shall make war with you, then you shall lay siege against it. ¹³And Jehovah your God shall give it into your hand; and you shall strike every male of it by the mouth of the sword. ¹⁴Only, the women, and the little ones, and the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its plunder, you shall seize for yourself. And you shall eat the plunder of your enemies which Jehovah your God has given to you. ¹⁵So you shall do to all the cities which are very far away from you, which are not of the cities of these nations. ¹⁶But of the cities of these peoples which Jehovah your God is giving to you as an inheritance, you shall not keep alive any that breathes. ¹⁷But you shall utterly destroy them, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as Jehovah your God has commanded you; ¹⁸so that they may not teach you to do according to all their filthy deeds which they have done for their gods; and you would sin against Jehovah your God.

¹⁹When you shall lay siege to a city many days, to fight against it, to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees in order to force an axe against them. For you shall eat of them, and you shall not cut them down—for is the tree of the field a man that it should be used by you to lay siege? ²⁰Only the tree which you know not to be a fruit tree, you may destroy it, and

may cut it down, and may build a bulwark against the city which is making war with you, until you have subdued it.

CHAPTER 21

¹If one is found slain in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, to possess it, lying in the field, and it is not known who has struck him; ²then your elders and your judges shall come out. And they shall measure to the cities which are around the one slain. ³And it shall be, that the city which is nearest to the one slain, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer of the herd, which has not been worked with, and which has not drawn in the yoke. ⁴And the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to an ever-flowing stream, which is not plowed nor sown. And *they* shall break the heifer's neck there by the stream. ⁵And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near — for Jehovah your God has chosen them to minister to Him, and to bless in the name of Jehovah—and by their mouth shall every controversy and every stroke be *tried*. ⁶And all the elders of that city which is nearest to the one slain shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken by the stream. ⁷And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it. ⁸O Jehovah, be merciful to Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not allow innocent blood in the midst of Your people Israel. And the blood shall be forgiven them. ⁹And you shall put away the innocent blood from among you, for you shall do that which is right in the eyes of Jehovah.

¹⁰When you go out to battle against your enemies, and Jehovah your God has given them into your hands, and you have taken them captive; ¹¹and you have seen in the captivity a woman of beautiful face, and you desire her, even to take *her* to you for a wife, ¹²then you shall bring her into the midst of your household. And she shall shave her head, and prepare her nails, ¹³and shall remove the clothing of her captivity from her, and shall live in your house, and shall bewail her father and her mother a month of days. Then afterwards you shall go in to her, and shall marry her;

and she shall be a wife to you. ¹⁴And it shall be, if you do not delight in her, you shall send her away at her desire; and you shall not at all sell her for silver; you shall not treat her as a slave, because you have humbled her.

¹⁵If a man has two wives, the one loved, and the other hated; and they have borne him sons, both the loved one and the hated one; and if the firstborn son was of her who was hated, ¹⁶then it shall be, in the day that he causes his son to inherit that which he has, he may not make the son of the loved one the breaker of the womb before the son of the hated one, *he who is truly* the firstborn. ¹⁷But he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the hated one, by giving him a double portion of all that he has; for he is the firstfruit of his strength — the right of the firstborn is his.

¹⁸If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not listen to his father's voice, or his mother's voice; even though they discipline him, *he* will not listen to them; ¹⁹then his father and his mother shall lay hold on him and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place; ²⁰and they shall say to the elders of his city, This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not listen to our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. ²¹And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, and he shall die. So you shall put away the evil from among you, that all Israel shall hear, and fear.

²²And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³his body shall not remain all night on the tree; but you shall surely bury him the same day. For he that is hanged is a reproach to God. And you shall not defile your land which Jehovah your God is giving to you *as* an inheritance.

CHAPTER 22

¹You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep driven away, and hide yourself from them. You shall surely turn them back to your brother. ²And if your brother is not near you, and you do not know him, then you shall surely bring *it* home to your house; and it shall be with you until your brother inquires of it; and you shall restore

it to him. ³And so you shall do with his ass; and so you shall do with his clothing; and so you shall do with everything lost of your brother's, which he has lost and you have found; you may not hide it. ⁴You shall not see your brother's ass or his ox fallen down in the highway, and hide yourself from them. You shall surely *help* him lift *them* up.

⁵There shall not be the thing of a man on a woman, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment. For whoever does these things is an abomination to Jehovah your God.

⁶If a bird's nest happens to be before you in the way, in any tree, or on the ground, with young ones, or eggs; and the mother is sitting on the young, or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young. ⁷But in every case you shall let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, so that it may be well with you, and you may prolong *your* days.

⁸When you build a new house, then you shall make a guard rail for your roof, so that you do not put blood on your house if someone falls from it.

⁹You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seeds, that the fruit of your seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard not be defiled.

¹⁰You shall not plow with an ox and an ass together. ¹¹You shall not wear a garment of different kinds, of wool and linen together. ¹²You shall make tassels for yourself on the four corners of your cloak with which you cover.

¹³If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and hates her; ¹⁴then makes shameful charges against her, and brings up an evil name on her, and says, I took this woman, and when I came near her, I did not find in her the tokens of virginity. ¹⁵Then the girl's father and her mother shall take and bring the girl's tokens of virginity to the elders of the city in the gate. ¹⁶And the girl's father shall say to the elders, I have given my daughter to this man for a wife, and he hates her. ¹⁷And, behold, he has laid shameful charges, saying, I have not found in your daughter the tokens of virginity. And yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the

city. ¹⁸And the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him. ¹⁹And they shall fine him a hundred pieces of silver, and give them to the girl's father, because he has caused an evil name to be spread abroad on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. ²⁰But if this thing is true, *that* tokens of virginity have not been found for the girl, ²¹then they shall bring out the girl to the door of her father's house. And the men of her city shall stone her with stones, and she shall die; for she has done folly in Israel, to commit fornication in her father's house. And you shall put away the evil from among you.

²²If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman. And you shall put away the evil from Israel. ²³If there is a girl that is a virgin, betrothed to a man, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her; ²⁴then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city. And you shall stone them with stones so that they die; the girl, because she did not cry out, being in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's wife. And you shall put away the evil from among you. ²⁵But if a man finds a betrothed girl in the field, and the man seizes her and lies with her; then only the man that lay with her shall die. ²⁶And you shall do nothing to the girl; the girl has no sin worthy of death: for as when a man rises against his neighbor and murders him, even so is this matter. ²⁷For he found her in the field. *and* the betrothed girl cried out, but no one saved her. ²⁸If a man finds a virgin girl, not being betrothed, and seizes her and lies with her, and they be found; ²⁹then the man lying with her shall give to the girl's father fifty pieces of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he has humbled her. He may not put her away all his days.

³⁰A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

CHAPTER 23

¹He being wounded, crushed, or cut in his male member shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah. ²An illegitimate child shall not enter into the assembly of

Jehovah, even to the tenth generation shall none of his enter into the assembly of Jehovah.

³An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah; even to the tenth generation shall none of them enter into the assembly of Jehovah, perpetually; ⁴because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way when you came out of Egypt; and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor, from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. ⁵But Jehovah your God would not listen to Balaam, and Jehovah your God turned the curse into a blessing to you, because Jehovah your God loved you. ⁶You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days, perpetually.

⁷You shall not despise an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not despise an Egyptian, for you were an alien in his land; ⁸sons of the third generation that are born to them may enter into the assembly of Jehovah.

⁹When you go forth *into* camp against your enemies, then keep yourself from every evil thing.

¹⁰If there is among you *any* man who is not clean because of an accident at night, then he shall go to the outside of the camp; he shall not come in to the middle of the camp. ¹¹And it shall be, as evening *is* turning, he shall bathe with water, and as the sun is going, he shall come into the middle of the camp.

¹²Also you shall have a place outside the camp, and you shall go out there. ¹³And you shall have an instrument on your staff. And it shall be, as you sit outside, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back, and shall cover that which comes from you. ¹⁴For Jehovah your God walks in the middle of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you; therefore your camp shall be holy, so that He may see no unclean thing in you, and turn away from you.

¹⁵You shall not hand over to his master a slave that has escaped from his master to you. ¹⁶He shall live with you, among you, in the place which he chooses inside one of your gates, wherever it is pleasing to him. You shall not oppress him.

¹⁷There shall be no harlot among the

daughters of Israel, nor shall there be a homosexual among the sons of Israel.

¹⁸You shall not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a dog, into the house of Jehovah your God for any vow; for even both of these are an abomination to Jehovah your God.

¹⁹You shall not lend at interest to your brother; interest of money, interest of food, interest of anything which is loaned at interest. ²⁰You may lend to a stranger at interest, but you shall not lend at interest to your brother, so that Jehovah your God may bless you in all that you put your hand to, in the land where you go to possess it.

²¹When you shall vow a vow to Jehovah your God, you shall not delay to perform it; for Jehovah your God will certainly require it of you, and it shall be sin to you. ²²But if you shall forebear to vow, it shall be no sin to you. ²³That which has gone out of your lips, you shall keep, and shall do *it*. According as you have vowed as a free-will offering to Jehovah your God, *do* even that which you have promised with your mouth.

²⁴When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat grapes to your fill, at your pleasure. But you shall not put any in your vessel. ²⁵When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck heads with your hand; but you shall not move a sickle into your neighbor's standing grain.

CHAPTER 24

¹When a man has taken a wife and married her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found a thing of uncleanness in her, and he writes her a bill of divorce, and puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house; ²and if she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's *wife*, ³and the latter husband hates her, and writes her a bill of divorce, and puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the latter husband who took her to be his wife dies; ⁴her former husband who sent her away is not to take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled. For it *is* a hateful thing before Jehovah, and you shall not cause the land to sin which Jehovah your God is giving to you *as* an inheritance.

⁵When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, and he shall not be given any duty. He shall be free at his own house for one year, and shall gladden his wife whom he has taken. ⁶No one shall take in pledge the lower and upper millstone, for he is taking a man's life to pledge. ⁷If a man is found stealing a person of his brothers, of the sons of Israel, and has dealt with him as a slave, and sold him, then that thief shall die. And you shall put away the evil from among you.

⁸Be on guard in the plague of leprosy, that you watch closely and do according to all that the Levitical priests shall teach you. As I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do. ⁹Remember that which Jehovah your God did to Miriam in the way, as you came out of Egypt.

¹⁰When you lend your neighbor any kind of loan, you shall not go to his house to get his pledge. ¹¹You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you loan shall bring the security outside to you. ¹²And if the man is poor, you shall not sleep with his pledge. ¹³You shall certainly give back to him the pledge at sundown; and he shall lie down in his own clothing, and shall bless you. And it shall be righteousness to you before Jehovah your God.

¹⁴You shall not oppress a poor and needy hired servant, of your brothers, or of your aliens who *are* in your land, within your gates. ¹⁵In the same day you shall give him his hire; do not let the sun go down on it. For he is poor, and has lifted up his heart on it; that he not cry against you to Jehovah, and it be sin against you.

¹⁶The fathers shall not be put to death for sons; and sons are not to be put to death for fathers; they each shall be put to death for his own sin.

¹⁷You shall not pervert judgment of an alien, or of an orphan; and you shall not take a widow's garment as pledge. ¹⁸But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and Jehovah your God redeemed you from there. For that reason I command you to do this thing.

¹⁹When you cut down your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not turn back to take it. It shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow; so that Jehovah your God

shall bless you in all the work of your hand.

²⁰When you beat your olive tree, you shall not search the branch behind you. It shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow. ²¹When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward. It shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow. ²²And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. On account of this I am commanding you to do this thing.

CHAPTER 25

¹If there is a contention between men, and they come to judgment; and they have been judged; and the righteous one *is* declared righteous, and the wrongdoer declared guilty; ²then it shall be, if the wrongdoer *is* a son of stripes, the judge shall cause him to fall down. And *one* shall strike him before his face, enough for his wickedness, by number. ³He may give him forty *stripes*; he shall not add more, lest, if he should exceed and beat him above *with* many stripes, then your brother would be dishonored before your eyes.

⁴You shall not muzzle an ox when he is treading out *grain*. ⁵If brothers live together, and one of them dies, and has no son, the wife of the dead shall not go outside to a strange man; her brother-in-law shall go in to her, and take her to himself for a wife, and shall perform the duty of the levirate; ⁶and it shall be, the firstborn which she bears shall rise up for his dead brother's name, and his name shall not be wiped out of Israel. ⁷And if the man does not desire to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate, to the elders, and say, My husband's brother is refusing to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he has not been willing to perform the duty of my levirate. ⁸And the elders of his city shall call for him and shall speak to him. And he shall stand and say, I have no desire to take her. ⁹Then his brother's wife shall draw near to him before the elders, and shall take his shoe from his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So it shall be done to the man who will not build up the house of his brother. ¹⁰And his name shall be called in Israel, The house

of him whose shoe was taken off.

¹¹When men fight with one another, and the wife of the one shall come near to deliver her husband from his assailant's hand, and shall put out her hand and lay hold on his genitals, ¹²then you shall cut off her hand; your eye shall not pity.

¹³You shall not have in your bag a weight and a weight, a great and a small.

¹⁴You shall not have in your house an ephah and an ephah, a great and a small.

¹⁵You shall have a perfect and just weight; you shall have a perfect and just ephah; so that they prolong your days in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you. ¹⁶For anyone doing these things is hateful to Jehovah your God, everyone acting evilly.

¹⁷Remember what Amalek did to you by the way as you came forth out of Egypt;

¹⁸how he happened to meet you on the way and attacked your back, all the feeble *ones* in the rear, when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God. ¹⁹And it shall be, when Jehovah your God gives you rest from all your enemies round about in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you as an inheritance to possess it, you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens; you shall not forget.

CHAPTER 26

¹And when you have come into the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you as an inheritance, and you have possessed it, and live in it; ²then you shall take of the first of all the fruits of the ground which you shall bring in from your land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, and shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there. ³And you shall come to the priest who is in those days, and shall say to him, I declare today to Jehovah your God that I have come into the land which Jehovah has sworn to our fathers to give to us. ⁴And the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and place it before the altar of Jehovah your God. ⁵And you shall speak and say before Jehovah your God, My father was a perishing Aramean! And he went down to Egypt with few men, and

lived there, and became a nation there, great, mighty and many. ⁶And the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and afflicted us, and put hard bondage on us. ⁷And we cried to Jehovah, the God of our fathers, and Jehovah heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression. ⁸And Jehovah brought us out from Egypt by a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm, and by great terrible-ness, and with signs, and with wonders. ⁹And He has brought us to this place, and has given to us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And now, behold, I have brought in the first of the fruits of the ground which You have given me, O Jehovah. And you shall place it before Jehovah your God, and bow yourself before Jehovah your God, ¹¹and rejoice in all the good which Jehovah your God has given to you, and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the alien who is in your midst.

¹²When you have made an end of tithing all the tithes of your increase the third year, the year of tithing, and have given it to the Levite, the alien, the orphan, and the widow, that they may eat inside your gates, and be filled, ¹³then you shall say before Jehovah your God I have consumed the devoted *things* from the house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the alien, to the orphan, and to the widow, according to all Your command which You have commanded me. I have not transgressed Your commands, and I have not forgotten. ¹⁴I have not eaten of it in my mourning; nor have I put *any* of it away for uncleanness; nor have I given of it for the dead. I have listened to the voice of Jehovah my God. I have done according to all that You have commanded me. ¹⁵Look down from Your holy habitation, from Heaven, and bless Your people Israel, and the land which You have given to us, as You swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁶Today Jehovah your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall take heed to do them with all your heart, and with all your soul. ¹⁷You have today declared Jehovah to be your God, and to walk in His ways, and to keep His statutes and His commands, and His judgments, and to pay attention to His

voice. ¹⁸And Jehovah has declared you today to be His people, a special treasure, as He has spoken to you, and to keep all His commands. ¹⁹And *He will* make you high above all nations that He has made, in praise, and in name, and in glory; and that you may be a holy people to Jehovah your God, as He has spoken.

CHAPTER 27

¹And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commands which I *am* commanding you today, ²and it shall be in the day you cross over the Jordan to the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, that you shall raise up for yourself great stones, and plaster them with plaster. ³And you shall write on them all the words of this law when you have crossed over, so that you may go into the land which Jehovah your God *is* giving you, a land flowing *with* milk and honey, as Jehovah the God of your fathers has promised you. ⁴And it shall be when you have crossed over the Jordan, that you shall set up these stones *as to* which I am commanding you today, in Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster. ⁵And you shall build an altar there to Jehovah your God, an altar of stones; you shall not wield any iron tool on them; ⁶you shall build the altar of Jehovah your God *of* uncut stones. And you shall offer burnt offerings on it to Jehovah your God. ⁷And you shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there. And you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God. ⁸And you shall write on the stones all the words of the law very plainly.

⁹And Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, Keep silence, and hear, O Israel: Today you have become the people of Jehovah your God. ¹⁰Therefore you shall obey the voice of Jehovah your God and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today.

¹¹And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, ¹²These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin. ¹³And these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben,

Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. ¹⁴And the Levites shall answer, and shall say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice:

¹⁵*Cursed is* the man who makes a carved and molten image, an abomination to Jehovah, the work of a craftsman's hands; and *who sets it up* in a secret place! And all the people shall answer and say, Amen!

¹⁶*Cursed is* he who dishonors his father or his mother! And all the people shall say, Amen!

¹⁷*Cursed is* he who removes his neighbor's landmark! And all the people shall say, Amen!

¹⁸*Cursed is* he who makes the blind to wander out of the way! And all the people shall say, Amen!

¹⁹*Cursed is* he who perverts the judgment of the alien, the fatherless, and widow! And all the people shall say, Amen!

²⁰*Cursed is* he who lies with his father's wife, because he uncovers his father's skirt! And all the people shall say, Amen!

²¹*Cursed is* he who lies with any kind of animal! And all the people shall say, Amen!

²²*Cursed is* he who lies with his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter! And all the people shall say, Amen!

²³*Cursed is* he who lies with his mother-in-law! And all the people shall say, Amen!

²⁴*Cursed is* he who strikes his neighbor secretly! And all the people shall say, Amen!

²⁵*Cursed is* he who takes a bribe to strike a life, to *shed* innocent blood! And all the people shall say, Amen!

²⁶*Cursed is* he who does not rise to all the words of this law, to do them! And all the people shall say, Amen!

CHAPTER 28

¹And if you shall heed the voice of Jehovah your God, taking heed to do all His commandments which I command you this day, Jehovah your God shall set you on high above all nations of the earth. ²And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you, if you will listen

to the voice of Jehovah your God. ³You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field. ⁴The fruit of your body shall be blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, the offspring of your oxen, and the young ones of your flock. ⁵Your basket and your kneading-trough shall be blessed. ⁶You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed when you go out.

⁷Jehovah shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be stricken before your face. They shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. ⁸Jehovah shall command the blessing on you in your store-houses and all that you set your hand to. And He shall bless you in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you. ⁹Jehovah shall establish you a holy people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commands of Jehovah your God and welcome His ways. ¹⁰And all the people shall see that you are called by the name of Jehovah, and they shall be afraid of you. ¹¹And Jehovah shall prosper you in goods, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers to give you. ¹²Jehovah shall open to you His good treasure, the heavens to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. ¹³And Jehovah shall make you the head, and not the tail. And you shall be only above, and you shall not be beneath; if you heed the commandments of Jehovah your God, which I am commanding you today, to be careful to do *them*. ¹⁴And you shall not turn away from all the words which I am commanding you today, right or left, to go after other gods, to serve them.

¹⁵And it shall be, if you will not heed the voice of your God, to take heed to do all His commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today, that all these curses shall come on you and overtake you:

¹⁶You shall be cursed in the city, and you shall be cursed in the field.

¹⁷Your basket and your kneading-trough shall be cursed.

¹⁸The fruit of your body shall be cursed, and the fruit of your land, the offspring of your oxen, and the young ones of your sheep.

¹⁹You shall be cursed when you come in, and you shall be cursed when you go out.

²⁰Jehovah shall send cursing on you, trouble and rebuke, in all that you set your hand to, *all* which you will do, until you are destroyed, or until you quickly perish, because of the badness of your doings *by* which you have forsaken Me. ²¹Jehovah shall make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from off the land where you are going, to possess it.

²²Jehovah shall strike you with lung disease and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting and mildew. And they shall pursue you until you perish. ²³And your heavens which *are* over your head shall become bronze, and the earth under you iron. ²⁴Jehovah shall make the rain of your land *be* dust and ashes; it shall come down on you from the heavens until you are destroyed.

²⁵Jehovah shall cause you to be stricken before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them, and shall flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a trembling to all the kingdoms of the earth.

²⁶And your body shall be food to all the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to cause them to tremble. ²⁷Jehovah shall strike you with the ulcer of Egypt, and with hemorrhoids, and with the scab, and with itch, of which you cannot be healed.

²⁸Jehovah shall strike you with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart. ²⁹And you shall grope at noonday as the blind grope in darkness. And you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be always oppressed and plundered all the days; and there will be no one to save. ³⁰You shall betroth a wife, and another shall lie with her. You shall build a house, and you shall not live in it. You shall plant a vineyard, and shall not use its fruit. ³¹Your ox *shall be* slaughtered before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it. Your ass *shall be* violently taken away from before you, and it shall not be given

back to you. Your sheep *shall be* given to your enemies, and there shall be no one to save you. ³²Your sons and your daughters *shall be* given to another people; and your eyes shall look and fail for them all the day. And no power *shall be* in your hand.

³³The fruit of your ground, and all your labor, shall be eaten up by a nation which you do not know. And you shall always be oppressed and crushed. ³⁴And you shall be maddened because of that which you shall see with the sight of your eyes.

³⁵Jehovah shall strike you with an evil ulcer on the knees, and on the legs, of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot even to your crown.

³⁶Jehovah shall cause you and your king whom you shall raise up over you, to go to a nation which you have not known, you and your fathers. And you shall serve other gods there, wood and stone. ³⁷And you shall be an astonishment, a proverb and a byword among all the peoples where Jehovah shall lead you. ³⁸You shall carry much seed out to the field, and you shall gather in little; for the locusts will devour it. ³⁹You shall plant vineyards, and shall labor, and you shall not gather, nor drink wine; for the worm will devour it. ⁴⁰You shall have olive trees in all your border, and you shall not anoint *with* oil; for your olive shall fall off. ⁴¹You shall father sons and daughters, and they shall not be with you; for they shall go into captivity. ⁴²The locust shall possess all your trees and fruits of your ground. ⁴³The alien in your midst shall go above you, higher *and* higher; and you shall come down, lower *and* lower. ⁴⁴He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. ⁴⁵And all these curses shall come on you and shall pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed; for you did not heed the voice of Jehovah your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. ⁴⁶And they shall be on you for a sign and for a wonder, and on you for seed forever.

⁴⁷Because you did not serve Jehovah your God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all things, ⁴⁸you shall serve your enemies

whom Jehovah shall send on you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in lack of all things. And He shall put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you. ⁴⁹Jehovah shall raise a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flies; a nation whose tongue you will not understand; ⁵⁰a nation fierce of face, who will not regard the person of the aged, nor show favor *to* the young. ⁵¹And he shall eat the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit of your land, until you are destroyed. *He* shall not leave to you grain, new wine, and oil, offspring of your oxen, or young ones of your flock, until he has destroyed you.

⁵²And he shall lay siege to you in all your gates, until your high and fenced walls in which you are trusting come down, in all your land; yea, he shall lay siege to you in all your gates, in all your land which Jehovah your God has given to you.

⁵³And you shall eat the fruit of your body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom Jehovah your God has given to you, in the siege, and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you.

⁵⁴The man who is tender among you, and who *is* very delicate, his eye shall be evil against his brother, and against the wife of his bosom, and against the remnant of his sons which he has left; ⁵⁵so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his sons that he shall eat, because he has nothing left to him in the siege, and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you in all your gates. ⁵⁶The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not have ventured to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil against the husband of her bosom, and against her son, and against her daughter; ⁵⁷and against her fetus which comes out from between her feet, even against her sons whom she shall bear. For she shall eat them in secret, for the lack of everything in the siege and in the distress with which the enemy shall distress you within your gates.

⁵⁸If you will not take heed to do all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this glorious and fearful Name, Jehovah your God, ⁵⁹then

Jehovah will make your plagues remarkable, and the plagues of your children *shall be great and persistent plagues, with evil and long-lasting sicknesses.* ⁶⁰He shall also bring on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid; and they shall cling to you. ⁶¹Also every sickness and every plague which is not written in the book of this law, Jehovah shall cause them to come on you until you are destroyed. ⁶²And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of the heavens for multitude, because you would not obey the voice of Jehovah your God. ⁶³And it shall be, as Jehovah rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so Jehovah shall rejoice over you to destroy you, and to lay you waste. And you shall be plucked from the land you are going to possess.

⁶⁴And Jehovah shall scatter you among all people, from *one* end of the earth even to the *other*, and you shall serve other gods there — wood and stone — which you have not known, nor your fathers. ⁶⁵And among these nations you shall find no ease, nor shall the sole of your foot have rest. But Jehovah shall give you there a trembling heart and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind. ⁶⁶And your life shall hang in doubt before you, and you shall fear day and night, and shall have no assurance of your life. ⁶⁷In the morning you shall say, O that it were evening! And in the evening you shall say, O that it were morning! For the fear of your heart with which you fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see. ⁶⁸And Jehovah shall bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I said to you, You shall never see it again. And you shall be sold to your enemies there, for male slaves and slave-girls; and there shall be no buyer.

CHAPTER 29

¹These are the words of the covenant which Jehovah commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.

²And Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that Jehovah did before your eyes in the land

of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants, and to all his land. ³Your eyes have seen the great trials, the signs, and those great miracles. ⁴Yet Jehovah has not given to you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, until this day. ⁵And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your garments have not worn out from off you, and your sandal has not worn away off your foot. ⁶You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink, so that you might know that I *am* Jehovah your God. ⁷And you came into this place, and Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out to meet us, to battle. And we struck them, ⁸and took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and for the half tribe of Manasseh. ⁹Then pay attention to the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may act wisely *in* all that you do.

¹⁰You are standing today, all of you, before Jehovah your God; your rulers, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, every man of Israel; ¹¹your little ones, your wives, and your alien who *is* in the midst of your camps, from the wood-chopper to the one drawing your water; ¹²so that you should enter into the covenant of Jehovah your God, and into His oath, which Jehovah your God is making with you today; ¹³so that He may establish you today for a people to Himself, and He Himself be your God, as He has spoken to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ¹⁴And I am not making this covenant and this oath with you alone, ¹⁵but with him who stands here with us today before Jehovah your God; and also with him that is not here with us today. ¹⁶For you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the nations through which you passed. ¹⁷And you have seen their detestable things, and their idols *of* wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them; ¹⁸that there not be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away today from Jehovah our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you today a root

that bears gall and wormwood; ¹⁹and it happens when he hears the words of this curse, that he should bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, even though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, to snatch away the sated with the thirsty. ²⁰Jehovah will not be willing to forgive him, for then Jehovah's anger shall smoke, and His zeal *shall be* against that man, and all the curses written in this book shall lie upon him. And Jehovah shall blot out his name from under the heavens. ²¹And Jehovah shall set him apart to evil, out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law; ²²so that the generation to come, your sons who rise after you, and the foreigner who comes in from a distant land, shall say when they see the plagues of that land, and its sicknesses which Jehovah shall send into it—²³the whole land shall be burned *with* brimstone and salt; it shall not be sown, nor shall it sprout; nor shall there be any herb in it. It *shall be like* the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, which Jehovah overthrew in His anger and in His fury—²⁴yes, all the nations shall say, Why has Jehovah done this to this land? *For what is the heat of this great anger?* ²⁵Then *men* shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt. ²⁶For they went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods which they did not know, and who had not given to them any portion. ²⁷And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against this land, to bring on it all the curses that are written in this book. ²⁸And Jehovah rooted them out of their land in anger and wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is today.

²⁹The secret things *belong* to Jehovah our God; and the things revealed *belong* to us and to our sons forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

¹And it shall be when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you; and

among all the nations where Jehovah your God shall drive you, you shall bring back to your heart *these things*; ²and shall turn back to Jehovah your God and listen to His voice, according to all that I *am* commanding you today, you and your sons with all your heart, and with all your soul; ³then Jehovah your God will turn your captivity, and He will have pity on you, and will return and gather you from all the nations where Jehovah your God has scattered you. ⁴If you are cast out to the end of the heavens, Jehovah your God shall gather you from there, and He shall take you from there. ⁵And Jehovah your God shall bring you into the land which your fathers have possessed, and you shall inherit it; and He shall do you good and multiply you above your fathers. ⁶And Jehovah your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love Jehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live. ⁷And Jehovah your God will put all these curses on your enemies, and on those that hate you, who have persecuted you. ⁸And you shall return and obey the voice of Jehovah, and do all His commandments which I *am* commanding you today. ⁹And Jehovah your God will make you abundant in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, for good. For Jehovah will again rejoice over you for good, as He rejoiced over your fathers. ¹⁰For you shall listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in the book of this law. For you shall turn back toward Jehovah your God, with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹For this command which I *am* commanding you today *is* not too wonderful for you, nor *is* it too far off. ¹²It is not in the heavens *that you should* say, Who shall go up into the heavens for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it? ¹³And it *is* not beyond the sea *that you should* say, Who shall cross over for us to the region beyond the sea and take it for us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it? ¹⁴For the word *is* very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

¹'Behold, I have set before you today life and good, and death and evil, ¹⁶in that I *am* commanding you today to love Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands and His statutes, and His judgments, and you shall live and multiply, and Jehovah your God shall bless you in the land where you are going in, to possess it. ¹⁷But if you turn away your heart, and you do not listen, and are drawn on, even *you will* bow down to other gods, and serve them; ¹⁸I have declared to you today that you shall certainly perish. You shall not prolong *your* days in the land to which you are crossing the Jordan, to go in there to possess it. ¹⁹I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, that you may live, you and your seed, ²⁰to love Jehovah your God, to listen to His voice, and to cleave to Him—for He *is* your life, and the length of your days—to live in the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give *it* to them.

CHAPTER 31

¹And Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel. ²And he said to them, I am a hundred and twenty years old today. I am not able any more to go out and to come in. And Jehovah has said to me, You shall not cross over this Jordan. ³Jehovah your God will cross over before you; He shall destroy these nations from before you, and you shall possess them. Joshua is the one who shall cross over before you, as Jehovah has spoken. ⁴And Jehovah shall do to them as He has done to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and to their land, which He destroyed *before* them. ⁵And Jehovah shall give them up before your face, and you shall do to them according to all the command which I have commanded you. ⁶Be strong and brave. Do not fear them, or be afraid of them. For Jehovah your God *is* He who is going with you; He shall not fail you nor forsake you.

⁷And Moses called for Joshua, and said to him before the eyes of all Israel, Be strong and brave, for you shall go in with

this people to the land which Jehovah has sworn to their fathers, to give *it* to them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. ⁸And Jehovah *is* He who is going before you; He Himself shall be with you; He shall not fail you nor forsake you. Do not fear nor be afraid.

⁹And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, those bearing the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and to all the elders of Israel. ¹⁰And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of seven years, in the appointed time, the year of release, in the Feast of Tabernacles, ¹¹when all Israel comes in to see the face of Jehovah in the place which He chooses, you shall proclaim this law before all Israel, in their ears. ¹²Assemble the people, men and women, and the little ones, and your alien who *is* within your gates, so that they may hear, and so that they may learn, and may fear Jehovah your God, and take heed to do all the words of this law; ¹³and their sons, who have not known, shall hear, and shall learn to fear Jehovah your God all the days which you live on the land where you are crossing over the Jordan to possess it.

¹⁴And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, your days are coming near, to die. Call Joshua, and present yourselves at the tabernacle of the congregation, and I shall charge him. And Moses and Joshua went, and they presented themselves at the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁵And Jehovah appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud; and the pillar of cloud stood at the door of the tabernacle. ¹⁶And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers, and this people shall rise up and go lusting after the gods of the strangers of the land into which they are going, and shall forsake Me, and shall break My covenant which I made with it. ¹⁷And My anger shall burn against *this people* in that day, and I shall forsake them and hide My face from them. And it shall be consumed, and many evils and distresses shall find *this people*. And it shall say in that day, Is *it* not because my God is not in my midst, *that* these evils have found me? ¹⁸And I will completely hide My face in that day, because of all the evil which *this people* has done, for it shall turn

to other gods. ¹⁹Now, then, write this song for you, and teach it to the sons of Israel. Put it in their mouths, so that this song shall be for a witness to Me against the sons of Israel. ²⁰And I shall bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I have sworn to their fathers. And you shall eat and be satisfied, and become fat, and shall turn to other gods; and they shall serve them, and despise Me, and break My covenant. ²¹And it shall be, when many evils and distresses have found them, this song shall testify against them as a witness. For it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed. For I know their imagination which they *are* making today, before I bring them into the land which I have sworn.

²²And Moses wrote this song on that day, and taught it to the sons of Israel. ²³And He commanded Joshua the son of Nun, and said, Be strong and brave. For you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land which I have sworn to them, and I shall be with you. ²⁴And it happened, when Moses finished writing the words of this law in a book, until their conclusion, ²⁵that Moses commanded the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, saying, ²⁶Take this book of the law, and you shall put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, so that it may be there for a witness against you. ²⁷For I have known your rebellion and your stiff neck. Behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against Jehovah. And how much more after my death! ²⁸Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, and I shall speak in their ears these words, and cause the heavens and the earth to testify against them. ²⁹For I know that after my death you shall utterly corrupt yourselves, and will turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil shall happen to you in the latter end of the days, because you shall do evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to make Him angry with the work of your hands.

³⁰And Moses spoke in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until their conclusion:

CHAPTER 32

¹Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak. And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. ²My doctrine shall drop as the rain; my speech shall drop down as the dew, as the small rain on the tender plant, and as the showers on the grass; ³because I will proclaim the name of Jehovah *and* ascribe greatness to our God. ⁴*He is the Rock; His work is perfect. For all His ways are just, a God of faithfulness, and without evil; just and upright is He.* ⁵They have corrupted themselves; *they are* not His sons; *it is* their blemish; *they are* a crooked and perverse generation.

⁶Do you thus give back to Jehovah, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father who bought you? *Has not* He made you and established you? ⁷Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he shall tell you; your elders, and they shall tell you; ⁸when the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance; when He separated the sons of Adam, He set up the bounds of the peoples, according to the number of the sons of Israel. ⁹For Jehovah's portion *is* His people; Jacob *is* the lot of His inheritance.

¹⁰He found him in a desert land, and in the waste, *a* howling wilderness. He encircled him *and* cared for him; He guarded him as the pupil of His eye. ¹¹As the eagle stirs up its nest; it hovers over its young; it spreads out its wings *and* takes it, and bears it on its wing. ¹²Jehovah alone led him, and there was no strange god with him. ¹³He made him ride on the high places of the earth, so that he might eat the increase of the fields. And He made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; ¹⁴butter from cows, and milk from the flock, with fat from lambs, and rams of the sons of Bashan, and he-goats, with the fat of the kidneys of wheat, and of the blood of the grape you shall drink wine.

¹⁵But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, thick *and* stubborn. And he abandoned God who made him, and fell away from the Rock of his salvation. ¹⁶With strange gods they moved Him to jealousy; and with idols they provoked Him to anger. ¹⁷They sacrificed to demons

who were not God, *to* gods whom they did not know, new ones who came lately; your fathers had not dreaded them. ¹⁸You forgot the Rock that brought you into being; and neglected God who formed you. ¹⁹And Jehovah looked and despised, because of the provocation of His sons and of His daughters. ²⁰And He said, I will hide My face from them; I will see what their end *will be*; for they *are* a perverse generation, sons in whom *is* no faithfulness. ²¹They made Me jealous with a no-god; they made Me angry by their vanities; and I shall make them jealous by a no-people; by a foolish nation I shall make them angry. ²²For a fire has been kindled in My anger, and it burns to the lowest Sheol, and consumes the earth and its produce; and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

²³I will heap evils on them; I will use up My arrows on them. ²⁴I will send on them exhaustion by famine, and depletion by burning heat, and bitter destruction, and the teeth of beasts, with the venom of crawling things of the dust. ²⁵The sword shall bereave from without, and terror from within, both the young man and the virgin, the suckling with the man of gray hairs.

²⁶I said, I will dash them to pieces; I will make their memory cease from among men; ²⁷were it not the provocation of an enemy I feared, that their foes should judge amiss, that they might not say, Our hand is high, and Jehovah has not done all this. ²⁸For they *are* a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them. ²⁹If they were wise, they would understand this; they would consider their latter end. ³⁰How could one chase a thousand, and two put a myriad to flight, if *it were* not their Rock that sold them, and Jehovah had shut them up? ³¹For their rock *is* not our Rock, even our enemies *being* judges. ³²For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and their grapes of the fields of Gomorrah, grapes of gall; they *have* bitter clusters.

³³Their wine *is* the venom of serpents, and the cruel venom of asps. ³⁴Is it not stored up with Me, sealed in My treasures? ³⁵Vengeance and retribution *belong* to Me; in due time their foot will

slip; for the day of their calamity *is* near; and the things prepared *are* hurrying for them. ³⁶For Jehovah will bring His people justice; and He shall have compassion on His servants, for He sees that *their* power is gone, and only the imprisoned and abandoned *remain*. ³⁷And He will say, Where *are* their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge? ³⁸Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you; let it be a hiding place for you.

³⁹See now that I, I *am* He, and there is no other God with Me. I kill, and I keep alive. I wound and I heal, and there is no deliverer from My hand.

⁴⁰For I lift up My hand to the heavens and say, I live forever!

⁴¹If I have sharpened My glittering sword, and My hand lays hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My foes, and I will repay those who hate Me. ⁴²I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the hairy head of the enemy.

⁴³Rejoice, O nations, of His people; for He shall avenge the blood of His servants, and shall render vengeance to His foes, and shall have mercy on His land *and* His people.

⁴⁴And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. ⁴⁵And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, ⁴⁶and said to them, Set your heart on all the words which I have testified against you today, that you command your sons to take heed to do all the words of this law. ⁴⁷For it is not a useless word for you; for it *is* your life; and by this you shall prolong *your* days in the land where you *are* crossing over the Jordan, there to possess it.

⁴⁸And Jehovah spoke to Moses in that same day, saying, ⁴⁹Go up into this Mount Abarim, *to* Mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, which *is* opposite Jericho; and see the land of Canaan which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession; ⁵⁰and die in the mountain where you *are* going, and be gathered to your people, even as your brother Aaron

died on Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people; ⁵*in* that you acted covertly toward Me among the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah in Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you did not sanctify Me in the midst of the sons of Israel. ⁶Yet you shall see the land across *from you*, but you shall not go in there to the land which I *am* giving to the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 33

¹And this is the blessing *with* which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death. ²And he said: Jehovah came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir for them; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came from the myriads of holy ones. At his right hand a law of fire *went forth* to them. ³Yes, He loves the peoples; all His holy ones *are* in Your hand; and they sit down at Your feet—He lifts up *each* at Your words. ⁴Moses has commanded a law to us, an inheritance *for* the congregation of Jacob. ⁵And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people assembled, the tribes of Israel. ⁶Let Reuben live, and not die, and let his men be numbered. ⁷And this for Judah: And he said, Hear the voice of Judah, O Jehovah, and bring him in to his people; his hands *were* much for him, and You shall be a help against his foes.

⁸And of Levi he said, Your Thummim and your Urim *are* for your devout man whom You tested at Massah; You contended with him at the waters of Meribah; ⁹who said of his father and his mother, I have not seen him. And he has not acknowledged his brothers, and did not know his own son, for they have kept Your word, and observed Your covenant. ¹⁰They shall teach Your ordinances to Jacob, and Your law to Israel. They shall put incense at Your nostrils, and whole burnt offering on Your altar. ¹¹O Jehovah, bless his strength, and accept the work of his hands. Dash the loins of those rising against him, *those* who hate him, that they may not rise!

¹²Of Benjamin he said, The beloved of Jehovah shall dwell securely beside Him, covering him all the day long; yea, he shall dwell between His shoulders.

¹³And of Joseph he said, Blessed of Jehovah *be* his land, with the best of the heavens, for the dew, for the deep crouching beneath; ¹⁴and with the best of the produce of the sun, and with the best yield of *the* months; ¹⁵and with the first of the ancient mountains, and with the best of the everlasting hills; ¹⁶and with the best of the earth, and its fullness; and the good will of Him who dwelt in the Bush—let it come on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the consecrated one *of* his brothers. ¹⁷His glory *is* as the firstborn of his ox, and the horns of the wild ox *are* his horns; with them he shall butt the peoples together *to* the ends of the earth. And they *are* the myriads of Ephraim, and they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.

¹⁸And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, O Zebulun, in your going out, and O Issachar, in your tents; ¹⁹*to* the mountains they call the peoples; there they shall offer righteous sacrifices; for they shall suck the bounty of the seas, and treasures hidden in the sand.

²⁰And of Gad he said, Blessed *is* he who enlarges Gad; he shall live like a lioness, and shall tear the arm, also the crown.

²¹And he eyes the first part for himself, for there was the portion of the lawgiver hidden; and he came *with* the rulers of the people; he executed the justice of Jehovah, and His judgments with Israel.

²²And of Dan he said, Dan *is* a lion's whelp; he shall leap from Bashan.

²³And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with good will and full of the blessing of Jehovah; possess the west and the south.

²⁴And of Asher he said, Asher *shall be* blessed with sons; let him be accepted by his brothers, and dip his foot in oil. ²⁵*May* your shoelatches *be* iron and bronze, and your days as your strength.

²⁶There is none like the God of Jeshurun, riding the heavens for your help, and the clouds in His majesty. ²⁷The God of old *is* a refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms. And He shall cast the enemy out from before you, and shall say, Destroy! ²⁸And Israel shall live alone in safety; the fountain of Jacob in a land of grain and wine; and his heavens *shall* drop

down dew. ²⁹Blessed *are* you, O Israel! Who is like you? A people saved by Jehovah, the Shield of your help, and He who *is* the Sword of your excellency! And your enemies shall be found liars before you, and you shall tread on their high places.

CHAPTER 34

¹And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the top of Pisgah, which *is* opposite Jericho. And Jehovah caused him to see all the land; Gilead to Dan; ²and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah to the sea beyond; ³and the Negeb, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, to Zoar. ⁴And Jehovah said to him, This *is* the land which I have sworn to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed. I have caused you to see with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.

⁵And Moses the servant of Jehovah died there in the land of Moab, according to the command of Jehovah. ⁶And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; and no man knows his burying-place to this day. ⁷And Moses *was* a son of a hundred and twenty years at his death; his eye had not become dim, nor had his natural force abated. ⁸And the sons of Israel mourned Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. And the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. And the sons of Israel listened to him and did as Jehovah commanded Moses. ¹⁰And never since has a prophet like Moses arisen in Israel, whom Jehovah knew face to face, ¹¹in regard to all the signs and wonders which Jehovah sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants and to all his land; ¹²and in regard to all the mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the sight of all Israel.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

CHAPTER 1

¹And after the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, Jehovah spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ²'My servant Moses is dead. And now rise up, cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. ³'Every place on which the sole of your foot shall tread, I have given it to you, as I spoke to Moses. ⁴'From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, shall be your border. ⁵'There shall not be any man able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor will I forsake you. ⁶'Be strong and brave. For you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers, to give to them. ⁷'Only be strong and very brave, so that you may take heed to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may act wisely wherever you go. ⁸'This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, and you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you shall be on guard to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall prosper your way, and then you shall act wisely. ⁹'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for Jehovah your God *is* with you in all *places* where you go.

¹⁰Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹'Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, Prepare food for you. For within three days you *are* crossing this Jordan to go in to possess the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, to possess it.

¹²And Joshua spoke to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, saying, ¹³'Remember the word which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, saying, Jehovah your God has given you rest, and He has given to you this land; ¹⁴'your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in

the land which Moses has given to you beyond the Jordan. But you shall cross over armed before your brothers, all the mighty warriors, and shall help them, ¹⁵until Jehovah has given rest to your brothers, as well as to you, and they, even they have possessed the land which Jehovah your God is giving to them. Then you may return to the land of your possession, and may possess it, which Moses the servant of Jehovah has given to you beyond the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun. ¹⁶And they answered Joshua, saying, We will do all that you command us; and we will go everywhere you shall send us. ¹⁷According to all we heard from Moses, so we will listen to you. Surely Jehovah your God is with you, as He has been with Moses. ¹⁸Whoever rebels against your mouth, and will not listen to your commands in all that you say to him, he shall be put to death. Only, be strong and brave.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men out of Shittim to spy secretly, saying, Go look over the land, and Jericho. And they went and came into the house of a woman, a harlot; and her name *was* Rahab. And they lay down there. ²And it was reported to the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, men have come here tonight from the sons of Israel, to search the land. ³And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring out the men who have come in to you, who have come into your house. They have come in to search out all the land. ⁴And the woman took the two men and hid them, and said, This way the men came in to me, but I did not know from where they were. ⁵And it happened *as* the gate was to *be* shut at dark, even the men went out. I do not know where they have gone. You go after them, and hurry, for you may overtake them. ⁶But she made them go up on the roof, and hid them with stalks of flax, which she arranged on the roof. ⁷And the men went after them the way of the Jordan, by the fords. And they

shut the gate afterwards, when the pursuers had gone after them.

⁸And before they had laid down, she came up to them on the roof. ⁹And she said to the men, I know that Jehovah has given the land to you, and that your terror has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted before you.

¹⁰For we have heard how Jehovah dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds before you, as you were going out of Egypt; also that which you have done to two kings of the Amorites who *were* beyond the Jordan; to Sihon, and to Og, whom you destroyed.

¹¹And we have heard, and our heart has melted, and there not still rises spirit in *any* man, because of you. For Jehovah your God, He *is* God in the heavens above, and in the earth below. ¹²And now, please swear by me by Jehovah, since I have dealt with you in kindness, that you will also deal with my father's house in kindness, and shall give to me a true token; ¹³and shall keep alive my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they *own*, and shall deliver our souls from death. ¹⁴And the men said to her, Our life is yours. If you do not tell this business of ours, then it shall be, when Jehovah gives this land to us, that we shall deal with you in kindness and truth.

¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house *was* in the side of the wall, and she lived in the wall. ¹⁶And she said to them, Go to the mountain lest the pursuers come upon you. And you shall hide there three days until the pursuers return; and afterward you shall go on your way. ¹⁷And the men said to her, We will be guiltless from this oath of yours which you made us swear. ¹⁸Behold, we are coming into the land; you shall bind this scarlet thread of line in the window by which you have let us down. And you shall gather your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's house to you, to the house. ¹⁹And it shall be, anyone who goes outside from the doors of your house, his blood *shall be* on his head, and we shall be innocent. And anyone who is with you in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if any hand is on him. ²⁰But if you reveal this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless from you

oath which you make us swear. ²¹And she said, Let it *be* according to your words. And she sent them away. And they went. And she bound the line of scarlet thread in the window.

²²And they departed and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had returned. And the pursuers searched in all the way, but did not find *them*. ²³And the two men returned and came down from the mountain, and crossed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and reported to him all that had happened to them. ²⁴And they said to Joshua, Surely Jehovah has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land have melted before us.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Joshua rose up early in the morning. And they moved from Shittim and came to the Jordan, he and all the sons of Israel. And they stayed there before they crossed over. ²And it happened, at the end of three days, the officers passed into the midst of the camp. ³And *they* commanded the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, and the priests, and the Levites bearing it, then you shall move from your place and shall go after it. ⁴Only, keep a distance between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. You shall not come near it, so that you may know the way in which you are to go. For you have not crossed over *this* way yesterday and the day before. ⁵And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow Jehovah will do wonders among you. ⁶And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant and go before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

⁷And Jehovah said to Joshua, This day I will begin to make you great in the eyes of all Israel, so that they shall know that as I was with Moses, I am with you. ⁸And you shall command the priests bearing the ark of the covenant, saying, When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand *still* in the Jordan. ⁹And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, Come

near here and hear the words of Jehovah your God. ¹⁰And Joshua said, By this you shall know that the living God *is* among you. And He shall certainly expel from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. ¹¹Behold, the ark of the covenant of Jehovah of all the earth shall pass over before you into the Jordan.

¹²And now, take for yourselves twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe. ¹³And it shall be, when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of Jehovah, Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters which come down from above. And they shall stand in one heap.

¹⁴And it happened, as the people moved from their tents to cross over the Jordan, and as the priests bore the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as those bearing the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the waters — and the Jordan was full, over all its banks all the days of harvest — ¹⁶that the waters stood still, those coming down from above rose up into a heap, very far above the city Adam, which *is* beside Zaretan; and those going down by the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite to Jericho. ¹⁷And the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of Jehovah stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan. And all Israel crossed over on dry ground until all the nation had completely passed over the Jordan.

CHAPTER 4

¹And it happened, when all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan, Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, ²Take twelve men for you out of the people, one man of each tribe. ³And charge them, saying, Take twelve stones from this place, from the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests were fixed. And you shall carry them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place which you stay the night. ⁴And

Joshua called to the twelve men whom he had made ready out of the sons of Israel, one man out of each tribe. ⁵And Joshua said to them, Cross over before the ark of Jehovah your God to the middle of the Jordan, and *each* man of you lift up one stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, ⁶so that this shall be a sign among you, when you children ask hereafter, saying, What *are* these stones to you? ⁷You shall say to them, Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, as it crossed over into the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones are for a memorial to the sons of Israel all the days.

⁸And the sons of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, as Jehovah had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, and crossed over with them to the lodging place, and laid them down there; ⁹even the twelve stones that Joshua lifted up in the middle of the Jordan, in the place *where* the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant stood firm. And they are there until this day. ¹⁰And the priests bearing the ark were standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything was finished that Jehovah had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua. And the people hastened and crossed over.

¹¹And it happened, when the people had finished crossing over, the ark of Jehovah and the priests crossed over before the people. ¹²And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh crossed over in battle array before the sons of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them; ¹³about forty thousand armed men of the army crossed over before Jehovah for battle, to the plains of Jericho. ¹⁴On that day Jehovah made Joshua great in the sight of all Israel. And they feared him all the days of his life, even as they feared Moses.

¹⁵And Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, ¹⁶Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony, and they shall come up out of the Jordan. ¹⁷And Joshua commanded the priests, saying, Come up out

of the Jordan. ¹⁸And when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah had come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the feet of the priests had been lifted to the dry land, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and flowed over all its banks, as before. ¹⁹And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth of the first month, and camped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. ²⁰And the twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan were raised up in Gilgal by Joshua. ²¹And he spoke to the sons of Israel, saying, when your sons ask their fathers hereafter, saying, What do these stones *mean*? ²²Then you shall make your sons know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land, ²³because Jehovah your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you, until you crossed over, as Jehovah your God did to the Sea of Reeds, which He dried up before you until we crossed over; ²⁴so that all the people of the land shall know that the hand of Jehovah is strong, so that you may fear Jehovah your God all the days.

CHAPTER 5

¹And it happened, when all the kings of the Amorites which *were* beyond the Jordan, toward the sea, and all the kings of the Canaanites which *were* by the sea, heard how Jehovah dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel, until they crossed over, their heart was melted. And there was not any more spirit in them before the sons of Israel.

²At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, Make for yourself flint knives, and again circumcise the sons of Israel, the second time. ³And Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. ⁴And this is the reason Joshua circumcised: All the people who had come out of Egypt, who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness, in the way, as they came out of Egypt. ⁵For all the people who had come out were circumcised. And all the people who *were* born in the wilderness, in the way, as they came out from Egypt, had not been circumcised. ⁶For the sons of Israel had walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war

who had come out of Egypt, who did not listen to the voice of Jehovah, to whom Jehovah had sworn to them, not to show them the land which Jehovah swore to their fathers, to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey — *these* were consumed. ⁷And He raised their sons up in their place. Joshua circumcised them, for they had been uncircumcised; for they had not been circumcised in the way.

⁸And it happened, when all the nation had finished being circumcised, they remained in their places in the camp until they revived.

⁹And Jehovah said to Joshua, Today I have rolled the reproach of Egypt off of you. And he called the name of that place Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰And the sons of Israel camped in Gilgal, and prepared the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening, in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹And they ate the old grain of the land on the morrow of the Passover, unleavened bread and roasted *grain*, in this same day. ¹²And the manna ceased on the next day after they ate of the old grain of the land. And there was no more manna to the sons of Israel, but they ate the produce of the land of Canaan in that year.

¹³And it happened, when Joshua was beside Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold! A Man stood opposite him, and His drawn sword *was* in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are You for us, or for our foes? ¹⁴And He said, No, for I now come *as* the Commander of the army of Jehovah. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshiped. And *he* said to Him, What does my Lord speak to His bondslave? ¹⁵And the Commander of the army of Jehovah said to Joshua, Take your shoe off your foot, for the place on which you are standing *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

CHAPTER 6

¹And Jericho was shut in, even it was shut in from the face of the sons of Israel; no one going out, and no one coming in. ²And Jehovah said to Joshua, See I have given Jericho and its king, mighty warriors, into your hand. ³And you shall

go around the city, all the men of battle, going around the city once; so you shall do six days. ⁴And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of ram's horns before the ark. And on the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. ⁵And it shall be, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the horn, all the people shall shout with a great shout. And the wall of the city shall fall down flat; and the people shall go up, each man in front of him. ⁶And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of ram's horns before the ark of Jehovah. ⁷And he said to the people, Pass on, go around the city, and he who is armed shall go on before the ark of Jehovah.

⁸And it happened, when Joshua spoke to the people, the seven priests bearing seven trumpets of the ram's horns before Jehovah passed on and blew with the trumpets. And the ark of the covenant of Jehovah went after them. ⁹And he who was armed went before the priests blowing the trumpets. And he who gathered up went after the ark, going on and blowing with the trumpets. ¹⁰And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor cause your voice to be heard, nor shall there go from your mouth a word until the day I say to you, Shout! Then you shall shout. ¹¹And the ark of Jehovah went around the city, going around one time. And they came into the camp, and remained in the camp.

¹²And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests bore the ark of Jehovah.

¹³And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of the ram's horns were walking before the ark of Jehovah, going on, and were blowing with the trumpets. And he who was armed went before them. And the rear guard went behind the ark of Jehovah, going on and blowing with the trumpets.

¹⁴And they circled the city on the second day one time, and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

¹⁵And it happened on the seventh day, they rose early, at the dawning of the day, and went around the city seven times.

¹⁶And it happened at the seventh time, the priests blew with the trumpets, and Joshua said to the people, Shout! For Jehovah has given you the city. ¹⁷And the city shall be devoted to Jehovah, it and all that are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. ¹⁸And you shall certainly keep clear of the cursed things, that you not become accursed by taking from the cursed things, and shall make the camp of Israel become accursed, and trouble it. ¹⁹And all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, they *are* holy to Jehovah; they shall come into the treasury of Jehovah. ²⁰And the people shouted, and blew with the trumpets, and it happened, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout. And the wall fell under it; and the people went up into the city, each man in front of him; and they captured the city.

²¹And they destroyed all that *was* in the city, from man even to woman, from young even to aged, and to ox, and sheep, and ass, by the mouth of the sword.

²²And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, Go into the house of the woman, the harlot, and bring the woman out from there, and all whom she has, as you have sworn to her. ²³And the young men, the spies, went in and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all whom she had; yea, they brought all her family, and set them outside the camp of Israel.

²⁴And they burned the city with fire, and all that *was* in it. Only they gave the silver and the gold, and the vessels of bronze, and of iron, *to* the treasury of the house of Jehovah. ²⁵And Joshua kept alive Rahab the harlot, and the house of her father, and all whom she had. And she lives in the midst of Israel to this day, for she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

²⁶And at that time Joshua adjured, saying, Cursed *be* the man who rises up before the face of Jehovah and builds this city of Jericho. He shall lay its foundation in his firstborn, and he shall set up its doors in his youngest son.

²⁷And Jehovah was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

CHAPTER 7

¹And the sons of Israel committed a sin in the cursed thing. And Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah took the cursed thing. And the anger of Jehovah glowed against the sons of Israel.

²And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, on the east of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai. ³And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Do not let all the people go up. Let about two thousand men, or about three thousand men, go up, and they shall strike Ai. Do not cause all the people to labor there, for they are few. ⁴And about three thousand men of the people went up there. And they fled before the men of Ai. ⁵And the men of Ai struck about thirty-six men of them, and pursued them before the gate to Shebarim. And they struck them in the descent. And the heart of the people was melted, and became as water.

⁶And Joshua tore his clothing, and fell on his face to the earth before the ark of Jehovah until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they threw dust on their heads. ⁷And Joshua said, O Lord Jehovah, why have You at all caused this people to cross over the Jordan to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? And, O that we have been willing, and that we had dwelt beyond the Jordan! ⁸O Lord, what shall I say, after Israel has turned its back before its enemies? ⁹And the Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear, and shall come around against us, and shall cut off our name out of the earth. And what shall You do for Your great name?

¹⁰And Jehovah said to Joshua, Get up! Why do you fall on your face this way?

¹¹Israel has sinned, and they also have transgressed My covenant which I commanded them, and have also taken of the cursed things, and have also stolen, and also deceived, and also put *it* among their stuff. ¹²And the sons of Israel have not been able to stand before their enemies; they have turned the back before their enemies because they have become cursed. I will not be with you again if you

do not destroy the cursed things from among you. ¹³Rise up, sanctify the people, and you shall say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow. For so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, A cursed thing *is* in your midst, O Israel; you are not able to stand before your enemies until you take away the cursed thing from among you. ¹⁴And you shall be brought near in the morning, by your tribes. And it shall be, the tribe which Jehovah takes shall draw near by families. And the family which Jehovah takes shall draw near by households. And the household which Jehovah takes shall draw near by men. ¹⁵And it shall be, he who is taken with the accursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of Jehovah, and because he has committed folly in Israel.

¹⁶And Joshua rose early in the morning, and brought Israel near by its tribes. And the tribe of Judah was taken. ¹⁷And he brought the family of Judah near; and he took the family of the Zarchites. And he brought near the family of the Zarhites by men, and Zabdi was taken. ¹⁸And he brought near his household by men, and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. ¹⁹And Joshua said to Achan, My son, I beg you, give glory to Jehovah, the God of Israel, and give thanks to Him, and please tell me what you have done. Do not hide it from me. ²⁰And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Truly I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel, and this I have done: ²¹When I saw among the spoil a goodly robe of Shinar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold, one of fifty shekels in weight, then I lusted after them, and took them. And behold, they *are* hidden in the earth, in the middle of my tent, and the silver under it.

²²And Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent, and the silver under it. ²³And they took them out of the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the sons of Israel, and laid them out before Jehovah. ²⁴And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the robe, and the wedge of gold, and

his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his ass, and his flock, and his tent, and all that he had. And they made them go up to the valley of Achor. ²⁵And Joshua said, How you have troubled us! Jehovah shall trouble you today! And all Israel threw stones at him, and they burned them with fire, and they stoned them with stones. ²⁶And they raised over him a great heap of stones to this day. And Jehovah turned back from the heat of His anger. On this account the name of that place is The Valley of Grief until this day.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Jehovah said to Joshua, Do not fear, nor be afraid. Take all the people of war with you, and rise up, go up to Ai. Behold, I have given the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land into your hand. ²And you shall do to Ai and to its king as you have done to Jericho and its king. Only, its spoil and its cattle you shall take for yourselves. Set yourself an ambush for the city behind it. ³And Joshua rose up, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai. And Joshua chose thirty thousand men, mighty warriors, and sent them away by night. ⁴And he commanded them, saying, See, you *will be* an ambush against the city, at the rear of the city. You shall not go very far off from the city, and all of you shall be ready. ⁵And I and all the people with me shall draw near to the city. And it shall be, when they come out to meet us as at the first, and we have fled before them, ⁶and they have come out after us until we have drawn them out of the city—for they will say, They are fleeing before us, as at the first—and we are fleeing from them; ⁷then you shall rise from the ambush and shall occupy the city. And Jehovah your God shall give it into your hand. ⁸And it shall be, when you capture the city, you shall burn the city with fire. You shall do according to the word of Jehovah. See, I have commanded you. ⁹And Joshua sent them away, and they went to the ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west of Ai. And Joshua remained that night in the midst of the people.

¹⁰And Joshua rose early in the morning, and inspected the people, and went up, he

and the elders of Israel, in the sight of the people of Ai. ¹¹And all the people of war with him went up and drew near, and came before the city. And they camped on the north of Ai, and the valley *was* between him and Ai. ¹²And he took about five thousand men and set them as an ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west of the city. ¹³And they set the people, all the camp on the north of the city; and its rear on the west of the city. And Joshua went into the middle of the valley on that night. ¹⁴And it happened, when the king of Ai saw, the men of the city rose early and hurried to go out to meet Israel in battle, he and all his people at the appointed time before the plain. He did not know that an ambush *was* against him behind the city. ¹⁵And Joshua and all Israel *were* touched before them, and *they* fled the way of the wilderness. ¹⁶And all the people in the city were called to chase them. And they pursued Joshua, and were drawn away out of the city. ¹⁷And there was not a man left in Ai and Bethel who had not gone out after Israel. And they left the city open, and chased Israel.

¹⁸And Jehovah said to Joshua, Stretch out the javelin in your hand toward Ai. For I will give it into your hand. And Joshua stretched out the javelin in his hand toward the city. ¹⁹And the ambush rose up quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered the city, and took it. And they hastened and burned the city with fire. ²⁰And the men of Ai looked behind them, and saw; and, behold! The smoke of the city had gone up into the sky. And there was no power in them to flee here or there. And the people who had fled to the wilderness turned back against the pursuers. ²¹And Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had captured the city, and that the smoke of the city had gone up. And they turned back and struck the men of Ai. ²²And the others came out from the city to meet them. and they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that. And they struck them until he did not leave them a survivor, not one that escaped. ²³And they caught the king of Ai alive, and brought him to Joshua.

²⁴And it happened, when Israel had

made an end to slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, even in the wilderness where they pursued them—and they all of them fell by the mouth of the sword until they were consumed — all Israel turned back to Ai, and struck it with the mouth of the sword. ²⁵And all who fell during that day, of men and of women, were twelve thousand, all the men of Ai. ²⁶And Joshua did not draw back his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. ²⁷Only, Israel seized for themselves the livestock, and the plunder of the city, according to the word of Jehovah which He commanded Joshua. ²⁸And Joshua burned Ai, and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day. ²⁹And he hanged the king of Ai on the tree until evening time. And at sundown Joshua commanded, and they took his dead body down from the tree, and threw it into the opening of the gate of the city; and raised over it a great heap of stones until this day.

³⁰Then Joshua built an altar to Jehovah, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal, ³¹as Moses, the servant of Jehovah, commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses; an altar of whole stones, on which had been wielded no iron. And they offered up on it burnt offerings to Jehovah, and offered peace offerings. ³²And he wrote there on the stones the copy of the law of Moses, which he had written in the presence of the sons of Israel. ³³And all Israel, and its elders, and authorities, and its judges, were standing on this side and on that of the ark, before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah—the alien as well as the home-born—half of them in front of Mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel. ³⁴And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that was written in the book of the law. ³⁵There was not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the aliens that walked among them.

CHAPTER 9

¹And it happened, when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hills and in the Lowland, and in all the coast of the Great Sea in front of Lebanon, heard of it, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, ²they with one mouth gathered themselves to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

³And the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai. ⁴And they acted slyly, and they went and acted like envoys, and took old sacks for their asses, and old wineskins, even torn and bound up; ⁵and old and patched sandals on their feet; and old garments on them. And all their provision of bread was dry; it was crumbs. ⁶And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal. And *they* said to him and to the men of Israel, We have come from a distant land. And now cut a covenant with us. ⁷And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you are living in our midst, and how shall we cut a covenant with you? ⁸And they said to Joshua, We *are* your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who *are* you? And from where do you come? ⁹And they said to him, Your servants have come from a very distant land, because of the name of Jehovah your God, for we have heard of His fame, and all that He has done in Egypt. ¹⁰Also what He has done to the two kings of the Amorites beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og the king of Bashan who *was* in Ashtarothe. ¹¹And our elders and all the people of our land spoke to us, saying, Take provisions in your hand for the way, and go to meet them. And you shall say to them, We *are* your servants; and now, cut a covenant with us. ¹²We provided ourselves with this hot bread out of our houses on the day we came out to go to you. And now, behold, *it is* dry and it is crumbs. ¹³And these are the wineskins which we filled new; and, behold, they have torn. And these garments of ours, and our sandals, have become old because of the exceeding greatness of the way. ¹⁴And the men took of their provision, and did not ask at the mouth of Jehovah. ¹⁵And Joshua made peace with them, and cut a covenant with them, to keep them alive. And

the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

¹⁶And at the end of three days they had cut a covenant with them, and it happened that they heard that they *were* their neighbors, and they *were* living in their midst.

¹⁷And the sons of Israel pulled up and came to their cities on the third day. And their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. ¹⁸And the sons of Israel did not strike them, for the leaders of the congregation swore to them by Jehovah the God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the leaders. ¹⁹And all the leaders said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by Jehovah the God of Israel; and now we cannot touch them. ²⁰We shall do this to them, and shall keep them alive and wrath shall not be on us because of the oath which we have sworn to them. ²¹And the leaders said to them, They shall live and be woodcutters, and drawers of water for all the congregation, as the leaders spoke to them.

²²And Joshua called for them; and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you deceived us, saying, We are very far from you, yet you are living in our midst? ²³And now, you *are* cursed, and none of you shall fail to *be* slaves, and woodcutters, and drawers of water for the house of my God. ²⁴And they answered Joshua and said, Because it was certainly told to your servants what Jehovah your God commanded His servant Moses, to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land before you; and we were greatly afraid for ourselves, because of you. And we did this thing. ²⁵And now, behold, we *are* in your hand. Do whatever *is* good, and as *is* right in your eyes to do. ²⁶And he did so to them, and delivered them from the hand of the sons of Israel. And they did not kill them. ²⁷And on that day Joshua made them woodcutters, and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of Jehovah at the place which He should choose, to this day.

CHAPTER 10

¹And it happened, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had

captured Ai, and had destroyed it—as he had done to Jericho and to its king, so he had done to Ai and to her king—and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were in their midst, ²they were greatly afraid, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men *were* mighty. ³And Adonizedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, ⁴Come up to me and help me. And we shall strike Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua, and with the sons of Israel. ⁵And the five kings of the Amorites assembled, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, they and all their camps. And *they* camped against Gibeon, and fought against it.

⁶And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua, and to the camp at Gilgal, saying, Do not withdraw your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites living in the hills have gathered against us. ⁷And Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, even all the mighty warriors. ⁸And Jehovah said to Joshua, Do not be afraid of them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you. ⁹And Joshua came to them suddenly—he had traveled all night from Gilgal — ¹⁰and Jehovah troubled them before Israel, and struck them *with* a great blow at Gibeon. and *He* pursued by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them to Azekah, and to Makkedah. ¹¹And it happened, as they fled from the face of Israel, they *were* in the descent of Beth-horon, even Jehovah cast great stones on them out of the heavens, to Azekah; and they died. *The* many who died by the hailstones *were* more than the sons of Israel had killed by the sword.

¹²Then Joshua spoke to Jehovah in the day when Jehovah gave the Amorites up before the sons of Israel; and he said, Sun, stand still before the eyes of Israel in Gibeon! And, Moon *stand still* in the valley of Aijalon! ¹³And the sun *stood*

still, and the moon *stood* still, until the nation *was* avenged *on* its foes. Is it not written in the Book of the Upright? Yea, the sun stood still in the middle of the heavens, and did not hasten to go down for a full day. ¹⁴And there has not been a day such as that, before it or after it; for Jehovah listened to the voice of a man. For Jehovah fought for Israel.

¹⁵And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

¹⁶And these five kings fled, and were hidden in a cave at Makkedah. ¹⁷And it was told to Joshua, saying, the five kings have been found hidden in a cave at Makkedah. ¹⁸And Joshua said, Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men over it to watch them. ¹⁹And you, do not stand still. Pursue your enemies, and you shall strike the hindmost of them. Do not allow them to go into their cities, for Jehovah your God has given them into your hand. ²⁰And it happened, when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished destroying them *with* a very great blow, until they were completely destroyed, and the remnant of them *who* escaped went into the fortified cities, ²¹that all the people returned to the camp in peace, to Joshua *at* Makkedah. Not *one* sharpened his tongue against the sons of Israel, against any man.

²²And Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out to me these five kings from the cave. ²³And they did so, and brought out to him these five kings from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon. ²⁴And it happened, when they brought out these kings to Joshua, Joshua called to every man of Israel and said to the commanders of the men of war who had gone with him, Draw near, set your feet on the necks of these kings. And they drew near and set their feet on their necks. ²⁵And Joshua said to them, Do not fear nor be afraid. Be strong and brave, for so Jehovah shall do to all your enemies with whom you are fighting. ²⁶And afterward Joshua struck them, and put them to death, and hung them on five trees. And they were hanging on the trees until the evening. ²⁷And it happened at the time of the going of the

sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, and threw them into the cave where they had been hidden, and put great stones on the mouth of the cave until this very day.

²⁸And that day Joshua captured Makkeh-dah. And he struck it by the mouth of the sword, and he destroyed its king, them, and every person in it. He did not leave a survivor. And he did to the king of Makkeh-dah as he did to the king of Jericho.

²⁹And Joshua passed on, and all Israel with him, from Makkedah to Libnah. And *he* fought with Libnah. ³⁰And Jehovah also gave it into the hand of Israel, and its king. And *they* struck it by the mouth of the sword, and every person in it; he did not leave a survivor in it. And he did to its king as he did to the king of Jericho.

³¹And Joshua passed on, and all Israel with him, from Libnah to Lachish. And *they* camped against it, and fought against it. ³²And Jehovah gave Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he captured it on the second day, and struck it by the mouth of the sword, and every person in it, according to all that he did to Libnah.

³³Then Horan the king of Gezer came up to help Lachish. And Joshua struck him and his people until there was not left to him a survivor. ³⁴And Joshua passed on, and all Israel with him, from Lachish to Eglon. And they camped against it, and fought against it, ³⁵and captured it on that day, and struck it with the mouth of the sword. And he destroyed every person in it on that day, according to all that he did to Lachish. ³⁶And Joshua went on, and all Israel with him, from Eglon to Hebron. And they fought against it, ³⁷and captured it, and struck it by the mouth of the sword, and its king, and all its cities, and every person in it; he did not leave a survivor, according to all that he did to Eglon, and destroyed it and every person in it.

³⁸And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it. ³⁹And *they* captured it and its king, and all its cities. And they struck them by the mouth of the sword, and destroyed every person in it; he did not leave a survivor. As he did to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; even as he did to Libnah, and to its king.

⁴⁰And Joshua struck all the land: the heights and the Negeb, and the Lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings; he did not leave a survivor, but he destroyed all that breathed, as Jehovah the God of Israel had commanded. ⁴¹And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea, even to Gaza, and all the land of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

⁴²And Joshua captured all these kings in their land *at* one time, for Jehovah the God of Israel fought for Israel. ⁴³And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

CHAPTER 11

¹And it happened, when Jabin the king of Hazor heard, he sent to Jobab the king of Medon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, ²and to the kings that *were* on the north of the heights, and in the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the low country, and in the hills of Dor on the west; ³to the Canaanite on the east, and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the heights, and the Hivite below Hermon, in the land of Mizpeh. ⁴And they went out, they and all their camps with them, a people plentiful as the sand on the seashore in number, and very many horses and chariots. ⁵And all these kings met together. And they came and camped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

⁶And Jehovah said to Joshua, Do not fear before them, for about this time tomorrow I will give all of them up wounded before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. ⁷And Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom. And they suddenly fell on them. ⁸And Jehovah gave them into Israel's hand, and they struck them, and pursued them to the great Sidon, and to the burning waters, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward. And they struck them until he did not have a survivor left to them. ⁹And Joshua did to them as Jehovah said to him. He hamstringed their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

¹⁰And Joshua returned and captured Hazor at that time. And he struck its king

by the sword; for Hazor *was* formerly head of all these kingdoms. ¹¹And they struck every person in it by the mouth of the sword. He destroyed *them*, he did not leave anyone breathing; and he burned Hazor with fire. ¹²And Joshua captured all the cities of these kings, and all their kings. And he struck them by the mouth of the sword. He destroyed them, as Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded. ¹³But *as for* all the cities which stood by their mounds, Israel did not burn them; but Joshua only burned Hazor. ¹⁴And the sons of Israel seized for themselves all the plunder of these cities, and the livestock. But they struck every human being by the mouth of the sword, until they had destroyed them; they did not leave anyone breathing. ¹⁵As Jehovah commanded His servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He did not turn aside from anything of all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

¹⁶And Joshua took all this land: the heights, and all the Negeb, and all the land of Goshen, and the Lowlands, and the Arabah, and the mountains of Israel, and its lowlands, ¹⁷from Mount Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon, below Mount Hermon. And he took all their kings, and and struck them, and killed them. ¹⁸And Joshua made war many days with all those kings. ¹⁹There was not a city that made peace with the sons of Israel except the Hivites, inhabitants of Gibeon. They took all in battle. ²⁰For it was of Jehovah to harden their hearts, so that they should come against Israel in battle, so that they might be destroyed, so that they might have no favor, but that He might destroy them, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

²¹At that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel. Joshua completely destroyed them with their cities. ²²There were none of the Anakim left in the land of the sons of Israel; only some remained in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod. ²³And Joshua took the whole of the land, according to all that Jehovah had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for

an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions, by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 12

¹And these are the kings of the land whom the sons of Israel struck, and *they* seized their land beyond the Jordan, at the sunrising, from the river Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward: ²Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and from its valley *floor*, and half Gilead, even to the river Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon; ³and from the Arabah to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and to the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and on the south under the slopes of Pisgah; ⁴and the border of Og the king of Bashan, of the rest of the giants, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, ⁵and reigned in Mount Hermon and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon the king of Heshbon. ⁶Moses the servant of Jehovah and the sons of Israel struck them. And Moses the servant of Jehovah gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

⁷And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the sons of Israel struck beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon even to Mount Halak that goes up to Seir, which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; ⁸in the mountains, and in the Lowlands, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the Negeb—the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: ⁹the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Bethel, one; ¹⁰the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; ¹¹the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; ¹²the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; ¹³the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; ¹⁴the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; ¹⁵the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; ¹⁶the king of

Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one; ¹⁷the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one; ¹⁸the king of Aphek, one; the king of Sharon, one; ¹⁹the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; ²⁰the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; ²¹the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; ²²the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; ²³the king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one; ²⁴the king of Tirzah, one. All the kings *were* thirty-one.

CHAPTER 13

¹And Joshua was old, going on aged. And Jehovah said to him, You have become aged, you are far along in days; yet very much land remains to be possessed. ²This is the land that still remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all Geshuri, ³from Shihor which fronts on Egypt, and to the border of Ekron northward; it is counted to the Canaanites — five lords of the Philistines, of Gaza, of Ashdod, of Eshkalon, of Gath, and of Ekron; also the Avim. ⁴From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah which *belongs* to the Sidonians; to Aphek, to the border of the Amorites; ⁵and the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to the entering to Hamath; ⁶all the inhabitants of the hills, from Lebanon to the burning waters; all the Sidonians—I will expel them before the sons of Israel. Only, cause it to fall to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.

Now, then, divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh. ⁸With him the Reubenites, and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave to them beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of Jehovah has given to them; ⁹from Aroer on the lip of the river Arnon, and the city which *is* in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba, to Dibon; ¹⁰and all the cities of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the sons of Ammon; ¹¹and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurite, and of the Maachathite, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salcah; ¹²all

the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei; he remained of the remnant of the giants; and Moses struck them and expelled them. ¹³But the sons of Israel did not expel the Geshurite and the Maachathite, but Geshur and Maachath live in the midst of Israel until today.

¹⁴Only, he has not given an inheritance to the tribe of Levi. The fire offerings of Jehovah the God of Israel are its inheritance, as He has spoken to it.

¹⁵And Moses gave to the tribe of the sons of Reuben, for their families; ¹⁶and their border was from Aroer on the lip of the river Arnon, and the city which is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain by Medeba; ¹⁷Heshbon, and all its cities in the tableland; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon; ¹⁸and Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath; ¹⁹and Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar in the mountain of the valley; ²⁰and Bethpeor, and the slopes of Pishgah, and Bethjeshimoth; ²¹and all the cities of the tableland, and all the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the rulers of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, chiefs of Sihon, the inhabitants of the land.

²²And the sons of Israel killed Balaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with the sword, among their slain. ²³And the border of the sons of Reuben was from the Jordan, and its border. This was the inheritance of the sons of Reuben for their families, the cities and their villages.

²⁴And Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad, for their families: ²⁵And their border was to Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half of the land of the sons of Ammon, to Aroer, which is before Rabbah; ²⁶and from Heshbon to Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir; ²⁷and in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon the king of Heshbon; the Jordan and its border, to the edge of the Sea of Chinnereth, beyond the Jordan, eastward. ²⁸This is the inheritance of the sons of Gad, for their families, the cities and their villages.

²⁹And Moses gave to the half of the tribe of Manasseh. And it was to the half of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, for their families: ³⁰and their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og the king of Bashan, and all the small towns of Jair in Bashan, sixty cities; ³¹and the half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, belonged to the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, to the half of the sons of Machir for their families.

³²These are they whom Moses caused to inherit in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan, opposite Jericho, eastward. ³³But Moses did not give an inheritance to the tribe of Levi. Jehovah the God of Israel Himself is their inheritance, as He has spoken to them.

CHAPTER 14

¹And these are they of the sons of Israel who inherited in the land of Canaan, whom Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel caused to inherit. ²Their inheritance was by lot, as Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and the half tribe—³for Moses had given the inheritance of two of the tribes, and the half tribe, beyond the Jordan; and he did not give any inheritance to the Levites among them—⁴For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And they did not give a portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to live in, with the open land around them for their livestock and for their substance, ⁵as Jehovah commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did, and they allotted the land.

⁶And the sons of Judah came near to Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said to him, You know the word that Jehovah spoke to Moses the man of God as to me and as to you in Kadesh-barnea. I was a son of forty years when Moses the servant of Jehovah sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land. And I brought him back word as it was in my heart. ⁷But my brothers who went up with me caused the

heart of the people to melt, yet I fully followed after Jehovah my God.

⁹And Moses swore in that day, saying, Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and for your sons forever, because you have fully followed after Jehovah my God.

¹⁰And now, behold, Jehovah has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years since Jehovah spoke this word to Moses, when Israel went in the wilderness. And now, behold, today I *am* a son of eighty-five years; ¹¹yet I *am* as strong today as in the day Moses sent me. As my strength was then, so *is* my strength now for war, both to go out and to come in. ¹²And now, give to me this mountain, of which Jehovah spoke in that day, for you heard in that day *how* the son of Anak *were* there, and great walled cities. If Jehovah shall be with me, then I shall expel them, as Jehovah has spoken. ¹³And Joshua blessed him, and *he* gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. ¹⁴Therefore, Hebron has belonged to Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenezite, for an inheritance to this day, because he fully followed after Jehovah the God of Israel. ¹⁵And the name of Hebron before was City of Arba — that one *was* a great man among the Anakim.

And the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

¹And the lot for the tribe of the sons of Judah for their families was to the border of Edom, the wilderness of Zin southward, in the extreme south. ²And their south border was from the end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looked southward. ³And it went out southward to the ascent of Acrabbim, and passed on to Zin, and went up on the south of Kadesh-barnea, and passed to Hezron, and went up toward Adar, and turned toward Karkaa, ⁴and passed on to Azmon, and went out by the torrent of Egypt; and the boundary line was at the sea. This shall be your south border. ⁵And the east border was the Salt Sea to the end of the Jordan; and the border on the north side *was* from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan. ⁶And the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and passed on the north of Beth-arabah; and

the border went up to the stone of Bohan, the son of Reuben; ⁷and the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and northward looking toward Gilgal, which is opposite to the ascent of Adummim, which *is* the south side of the torrent; and the border passed to the waters of Enshemesh, and its boundary line was at Enrogel. ⁸And the border went up to the valley of the son of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite on the south—it *is* Jerusalem—and the border went up to the top of the mountain which *is* before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the far end of the Valley of the Giants northward. ⁹And the border was drawn from the top of the mount to the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah; and *it* went up to the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah—it *is* Kirjath-jearim—¹⁰and the border turned around from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed toward the side of Mount Jearim on the north—it *is* Chesalon—and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed along by Timnah; ¹¹and the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border was drawn to Shikkeron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel. And the boundary line was at the sea. ¹²And the west border *was* to the Great Sea, and *its* coast. This is the border of the sons of Judah all around, for their families.

¹³And he gave a portion to Caleb the son of Jephunneh among the sons of Judah, according to the command of Jehovah to Joshua: the City of Arba, the father of Anak; it is Hebron. ¹⁴And Caleb dispossessed the three sons of Anak from there, Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi, the sons of Anak. ¹⁵And he went up there to the inhabitants of Debir; and the name of Debir formerly was the city of Sepher. ¹⁶And Caleb said, He who strikes the city of Sepher, and captures it, I shall give my daughter Achsah to him for a wife. ¹⁷And Othniel, the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it. And He gave his daughter Achsah to him for a wife. ¹⁸And it happened, as she came, that she persuaded him to ask from her father a field. And she alighted from the ass, and Caleb said to her, What do you *desire*? ¹⁹And she

said, Give a blessing to me. When you have given me the land of the south, then you shall give to me springs of water. And he gave to her the upper springs and the lower springs.

²⁰This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah, for their families: ²¹And the cities at the furthest border of the tribe of the sons of Judah were to the border of Edom in the south: Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, ²²and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, ²³and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, ²⁴Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, ²⁵and Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor, ²⁶Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, ²⁷and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet, ²⁸and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Bizjothjah, ²⁹Baalah, and Iim, and Azem, ³⁰and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah, ³¹and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, ³²and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon. All the cities are twenty-nine and their villages.

³³In the Lowlands were: Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah, ³⁴and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, ³⁵Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, ³⁶and Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothain — fourteen cities and their villages — ³⁷Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad, ³⁸and Dilan, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, ³⁹Lachish and Bozkath, and Eglon, ⁴⁰and Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish, ⁴¹and Gederoth, Beth-dgo, and Naamah, and Makkedah—sixteen cities and their villages — ⁴²Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, ⁴³and Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, ⁴⁴and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah — nine cities and their villages — ⁴⁵Ekron with its daughter-towns and its villages; ⁴⁶from Ekron even to the sea, all that were at hand by Ashdod, and their villages; ⁴⁷Ashdod with its daughter-towns and its villages; Gaza with its daughter-towns and its villages, to the river of Egypt, and the Great Sea, and its coast.

⁴⁸And in the hills: Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, ⁴⁹and Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which is Debir, ⁵⁰and Anab, and Estemoh, and Anim, ⁵¹and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh — eleven cities and their villages — ⁵²Arab and Dumah, and

Eshean, ⁵³and Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah, ⁵⁴and Humtah, and the city of Arba, which is Hebron, and Zior — nine cities and their villages — ⁵⁵Maon, Carmel and Ziph, and Juttah, ⁵⁶and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, ⁵⁷Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah — ten cities and their villages — ⁵⁸Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, ⁵⁹and Maarah, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon — six cities and their villages — ⁶⁰Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah — two cities and their villages. ⁶¹In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah, ⁶²and Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi — six cities and their villages.

⁶³As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not drive them out. But the Jebusites dwell with the sons of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the lot of the sons of Joseph went out from the Jordan at Jericho, to the waters of Jericho eastward, to the wilderness which went from Jericho to the hills of Bethel. ²And it went from Bethel to Luz, and passed on to the border of the Archites, to Ataroth; ³and went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Beth-horon the lower, and to Gezer, and its boundary line was at the sea. ⁴And Manasseh and Ephraim, the sons of Joseph, inherited.

⁵And the border of the sons of Ephraim was by their families; the border of their inheritance on the east was Ataroth-addar to Beth-horon the upper. ⁶And the border went out at the sea to Michmethah on the north; and the border went around eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it eastward to Janohah; ⁷and went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and touched on Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. ⁸From Tappuah, the border went westward to the river Kanah, and its boundary line was at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, for their families.

⁹And the separate cities of the sons of Ephraim were in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities and their villages. ¹⁰And they did

not expel the Canaanite who lived in Gezer. And the Canaanite lives in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and is serving under tribute.

CHAPTER 17

¹And the lot came for the tribe of Manasseh, for he *was* the firstborn of Joseph, to Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, father of Gilead, for he had been a man of battle, and he had Gilead and Bashan. ²And there *was a lot* remaining for the sons of Manasseh, for their families — for the sons of Abiezer, and for the sons of Helek, and for the sons of Asriel, and for the sons of Shechem, and for the sons of Hephher, and for the sons of Shemida; these *being* the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, by their families. ³But Zelophehad the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters. And these *were* the names of his daughters: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. ⁴And they drew near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the rulers, saying, Jehovah commanded Moses to give to us an inheritance among our brothers; and at the mouth of Jehovah he gave to them an inheritance among their father's brothers. ⁵And ten portions fell to Manasseh, besides that from the land of Gilead and Bashan beyond the Jordan; ⁶because the daughters of Manasseh had inherited an inheritance among his sons; and the land of Gilead belonged to the sons of Manasseh who remained.

⁷And the border of Manasseh *was* from Asher to Michmethah, which fronts on Shechem. And the border went up to the right to the inhabitants of En-tappuah — ⁸the land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the sons of Ephraim — ⁹and the border went down to the river Kanah, south of the river; these cities of Ephraim *were* in the midst of the cities of Manasseh, and the border of Manasseh *was* on the north of the river, and its boundary line *was* at the sea. ¹⁰Southward, it *was* Ephraim's. And northward, it *was* Manasseh's, and the sea *was* its border. And they met in Asher on the

north, and in Issachar on the east. ¹¹And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth-shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns — three regions.

¹²But the sons of Manasseh had not been able to occupy these cities, for the Canaanite determined to live in this land. ¹³And it happened, when the sons of Israel became strong, they put the Canaanites to tribute, but did not completely expel him.

¹⁴And the sons of Joseph spoke with Joshua, saying, Why have you given to me one lot and one portion as an inheritance, since *I am* a numerous people? For Jehovah has blessed me until now. ¹⁵And Joshua said to them, If you are a numerous people, go up to the forest for yourself, and you shall cut down for yourself there in the land of the Perizzite, and of the giants, if Mount Ephraim is too narrow for you. ¹⁶And the sons of Joseph said, The hills will not come forth to us. And every Canaanite who lives in the land of the valley *has* a chariot of iron, those that are of Beth-shean and its towns, and of him who *is* in the valley of Jezreel. ¹⁷And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, You *are* a numerous people, and have great power; you shall not have one lot, ¹⁸because the hill is yours; because it *is* a forest, you shall cut it down, and its outer limits shall be yours; for you shall expel the Canaanite, even though it has chariots of iron; even though it *is* strong.

CHAPTER 18

¹And all the company of the sons of Israel were gathered at Shiloh. And they established the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land had been subdued before them. ²And seven tribes were left among the sons of Israel who had not shared their inheritance. ³And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, How long will you fail to go in to possess the land which He, Jehovah the God of your fathers, has given to you? ⁴Give from among you three men of a tribe, and I shall send them. And they shall go up and

down through the land, and map it according to their inheritance; and then come to me. ⁵And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall stay within their border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall stay within their border on the north. ⁶And you shall map the land *in* seven parts, and shall bring *it* to me here. And I shall cast a lot for you here before Jehovah our God. ⁷For there shall be no portion to the Levites among you, for the priesthood of Jehovah *is* their inheritance. And Gad, and Reuben, and the half tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave to them.

⁸And the men rose up and went. And Joshua commanded those who were going to map out the land, saying, Go, and walk up and down through the land, and map it, and return to me. And I will cast a lot for you here before Jehovah at Shiloh. ⁹And the men passed through the land, and mapped it by cities, in seven parts, in a book. And they came to Joshua, to the camp *at* Shiloh. ¹⁰And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before Jehovah. And Joshua apportioned the land to the sons of Israel there, according to their divisions.

¹¹And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up, according to their families, and the border of their lot went out between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph. ¹²And their border was at the north side from the Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hills westward; and its boundary line was at the wilderness of Beth-aven; ¹³and the border went up from there to Luz, to the side of Luz—it *is* Bethel—southward, and the border went down *to* Ataroth-adar, near the hill that is on the south of the lower Beth-horon; ¹⁴and the border was drawn and went around to the sea coast southward, from the hill which fronts on Beth-horon southward; and its boundary line was at the city of Baal—it is Kirjath-jearim, a city of the sons of Judah—this is the west side. ¹⁵And the south side *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim; and the border went out westward, and went out to the spring of the waters of

Nephtoah; ¹⁶and the border went down to the end of the mountain that is before the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* in the Valley of the Giants northward, and went down the valley of Hinnom to the side of the Jebusite on the south, and went down to En-rogel. ¹⁷And it was drawn from the north and went out to En-shemesh, and went out toward Geliloth, which is across from the ascent of Adummim, and went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, ¹⁸and passed on to the side opposite to Arabah northward, and went down to Arabah. ¹⁹And the border passed on to the side of Beth-hoglah northward, and the boundary line was at the north tongue of the Salt Sea, to the extreme south of the Jordan; this *was* the southern border. ²⁰And the Jordan borders it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, according to its borders all around, according to their families.

²¹And the cities for the tribe of the sons of Benjamin, by their families, were Jericho, Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz, ²²and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel, ²³and Avvim, and Parah, and Ophrah, ²⁴and Chepharhaam-monai, and Ophni, and Gaba—twelve cities and their villages—²⁵Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, ²⁶and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah, ²⁷and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, ²⁸and Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which *is* Jerusalem, Gibeath, *and* Kirjath—fourteen cities and their villages. This is the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, by their families.

CHAPTER 19

¹And the second lot came forth to Simeon, for the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families. And their inheritance was inside the inheritance of the sons of Judah. ²And they *had* for their inheritance, Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah, ³and Hazorshual, and Balah, and Azem, ⁴and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah, ⁵and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah, ⁶and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhin—thirteen cities and their villages—⁷Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan—four cities and their

villages—⁸and all the villages that were all around these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramah of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families. ⁹The inheritance of the sons of Simeon was out of the portion of the sons of Judah. For the part of the sons of Judah was too much for them. Therefore, the sons of Simeon had their inheritance within their inheritance.

¹⁰And the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their families And the border of their inheritance was to Sarid. ¹¹And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dab-basheth, and reached to the torrent which is in front of Jokneam, ¹²and turned east from Sarid toward the rising of the sun, to the border of The Flames of Tabor, and goes out to Daberath, and goes up the Japhia. ¹³And from there it passes on along on the east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goes out to Rimmon-methoar to Neah. ¹⁴And the border goes around it on the north side to Hannathon, and its outer limits are in the valley of Jiphtahel, ¹⁵and Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem — twelve cities and their villages. ¹⁶This is the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities and their villages.

¹⁷The fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the sons of Issachar according to their families. ¹⁸And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, ¹⁹and Hapharaim, and Shihon, and Anaharath, ²⁰and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez, ²¹and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez. ²²And the border reaches to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh. And the outer limits of their border were at Jordan — sixteen cities and their villages. ²³This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages. ²⁴And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Asher, according to their families. ²⁵And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, ²⁶and Allammelech, and Amad, and Misheal, and reaches to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath. ²⁷And it turns toward the

rising of the sun to Beth-dagon, and it reaches to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphtahel toward the north side of Bethemek, and Neiel, and goes out to Cabul on the left hand, ²⁸and Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah to great Sidon. ²⁹And the border turns to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre. And the border turns to Hosah, and the outer limits of it are at the sea from the line to Achzib, ³⁰and Ummah, and Aphek, and Rehob — twenty-two cities and their villages. ³¹This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities and their villages.

³²The sixth lot came out to the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Naphtali by their families. ³³And their border was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakum. And its boundaries were at Jordan. ³⁴And the border turns west toward Aznoth-tabor, and goes out from there to Hukkok, and reached to Zebulun on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah on Jordan toward the rising of the sun — ³⁵and the fortified cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth, ³⁶and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor, ³⁷and Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor, ³⁸and Iron, and Migdalel, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh — nineteen cities and their villages. ³⁹This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali by their families, the cities and their villages.

⁴⁰The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Dan by their families. ⁴¹And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh, ⁴²and Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah, ⁴³and Elon, and Timnathah, and Ekron, ⁴⁴and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, ⁴⁵and Jehud, and Beneberak, and Gath-rimmon, ⁴⁶and Mejar-kon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho. ⁴⁷And the border of the sons of Dan came out too little for them. And the sons of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the mouth of the sword, and possessed it, and lived in it. And they called Leshem Dan, after the name of their father Dan. ⁴⁸This

is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan by their families, these cities and their villages.

⁴⁹When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them. ⁵⁰According to the mouth of Jehovah, they gave him the city which he asked, Timnath-serah in Mount Ephraim. And he built the city and lived in it.

⁵¹These are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before Jehovah, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they finished dividing the country.

CHAPTER 20

¹And Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, ²Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Appoint cities of refuge for you, as I have spoken to you by the hand of Moses, ³that the manslayer who in innocence strikes anyone mortally, without knowing, may flee there. And they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. ⁴And he shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and shall declare his matter in the ears of the elders of that city. And they shall take him into the city to themselves, and shall give him a place, and he shall live with them. ⁵And if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver the manslayer into his hand, for he has struck his neighbor without knowing, and did not hate him yesterday and the day before. ⁶And he shall live in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest who is in those days. Then the manslayer shall return and come to his city, and to his house, to the city from where he fled.

⁷And they set apart Kadesh in Galilee, in the hills of Naphtali; and Shechem in the hills of Ephraim; and Kirjath-arba — it is Hebron — in the hills of Judah. ⁸And beyond the Jordan, at Jericho eastward, they gave Bezer in the wilderness, on the tableland out of the tribe of Reuben; and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad; and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of

Manasseh. ⁹These were the appointed cities for all the sons of Israel, and for the alien who was living in their midst, that he who had struck anyone mortally without knowing might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

CHAPTER 21

¹And the heads of the fathers of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel. ²And they spoke to them in Shiloh, in the land of Canaan, saying, Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses to give cities to us to live in, and their open land for our livestock. ³And the sons of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance these cities and their open land, at the mouth of Jehovah:

⁴And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. And the sons of Aaron the priest, of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

⁵And the rest of the sons of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

⁶And the sons of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

⁷The sons of Merari by their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

⁸And the sons of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their open land, as Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses.

⁹And they gave out of the tribe of the sons of Judah, and out of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, these cities which are called by name, ¹⁰which the sons of Aaron had, being of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the sons of Levi. For theirs was the first lot. ¹¹And they gave them the city of Arba, the father of

Anak—which is Hebron—in the hills of Judah, with its open lands around it. ¹⁷But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his own.

¹⁸So they gave Hebron and its open lands to the sons of Aaron the priest as a city of refuge for the slayer, and Libnah and its open lands, ¹⁹and Jattir and its open lands, and Eshtemoa and its open lands, ²⁰and Holon and its open lands, and Debir and its open lands, ²¹and Ain and its open lands, and Juttah and its open lands, and Beth-shemesh and its open lands—nine cities out of those two tribes.

²²And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon and its open lands, Geba and its open lands, ²³Anathoth and its open lands, and Almon and its open lands—four cities.

²⁴And all the cities of the sons of Aaron the priest were thirteen cities and their open land.

²⁵And the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites who were left of the sons of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. ²⁶And they gave them Shechem and its open land in Mount Ephraim as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gezer and its open lands, ²⁷and Kibzaim and its open lands, and Beth-horon and its open lands—four cities.

²⁸And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh and its open lands, Gibbethon and its open lands, ²⁹Aijalon and its open lands, Gath-rimmon and its open lands—four cities.

³⁰And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach and its open lands, and Gath-rimmon and its open lands—two cities.

³¹All the cities were ten, and their open land, for the families of the sons of Kohath that were left.

³²And to the sons of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, from the half tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan and its open lands as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Beesh-terah and its open lands—two cities. ³³And from the tribe of Issachar they gave Kishon and its open lands, and Dabareh and its open lands, ³⁴Jarmuth and its open lands, En-gannim and its open lands—four cities. ³⁵And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal and its open lands, Abdon and its open lands, ³⁶Helkath and its open lands, Rehob and its open

lands—four cities. ³⁷And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee and its open lands as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hammoth-dor and its open lands, and Kartan and its open lands—three cities.

³⁸All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities and their open land.

³⁹And to the families of the sons of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, they gave Jokneam and its open lands, and Kartah and its open lands, ⁴⁰Dimnah and its open lands, Nahalal and its open lands—four cities.

⁴¹And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer and its open lands, and Jahazah and its open lands, ⁴²Kedemoth and its open lands, and Mephaath and its open lands—four cities.

⁴³And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead and its open lands as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mahanaim and its open lands, ⁴⁴Heshbon and its open land, Jazer and its open lands—four cities in all. ⁴⁵So all the cities for the sons of Merari by their families, those left of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

⁴⁶All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the sons of Israel were forty-eight cities and their open land. ⁴⁷These cities were every one with their open land around them. So it was to all these cities.

⁴⁸And Jehovah gave to Israel all the land which He swore to give to their fathers. And they possessed it, and lived in it.

⁴⁹And Jehovah gave them rest round about, according to all that He swore to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood before them. Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand.

⁵⁰Not any good thing which Jehovah had spoken to the house of Israel failed. All came to pass.

CHAPTER 22

¹Then Joshua called for the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, ²and said to them, You have done all that which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you. And you have listened to my voice, to all that I have commanded you. ³You have not left your brothers these many days until today, and have kept the observance of the command of Jehovah your God. ⁴And now Jehovah

your God has given rest to your brothers, as He spoke to them. And now you turn and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Jehovah has given to you beyond the Jordan. ⁵Only, be very much on guard to do the commands and the law which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, to love Jehovah your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁶And Joshua blessed them and sent them away. And they went to their tents.

⁷And to the half tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given *possession* in Bashan. And to its *other* half Joshua had given *possession* with their brothers beyond the Jordan westward. And also when Joshua had sent them away to their tents, then he blessed them. ⁸And *he* spoke to them, saying, You are returning to your tents with great treasures, and with very much livestock, with silver, and with gold, and with bronze, and with iron, and with much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers. ⁹And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh turned and left the sons of Israel from Shiloh in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession in which they have possession, according to the command of Jehovah by the hand of Moses.

¹⁰And when they came to the regions of the Jordan in the land of Canaan, then the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, an altar of grand appearance. ¹¹And the sons of Israel heard *it* said, Behold, the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar across from the land of Canaan, in the regions of the Jordan, at the border of the sons of Israel. ¹²And the sons of Israel heard, and all the company of the sons of Israel were assembled *at* Shiloh, to go up against them to war.

¹³And the sons of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the

priest, ¹⁴and ten rulers with him, one ruler each for the house of a father, for all the tribes of Israel, and each of them a head of the house of their fathers, for the thousands of Israel. ¹⁵And they came to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and spoke with them, saying, ¹⁶So says all the company of Jehovah, What *is* this treachery *with* which the God of Israel *was* betrayed, to turn back today from after Jehovah, in *that* you built for yourself an altar so that you might rebel today against Jehovah?

¹⁷Is the iniquity of Peor *too* little for us, from which we have not been cleansed until this day? Yea, a plague came on the company of Jehovah; ¹⁸that you turn away today from following after Jehovah? And it shall be that today you rebel against Jehovah, and tomorrow He shall be angry with all the company of Israel. ¹⁹And surely, if the land of your possession *is* unclean, you may cross over to the land of the possession of Jehovah, there where the tabernacle of Jehovah dwells, and have possession among us. But do not rebel against Jehovah, and do not rebel against us, by building for yourselves an altar besides the altar of Jehovah our God. ²⁰Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a sin in the cursed thing, and was there not wrath on all the company of Israel? And he was not the only one to die in his iniquity.

²¹And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh answered and spoke with the heads of the thousands of Israel, ²²Jehovah *is* the God of gods; Jehovah *is* the God of gods! He knows, and Israel shall know if *it is* in rebellion, and if *it is* in treachery against Jehovah, you shall not save us alive today.

²³*If* we built an altar for ourselves to turn away from following after Jehovah, or to sacrifice on it burnt offering and food offering, or to offer on it sacrifices of peace, may Jehovah Himself require it.

²⁴But surely from anxiety, for a reason, we have done this, saying, In the future your sons shall speak to our sons, saying, What *is* to you and to Jehovah the God of Israel? ²⁵For Jehovah has put a border between you and us, O sons of Reuben,

and sons of Gad: the Jordan. You have no portion in Jehovah! And your sons will cause our sons to fail, not fearing Jehovah.

²⁶And we said, Let us now prepare for ourselves, to build an altar, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice, ²⁷but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, to do the service of Jehovah before Him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your sons may not say to our sons in the future, You have no portion in Jehovah. ²⁸And we said, And it shall be, when they say to us, and to our generations hereafter, that we shall say, See the pattern of the altar of Jehovah, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice, but it *is* a witness between us and you. ²⁹Far be it from us to rebel against Jehovah, and to turn away today from following after Jehovah, to build an altar for burnt offering, for food offering, and for sacrifice, apart from the altar of Jehovah your God, which *is* before His tabernacle!

³⁰And Phinehas the priest, and the rulers of the congregation, and the heads of the thousands of Israel with him heard the words which the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the sons of Manasseh had spoken. And it was good in their eyes.

³¹And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the sons of Manasseh, Today we have known that Jehovah *is* among us, because you have not betrayed this treachery against Jehovah. Now you have delivered the sons of Israel out of the hand of Jehovah.

³²And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the rulers, returned from the sons of Reuben, and from the sons of Gad out of the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel, and brought word back to them. ³³And the thing was good in the eyes of the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel blessed God and no more said to go up against them to war, to destroy the land which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad *were* living in.

³⁴And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad proclaimed regarding the altar, that it *was* a witness between us that Jehovah *is* God.

CHAPTER 23

¹And it happened many days after Jehovah had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua *was* old, going on in days. ²And Joshua called for all Israel, for its elders, and for its heads, and for its judges, and for its officers, and said to them, I have become old, I have advanced in days; ³and you have seen all that Jehovah your God has done to all these nations because of you, for Jehovah your God *was* He who *was* fighting for you. ⁴Behold, I have caused to fall to you these nations that are left to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea, toward the setting of the sun. ⁵And Jehovah your God will thrust them out from before you, and will expel them from before you, and you shall possess their land, as Jehovah your God has spoken to you.

⁶And you shall be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so as not to turn aside from it to the right or to the left; ⁷so as not to go in among these nations, these who are left with you; and that you do not make mention of the name of their gods, nor shall you swear, nor shall you serve them, nor shall you bow yourselves to them. ⁸But you shall cling to Jehovah your God, as you have done until today. ⁹And Jehovah has expelled from before you great and mighty nations. And for you no one has stood before you until today.

¹⁰One man of you shall pursue a thousand; for Jehovah your God *is* He who is fighting for you, as He has spoken to you. ¹¹And you shall be very watchful for yourselves to love Jehovah your God. ¹²But if you at all turn away and cleave to the remnant of the nations, of those who are left to you, and intermarry with them, and go in to them, and they to you, ¹³know certainly that Jehovah your God shall not continue to expel these nations from before you, and they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which Jehovah your God has given you.

¹⁴And, behold, today I *am* going in the way of all the earth, and you know with all

your heart and with all your soul that there has not failed one thing of all the good things which Jehovah your God has spoken concerning you; all of it has come to you; there has not one thing failed of it. ¹⁵And it shall be, as every good thing which Jehovah your God has spoken to you comes to you, so shall Jehovah bring on you every evil thing, until He destroys you from off this good land which Jehovah your God has given to you. ¹⁶When you transgress the covenant of Jehovah your God which He commanded you, and when you have gone and served other gods, and have bowed yourselves to them, then the anger of Jehovah shall burn against you; and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which He has given to you.

CHAPTER 24

¹And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for its heads, and for its judges, and for its officers. And they placed themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, Your fathers have in the past lived Beyond the River — Terah the father of Abraham and father of Nahor — and they served other gods. ³And I took your father Abraham from Beyond the River, and caused him to go through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave Isaac to him. ⁴And I gave Jacob and Esau to Isaac. And I gave Mount Seir to Esau, to possess it. And Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt. ⁵And I sent Moses and Aaron and plagued Egypt, as I did in its midst. And afterward I brought you out. ⁶And I brought your fathers out from Egypt, and you went into the sea, and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen, into the Sea of Reeds. ⁷And they cried to Jehovah, and He set thick darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them, and covered them. And your eyes saw that which I have done in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness many days. ⁸And I brought you into the land of the Amorite who lived beyond the Jordan. And they fought with you, and I gave them into your

hand, and you possessed their land. And I destroyed them before you. ⁹And Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, rose up and fought against Israel, and sent and called for Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. ¹⁰And I was not willing to listen to Balaam, and he greatly blessed you. And I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹And you crossed over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the masters of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite and the Perizzite, and the Caananite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I gave them into your hand. ¹²And I sent the hornet before you, and it cast them out before you, two kings of the Amorite, not by the sword nor by your bow. ¹³And I have given you a land for which you have not labored, and cities which you have not built, and you live in them. You are eating of vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant.

¹⁴Now, then, fear Jehovah, and serve Him in sincerity and truth, and turn away from the gods which your fathers served Beyond the River, and in Egypt; and you serve Jehovah. ¹⁵And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve Jehovah, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve — whether the gods whom your fathers served Beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living — but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.

¹⁶And the people replied and said, Far be it from us to forsake Jehovah, to serve other gods. ¹⁷For Jehovah our God is He who has brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who has done these great signs before our eyes, and has preserved us in all the way in which we have gone, and among all the people through whom we have passed. ¹⁸And Jehovah has cast out all the peoples, even the Amorite inhabiting the land before us. We also will serve Jehovah, for He is our God.

¹⁹And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve Jehovah, for He is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not lift up *from you* your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰When you forsake Jehovah, and shall serve strange gods, then He will turn away and do evil to you, and consume

you, after He has done good to you. ²¹And the people said to Joshua, No, but we will serve Jehovah. ²²And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves, that you have chosen Jehovah for yourselves, to serve Him — for they said, *We are* witnesses —and now turn away from the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart to Jehovah the God of Israel. ²⁴And the people said to Joshua, We will serve Jehovah our God, and we will listen to His voice. ²⁵And Joshua made a covenant with the people on that day, and laid on them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. ²⁶And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone and raised it up there under the oak by the sanctuary of Jehovah. ²⁷And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the sayings of Jehovah which He has spoken with us. And it shall be against you for a witness, that you not lie against your God. ²⁸And Joshua sent the people away, each

to his inheritance.

²⁹And it happened after these things, the servant of Jehovah, Joshua the son of Nun died, being a son of a hundred and ten.

³⁰And they buried him in the border of his inheritance, in Timnath-serah, which *is* in the hills of Ephraim, on the north of the Hill of Gaash.

³¹And Israel served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders whose days were prolonged after Joshua, and who knew all the work of Jehovah which he did to Israel.

³²And the bones of Joseph which the sons of Israel brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in the portion of the field which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem, for a hundred silver pieces. And they were for an inheritance to the sons of Joseph.

³³And Eleazar the son of Aaron died, and they buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given to him in the hills of Ephraim.

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

CHAPTER 1

¹And it happened after the death of Joshua, the sons of Israel inquired of Jehovah, saying, Who shall first go up for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them? ²And Jehovah said, Judah shall go up. Behold, I have given the land into his hand. ³And Judah said to his brother Simeon, Go up with me into my lot, and we shall fight against the Canaanites. And I also will go with you into your lot. And Simeon went with him. ⁴And Judah went up, and Jehovah delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand. And they struck them in Bezek, ten thousand men. ⁵And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek, and fought against him, and struck the Canaanites and the Perizzites. ⁶And Adoni-bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his big toes. ⁷And Adoni-bezek said, Seventy kings *with* their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to *be* gathering *scraps* under my table. As I have done, so God has repaid me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

⁸And the sons of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and captured it, and struck it with the mouth of the sword, and set the city on fire. ⁹And afterward the sons of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who inhabited the mountains, and the Negeb, and the Lowlands. ¹⁰And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron—and the name of Hebron *was* formerly Kirjath-arba—and they struck Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi. ¹¹And from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir—and the name of Debir formerly *was* Kirjath-sepher. ¹²And Caleb said, *He* who strikes Kirjath-sepher and captures it, I shall give my daughter Achsah to him for a wife. ¹³And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, the younger one, captured it. And he gave his daughter Achsah to him for a wife. ¹⁴And it happened as she came, she persuaded him to ask a field from her father. And she alighted from the ass. And Caleb said to her, What do you *desire*?

¹⁵And she said to him, Give a blessing to me. Since you have given me the land of the Negeb, also you shall give springs of water to me. And Caleb gave the upper springs and the lower springs to her.

¹⁶And the sons of the Kenite, the father-in-law of Moses, had gone up out of the city of palms with the sons of Judah, to the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad. And they went and lived with the people.

¹⁷And Judah went with his brother Simeon, and they struck the Canaanites inhabiting Zephath, and destroyed it. And the name of the city *was called* Hormah.

¹⁸And Judah captured Gaza and its border, and Askalon and its border, and Ekron and its border. ¹⁹And Jehovah was with Judah, and he occupied the hills, but did not expel the inhabitants of the valley; for they had chariots of iron.

²⁰And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had said. And He expelled the three sons of Anak from there.

²¹And the sons of Benjamin did not expel the Jebusites living in Jerusalem. And the Jebusites live with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem until this day.

²²And the house of Joseph went up; they also against Bethel. And Jehovah *was* with them. ²³And the house of Joseph sent to spy around Bethel—and the name of the city formerly *was* Luz. ²⁴And the guards saw a man coming out from the city, and said to him, Please show us the entrance of the city, and we will deal with you with mercy. ²⁵And he showed them the entrance of the city. And they struck the city with the mouth of the sword; and they sent away the man and all his family. ²⁶And the man went to the land of the Hittites and built a city, and called its name Luz; it is its name to this day.

²⁷And Manasseh had not occupied Bethshean and its daughter *villages*; or Taanach and its daughter *villages*; nor struck the inhabitants of Dor and its daughter *villages*; or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its daughter *villages*; or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its daughter *villages*. For the Canaanites desired to live in that land.

²⁸But when Israel became strong, it happened that they put the Canaanites to tribute, but did not completely expel it.

²⁹And Ephraim did not expel the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, and the Canaanites lived among them in Gezer.

³⁰Zebulun did not expel the inhabitants of Kitron, and the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites lived among them, and they became burden-bearers.

³¹And Asher did not expel the inhabitants of Accho, and the inhabitants of Sidon, and Ahlab, and Achzib, and Helbah, and Aphik, and Rehob. ³²And the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, for they did not expel them.

³³Naphtali did not expel the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, and the inhabitants of Beth-anath, and they lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. But the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath became burden-bearers to them.

³⁴And the Amorites pressed the sons of Dan into the hills; for they would not allow them to come down to the valley. ³⁵But the Amorites were determined to live in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim. Yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became burden-bearers. ³⁶And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from the rock and upward.

CHAPTER 2

¹And the Angel of Jehovah came up from Gilgal to The Place of Weeping, and said, I made you come up out of Egypt and brought you into the land which I had sworn to your fathers, and said, I will not break My covenant with you forever. ²And you, you shall cut no covenant with the inhabitants of this land. You shall break down their altars. Yet you have not listened to My voice. What is this you have done?

³And I also have said, I shall not drive them out before you, and they shall become adversaries to you; and their gods shall become a snare to you. ⁴And it happened when the Angel of Jehovah spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voice and wept. ⁵And they called the name of that place

The Place of Weeping, and sacrificed to Jehovah there.

⁶And Joshua sent the people away, and the sons of Israel each went to his inheritance, to possess the land. ⁷And the people served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who prolonged their days after Joshua, who saw all the great work of Jehovah which He had done for Israel. ⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Jehovah, died, being a son of a hundred and ten years. ⁹And they buried him in the border of his inheritance, in Timnath-heres, in the hills of Ephraim, on the north of Mount Gaash. ¹⁰And also all that generation was gathered to their fathers, and another generation arose after them who had not known Jehovah, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel.

¹¹And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and served the Baals. ¹²And they forsook Jehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them out from the land of Egypt. And they went after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves to them, and angered Jehovah. ¹³Yea, they forsook Jehovah, and served Baal and the Ashtoroths.

¹⁴And the anger of Jehovah glowed against Israel, and He gave them into the hand of plunderers; and they plundered them. And He sold them into the hand of their enemies all around, and they were not able to stand before their enemies any longer. ¹⁵Wherever they went, the hand of Jehovah was against them for evil, as Jehovah had spoken, and as Jehovah had sworn to them. And it distressed them very much. ¹⁶And Jehovah raised up judges, and they saved them from the hand of their plunderers. ¹⁷But they also did not listen to their judges, but went whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves to them. They quickly turned aside out of the way *in* which their fathers walked to obey the commands of Jehovah. They did not do so. ¹⁸And when Jehovah raised up judges to them, then Jehovah was with the judge, and rescued them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For Jehovah took pity because of their groaning before their oppressors, and those that

crushed them. ¹⁹And at the death of the judge, it happened that they would turn and act more corruptly than their fathers, to go after other gods, to serve them, and to bow themselves to them. And they did not fall away from their own doings, and from their stubborn way. ²⁰And the anger of Jehovah glowed against Israel. And He said, Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to My voice, ²¹I also from now on will not drive out any from before them, of the nations that Joshua left when he died; ²²so that by them I may test Israel, whether they are keeping the way of Jehovah, to go in it, as their fathers kept it, or not. ²³And Jehovah left those nations, without driving them out quickly. And He did not deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAPTER 3

¹And these *are* the nations which Jehovah left in order to test Israel by them, all who did not know all the wars of Canaan; ²only that the generations of the sons of Israel might know, to teach them war, only those who did not before know them: ³five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that lived in Mount Lebanon from Mount Baal-hermon to the entering of Hamath. ⁴And they existed to test Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commands of Jehovah, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. ⁵And the sons of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁶And they took their daughters to them for wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods. ⁷And the sons of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and forgot Jehovah their God, and served the Baals and the Asherahs. ⁸And the anger of Jehovah glowed against Israel. And He gave them over into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim, and the sons of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years. ⁹And when the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah, Jehovah raised up a deliverer to the sons of Israel, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who

saved them. ¹⁰And the Spirit of Jehovah was put on him, and he judged Israel. And he went out to war, and Jehovah gave Chushan-rishathaim the king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand had power against Chushan-rishathaim. ¹¹And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

¹²And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah. And Jehovah made Eglon the king of Moab strong against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of Jehovah. ¹³And he gathered to him the sons of Ammon and Amalek, and went and struck Israel. And they possessed the city of palm trees. ¹⁴And the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

¹⁵And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah, and Jehovah raised up a deliverer to them, Ehud the son of Gera, a son of the Benjamite, a man with his right hand impeded. And the sons of Israel sent a present by his hand to Eglon the king of Moab. ¹⁶And Ehud made a sword for himself, and it *had* two edges, a cubit in length. And he girded it under his long robe, on his right thigh. ¹⁷And he brought the present to Eglon the king of Moab; and Eglon *was* a very fat man. ¹⁸And it happened, when he had finished offering the present, he sent away the people, the bearers of the present. ¹⁹And he himself turned back from the carved images at Gilgal, and said, I have a secret word for you, O king. And he said, Be silent! And all those standing beside him went out from him. ²⁰And Ehud came to him. And he *was* sitting by himself *in* the cool roof room which he *had*. And Ehud said, I have a message from God to you. And he rose out of his seat. ²¹And Ehud put out his left hand and took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into *Eglon's* belly. ²²And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed on the blade; for he did not draw the sword out of his belly. And it came out behind. ²³Then Ehud went out to the porch, and shut the doors of the roof room on him, and locked them. ²⁴And when he had gone out, his servants came. And they looked, and, behold, the doors of the roof room were locked. And they said, Surely he *is* covering his feet in

the cool roof room. ²⁵And they waited until they were ashamed. And, behold, he did not open the doors of the room. So they took the key and opened them. And, behold, their master *had* fallen down to the earth dead.

²⁶And Ehud escaped while they waited. And *he* had passed by the images, and had slipped away to Seirath. ²⁷And it happened, when he had come, he blew a horn in the hills of Ephraim. And the sons of Israel came down with him from the hills, and he before them. ²⁸And he said to them, Follow me, for Jehovah has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him and took the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites. And *they* did not allow a man to pass over. ²⁹And they struck about ten thousand men of Moab at that time, every lusty man, all mighty men. And not a man escaped. ³⁰So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest eighty years.

³¹And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad. And he also delivered Israel.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah when Ehud was dead. ²And Jehovah sold them into the hand of Jabin the king of Canaan, who ruled in Hazor. And his army commander *was* Sisera; and he lived in Harosheth of the nations. ³And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron. And he mightily oppressed the sons of Israel twenty years. ⁴And Deborah the wife of Lapidoth, a woman prophetess, *was* judging Israel at that time. ⁵And she lived under the palm tree of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel, in the hills of Ephraim. And the sons of Israel went up to her for judgment. ⁶And she sent and called for Barak, the son of Abinoam, out of Kadesh *in* Naphtali, and said to him, Has not Jehovah the God of Israel commanded? Go and draw toward Mount Tabor, and take ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali, and of the sons of Zebulun with you. ⁷And I will draw to you *at* the Kishon River Sisera the army

commander of Jabin, and his chariots, and his multitude, and shall give him into your hands. ⁸And Barak said to her, If you go with me, then I will go. And if you will not go with me, I will not go. ⁹And she said, I will certainly go with you; only, your glory shall surely not be on the way which you are going, for Jehovah shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah rose up and went with Barak to Kadesh.

¹⁰And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kadesh. And he went up *with* ten thousand men at his feet. And Deborah went up with him. ¹¹And Heber the Kenite had broken away from the Kenites, *he being* of the children of Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses, And he pitched his tent by the oak in Zaanaïm, near Kadesh. ¹²And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor. ¹³And Sisera mustered all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who *were* with him, from Harosheth of the nations, to the Kishon River.

¹⁴And Deborah said to Barak, Rise up, for this *is* the day in which Jehovah has given Sisera into your hand. Has not Jehovah gone out before you? And Barak went down from Mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. ¹⁵And Jehovah routed Sisera, and all the chariots, and all the army, by the mouth of the sword, before Barak. And Sisera came down from the chariot and fled on his feet. ¹⁶And Barak pursued the chariots and went after the army, to Harosheth of the nations. And all the army of Sisera fell by the mouth of the sword—there was not even one left. ¹⁷And Sisera fled on his feet to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. For *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. ¹⁸And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, Turn in, my lord; turn in to me; do not fear. And he turned in to her into the tent; and she covered him with a rug. ¹⁹And he said to her, Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty. And she opened a skin of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. ²⁰And he said to her, Stand *at* the door of the tent, and it shall be if anyone comes in and asks you, and says, Is there a

man here? Then you shall say, There is not. ²¹And Jael the wife of Heber took a tent-peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went to him quietly. And *she* drove the peg into his temple, and she beat *it* into the ground. And he had been fast asleep, and faint; and he died. ²²And, behold, as Barak followed Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking. And he came in to her, and, behold, Sisera had fallen dead *with* the peg in his temple. ²³And on that day God humbled Jabin the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel. ²⁴And the hand of the sons of Israel went on, going on and pressing hard on Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had cut off Jabin the king of Canaan.

CHAPTER 5

¹And Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:

For the loosing of locks of hair in Israel; for the willing offering of the people, bless Jehovah! ²Listen, O kings; give ear, O princes. I, *even* I, will sing to Jehovah; I will sing praise to Jehovah the God of Israel. ³O Jehovah, when You went forth out of Seir, when You marched out of the fields of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped. Yea, the clouds dropped water. ⁴The mountains quaked before the face of Jehovah, this Sinai *quaked* from before Jehovah the God of Israel. ⁵In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways ceased, and those going in the paths traveled *in* by-ways. ⁶The leaders ceased in Israel; they ceased until I, Deborah, arose; I arose *as* a mother in Israel. ⁷They chose new gods; then war *was* at the gates! Neither a shield nor a spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel. ⁸My heart *was* toward the lawgivers of Israel, *who* freely offered themselves among the people; bless Jehovah! ⁹You that ride on white asses, you that sit on rich carpets, and you travelers on the way, sing out! ¹⁰*Louder* than the voice of the dividers between the watering places, there they shall tell of the righteous acts of Jehovah, the righteous acts of His leaders in Israel. Then the people of Jehovah went down to the gates.

¹²Awake, Awake, Deborah! Awake,

awake, utter a song! Rise, Barak, and lead your captives captive, son of Abinoam. ¹³Then *He caused me* to tread on the remnant of the noble ones of the people; Jehovah trod for me among the warriors. ¹⁴Out of Ephraim *they came, those* whose root *was against* Amalek. After you, Benjamin, among your peoples; and out of Machir came down commanders; and out of Zebulun the ones that hold the staff of the scribe. ¹⁵And my commanders in Issachar *were* with Deborah; as was Issachar, so *was* Barak. They were sent into the valley at his feet. Among the divisions of Reuben resolves of heart *were* great! ¹⁶Why did you sit between the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of flocks? At the divisions of Reuben searchings of heart *were* great! ¹⁷Gilead remained beyond the Jordan; and why did Dan stay in ships? Asher sat at the shore *by* the water, and remained by his havens. ¹⁸Zebulun, a people who despised his life, *even* to death; also Naphtali on the high places of the field. ¹⁹Kings came; they fought; then the kings of Canaan fought in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of silver. ²⁰The stars fought from the heavens; from their courses they fought with Sisera. ²¹The Kishon River swept them away, the ancient river, the Kishon river. My soul, You trampled *in* strength. ²²Then did the hooves of horses beat, from the galloping, galloping of his mighty stallions. ²³Curse Meroz, said the Angel of Jehovah; curse its inhabitants bitterly, because they did not come to the help of Jehovah, to the help of Jehovah against the warriors.

²⁴Most blessed among women is Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; she is blessed among women in the tent. ²⁵He asked for water; she gave *him* milk; in a lordly bowl she brought curd. ²⁶She put her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and she hammered Sisera; she smashed his head; she struck through and pierced his temple. ²⁷Between her feet he bowed; he fell; he lay down. Between her feet he bowed; he fell! Where he bowed, there he fell down ruined. ²⁸Through the window she looked out; yea, she cried out, the mother of Sisera, through the lattice; Why does his

chariot delay to come? Why have the steps of his chariot tarried? ²⁹The wise ones of her princesses answered her; yea, she returned her words to herself: ³⁰Do they not find and divide the plunder? A womb, two wombs to *each* man's head; a plunder of dyed *garments* to Sisera, a plunder of embroidered dyed *garments*; two embroidered dyed *garments* for the necks of the plunder? ³¹So all Your enemies shall perish, O Jehovah, and those who love Him *shall be* as the sun when it goes forth in its might.

And the land had rest forty years.

CHAPTER 6

¹And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah, and Jehovah gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. ²And the hand of Midian was strong against Israel. And the sons of Israel made dens for themselves before the faces of Midian, in the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds. ³And it happened *after* Israel had sown *crops*, Midian, and Amalek, and the sons of the east came; and they came against them, ⁴and camped against them, and destroyed the produce of the land until you enter Gaza. And they left no food in Israel, either sheep, or ox, or ass. ⁵For they came up with their livestock, and with their tents. They came in like locusts for number, and there was no number to them, to their camels. And they came into the land to destroy it. ⁶And Israel was brought very low before Midian. And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah.

⁷And it happened when the sons of Israel had cried to Jehovah about Midian, ⁸Jehovah sent a man, a prophet, to the sons of Israel. And he said to them, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, I have brought you up out of Egypt; and I have brought you out from a house of slavery. ⁹And I have delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all your oppressors; and I have driven them out before you; and I have given you their land. ¹⁰And I said to you, I *am* Jehovah your God. You shall not fear the gods of the Amorite *among* whom you *are* dwelling, in their land. But you have not listened to My voice.

¹¹And the Angel of Jehovah came and sat under the oak which *is* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite. And his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the eyes of Midian. ¹²And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him, and said to him, Jehovah *is* with you, mighty warrior. ¹³And Gideon said to him, O my Lord, if Jehovah *is* with us, then why has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His wonders which our fathers recounted to us, saying, Did not Jehovah bring us up out of Egypt? And now Jehovah has left us, and has given us into the hands of Midian. ¹⁴And Jehovah turned to him and said, Go in this strength of yours, and you shall deliver Israel out of the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you? ¹⁵And he said to Him, O my Lord, with what shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family *is* the weakest in Manasseh, and I the least in my father's house. ¹⁶And Jehovah said to him, Because I am with you, you shall strike Midian as one man.

¹⁷And he said to Him, Please, if I have found grace in Your eyes, then You shall give me a sign that You are speaking with me. ¹⁸Please do not move from here until I come to You and bring my food offering and lay it before You. And He said, I will stay until you come back. ¹⁹And Gideon went in and prepared a kid of the goats, and unleavened *bread* of an ephah of flour. He put the flesh in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot. And he brought it out to Him, under the oak, and offered *it*. ²⁰And the Angel of Jehovah said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened *bread* and place *them* on this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. ²¹And the Angel of Jehovah put forth the end of the staff in His hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened *bread*. And the fire rose up out of the rock and burned up the flesh and the unleavened *bread*. And the Angel of Jehovah departed out of his sight. ²²And Gideon saw that He *was* the Angel of Jehovah. And Gideon said, Alas, Lord Jehovah! Because I have seen the Angel of Jehovah face to face! ²³And Jehovah said to him, Peace to you, fear not. You shall not die. ²⁴And Gideon built an altar to Jehovah there, and called it Peace of

Jehovah. It *is* still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites until today.

²⁵And it happened on that night, Jehovah said to him, Take your father's bullock, and the second bullock of seven years; and you shall throw down the altar of Baal which *belongs* to your father, and you shall cut down the pillar beside it. ²⁶And you shall build an altar to Jehovah your God on the top of this stronghold, in an orderly way, and shall take the second bullock and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the pillar which you have cut down. ²⁷And Gideon took ten men from his servants and did as Jehovah had spoken to him. And it happened, since he feared his father's house and the men of the city, to do it by day, that he did it by night. ²⁸And the men of the city rose early in the morning. And, behold, the altar of Baal had been smashed, and the pillar beside it had been cut down. And the second bullock had been offered on the altar which was built. ²⁹And they each said to his neighbor, Who has done this thing? And they asked and sought. And they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing. ³⁰And the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son, and he shall die, because he has broken down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the pillar beside it. ³¹And Joash said to all that stood against him, You, will you contend for Baal? Or you, will you save him? *He* who contends for him shall be killed by the morning. If he *is* a god, let him contend for himself, because one has smashed his altar. ³²And on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him, because he has smashed his altar.

³³And all Midian and Amalek, and the sons of the east, were gathered together, and crossed over, and camped in the valley of Jezreel. ³⁴And the Spirit of Jehovah clothed Gideon *with Himself*, and he blew with a trumpet. And the Abiezrites were called after him. ³⁵And he sent messengers to all Manasseh, and it also was called after him. And he sent messengers to Asher and Zebulun, and to Naphtali. And they came up to meet them.

³⁶And Gideon said to God, If You are *to* deliver Israel by my hand, as You have

spoken, ³⁷behold, I *am* placing the fleece of wool on the grain-floor; if the dew is on the fleece only, and dryness on all the ground, then I will know that You will deliver Israel by my hand, as You have spoken. ³⁸And it was so. And he rose early on the next day and wrung the fleece, and drained dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. ³⁹And Gideon said to God, Let not Your anger glow against me, and I shall speak only this time. Please let me try only this time with the fleece; please let there be dryness on the fleece alone; and let there be dew on all the ground. ⁴⁰And God did so on that night, and there was dryness only on the fleece, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAPTER 7

¹And Jerubbaal — he *is* Gideon — rose early, and all the people with him. And they camped by the spring of Harod, and the army of Midian was north of him on Mount Moreh, in the valley. ²And Jehovah said to Gideon, The people with you *are* too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, that Israel not glorify itself against Me, saying, My hand has delivered me. ³And now then cry in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return and leave Mount Gilead. And twenty-two thousand of the people returned. And ten thousand were left. ⁴And Jehovah said to Gideon, The people *are* still *too* many. Bring them down to the water, and I will refine them for you there. And it shall be, *he of* whom I say to you, this one shall go with you, he shall go with you. And any of whom I shall say to you, This one shall not go with you, he shall not go. ⁵And he brought the people down to the water. And Jehovah said to Gideon, Everyone who laps of the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set him apart. And everyone who bows on his knees to drink, *set apart*. ⁶And the number of those lapping with their hand to their mouth *were* three hundred men. And all the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water. ⁷And Jehovah said to Gideon, I will deliver you by the three hundred men who lapped, and shall give Midian into your hand. And all the people shall go, each to his place.

⁸And the people took the food in their hand, and their trumpets, and he sent away every man of Israel, each to his tent. But he kept hold on the three hundred men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

⁹And it happened on that night, Jehovah said to him, Rise up, go down to the camp, for I have given it into your hand. ¹⁰And if you are afraid to go down, you and your young man Purah go down to the camp. ¹¹And you shall hear what they say. And afterward your hand shall be made stronger, and you shall go down against the army. And he went down, he and his young man Purah, to the edge of the battle alignment in the camp. ¹²And Midian and Amalek, and all the sons of the east, were lying in the valley, as the locusts for multitude. And there was no number of their camels, being as the sand on the bank of the sea for multitude.

¹³And Gideon came; and, behold, a man was telling a dream to his companion. And he said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream. And, behold, a cake of barley bread was tumbling into the camp of Midian. And it came to the tent and struck it, and it fell, and turned it upside down; and the tent fell down. ¹⁴And his companion answered and said, This is nothing but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. God has given Midian and all the army into his hand.

¹⁵And it happened when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the army of Israel and said, Rise up, for Jehovah has given the army of Midian into your hand. ¹⁶And he divided the three hundred men into three companies. And he put a ram's horn in the hand of all of them, and empty jars, and torches inside the jars. ¹⁷And he said to them, Look at me, and do this; even behold, I am coming to the edge of the camp. And it shall be, as I do, so you shall do. ¹⁸And I shall blow with a ram's horn, I and all who are with me. And you shall blow with the ram's horns, you also all around the camp, and shall shout, For Jehovah and for Gideon!

¹⁹And Gideon came, and the hundred men with him, to the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch—and

they had but newly set the watch. And they blew with the ram's horns, and shattered the jars in their hand. ²⁰And the three companies blew with their ram's horns, and broke the jars, and held the torches in their left hand; and in their right hand the ram's horns, and they cried out, A sword for Jehovah and for Gideon! ²¹And they each one stood in his place, all around the army. And all the army ran, and they shouted, and they fled. ²²And the three hundred blew the ram's horns, and Jehovah set a man's sword against his companion even in all the army. And the army fled to Beth-shittah, at Zererath, to the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

²³And the men of Israel were called from Naphtali, and from Asher, and from all Manasseh, and chased Midian.

²⁴And Gideon had sent messengers to all the hills of Ephraim, saying, Come down to meet Midian, and capture the waters before them as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan. And every man of Ephraim was called up, and they captured the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan. ²⁵And they captured the two rulers of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And Oreb was slain at the rock of Oreb; and they killed Zeeb at the winevat of Zeeb. And they pursued to Midian. And they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan.

CHAPTER 8

¹And the men of Ephraim said to him, What is this thing you have done to us, not to call us when you went out to fight against Midian? And they contended with him sharply. ²And he said to them, What have I done now in comparison to you? Are not the gleanings of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? ³God has given the rulers of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, into your hand. And what was I able to do like you? Then their spirit was abated toward him, when he said this word.

⁴And Gideon came to the Jordan, he crossing over, and three hundred who were with him, being weary, yet pursuing. ⁵And he said to the men of Succoth, Please give loaves of bread to the people at my feet, for they are weary; and I am chasing

Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian. ⁶And the rulers of Succoth said, *Is the palm of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?* ⁷And Gideon said, *Because of this, when Jehovah has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, I shall thresh your flesh with thorns of the wilderness and with briers.* ⁸And he went up from there to Penuel, and spoke to them in this same way. And the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. ⁹And he also spoke to the men of Penuel, saying, *When I come back in peace, I will break down this tower.*

¹⁰And Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand, all who were left of all the army of the sons of the east. And those who fell *were* a hundred and twenty thousand men drawing sword. ¹¹And Gideon went up the way of those who live in tents, on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and struck the army; for the army was at ease. ¹²And Zebah and Zalmunna fled; and he chased them and captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna. And he caused all the army to tremble.

¹³And Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle, at the ascent of *Mount Heres*. ¹⁴And he captured a young man of the men of Succoth, and questioned him; and he wrote out to him the rulers of Succoth, and its elders, seventy-seven men. ¹⁵And he came in to the men of Succoth, and said, *Behold, Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you taunted me, saying, Is the palm of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand that we should give bread to your weary men?* ¹⁶And he took the elders of the city, and the thorns of the wilderness, and the briers, and taught the men of Succoth with them. ¹⁷And he broke down the tower of Penuel, and killed the men of the city.

¹⁸And he said to Zebah and to Zalmunna, *How were the men whom you killed in Tabor?* And they said, *As you are, so they; each one as a king's son in appearance.* ¹⁹And he said, *They were my brothers, sons of my mother. As Jehovah lives, if you had kept them alive, I would not have killed you.* ²⁰And he said to his firstborn, Jether, *Rise up, kill them.* But

the young man did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, for he *was* still a youth. ²¹And Zebah and Zalmunna said, *You rise up and fall on us, for as the man, so is his might.* And Gideon rose up and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the moon crescents which *were* on the necks of their camels.

²²And the men of Israel said to Gideon, *rule over us, both you and your son, and your son's son, for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian.* ²³And Gideon said to them, *I shall not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; Jehovah shall rule over you.*

²⁴And Gideon said to them, *Let me ask of you a request, that each man give to me a ring from his plunder; for they had gold rings, because they were Ishmaelites.*

²⁵And they said, *We will certainly give.* And they spread out a garment and each threw a ring from their plunder there.

²⁶And the weight of the rings of gold which he asked *was* a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold, apart from the ornaments, and the pendants, and the purple clothing that *was* on the kings of Midian; also apart from the necklaces that *were* on the necks of their camels. ²⁷And Gideon made an ephod of it, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah. And all Israel went whoring after it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his house. ²⁸And Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, and they did not lift up their heads any more.

And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

²⁹And Jerubbaal the son of Joash departed and lived in his own house. ³⁰And seventy sons were *born* to Gideon, coming out of his loins; for he had many wives. ³¹And his concubine in Shechem bore a son to him, she also; and he called his name Abimelech. ³²And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the burial place of his father Joash, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

³³And it happened, when Gideon *was* dead, the sons of Israel rebelled and went whoring after the Baals, and appointed Baal-berith for a god for themselves.

³⁴And the sons of Israel did not remember Jehovah their God who had delivered

them out of the hand of all their enemies all around; ¹⁵nor did they act with kindness on the house of Jerubbaal, Gideon, according to all the good which he did with Israel.

CHAPTER 9

¹And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them, and to all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, ²Please speak in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, Which *is* best for you, seventy men ruling over you, all the sons of Jerubbaal, or one man ruling over you? And you should remember that I *am* your bone and your flesh. ³And his mother's brothers spoke all these words about him in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, and their heart inclined after Abimelech. For they said, He *is* our brother. ⁴And they gave to him seventy silverlings out of the house of Baal-berith. And Abimelech hired worthless and reckless men with them; and they went after him. ⁵And he went into his father's house at Ophrah, and killed his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men on one stone. But Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, was left; for he had hidden.

⁶And all the leaders of Shechem were gathered together, and all the house of Millo. And *they* came and caused Abimelech to reign as king at the oak of the outpost which *is* in Shechem. ⁷And they told Jotham, and he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim. And *he* lifted up his voice and cried, and said to them, Listen to me, O leaders of Shechem, and God shall listen to you. ⁸The trees went forth to anoint a king over them. And they said to the olive, Reign over us. ⁹And the olive said to them, Should I cease from my fatness, by which they honor God and man, and go to hold sway over the trees? ¹⁰And the trees said to the fig, You come, reign over us. ¹¹And the fig said to them, Should I cease from my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to hold sway over the trees? ¹²And the trees said to the vine, You come, reign over us. ¹³And the vine said to them, Should I cease from my new wine, which rejoices god and men, and go to hold sway over the trees?

¹⁴And all the trees said to the bramble-bush, You come, reign over us. ¹⁵And the bramblebush said to the trees, If you truly anoint me king over you, come seek refuge in my shade. And if not, let fire come out of the bramblebush and burn up the cedars of Lebanon. ¹⁶And now if you have acted in truth and integrity when you made Abimelech king; and if you have done well with Jerubbaal and his house; and you have done to him as his hands did, ¹⁷*in* which my father fought for you, and cast aside his life, and delivered you from the hand of Midian; ¹⁸and you have today risen against my father's house and have killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and have made Abimelech the son of his slavegirl king over the leaders of Shechem, because he *is* your brother — ¹⁹yea, if in truth and in integrity you have acted toward Jerubbaal and his house this day, rejoice in Abimelech; and he shall rejoice, he and you. ²⁰If not, fire shall come out from Abimelech and consume the leaders of Shechem and the house of Millo. And fire shall come out from the leaders of Shechem and from the house of Millo and consume Abimelech.

²¹And Jotham hurried and fled, and went to Beer and lived there, away from the face of his brother Abimelech.

²²And Abimelech ruled over Israel three years. ²³And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem. And the leaders of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech; ²⁴that the violence *against* Jerubbaal's seventy sons, even their blood, might be put on their brother Abimelech who killed them, and on the leaders of Shechem, who made his hands strong to kill his brothers. ²⁵And the leaders of Shechem set men in ambush at the tops of the mountains; and they robbed all who passed by them on the highway. And it was told to Abimelech. ²⁶And Gaal, the son of Ebed, and his brothers came. And they passed on into Shechem. And the leaders of Shechem trusted in him. ²⁷And *they* went out into the fields and gathered their vineyards, and trod out, and made a festival, and went into the house of their god and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech. ²⁸And

Gaal, the son of Ebed, said, Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? Is *he* not the son of Jerubbaal, and Zebul his commander? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem! And why should *we* serve him?

²⁹And who will give this people in my hand? Then I would remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Multiply your army and come out.

³⁰And Zebul, the leader of the city, heard the words of Gaal, the son of Ebed; and his anger glowed. ³¹And craftily he sent messengers to Abimelech, saying, Behold, Gaal, the son of Ebed, and his brothers have come to Shechem. And, behold, they are fortifying the city against you. ³²And now rise up by night, you and the people with you, and lie in wait in the field. ³³And it shall be, in the morning, about the sun rise, you shall rise early and charge against the city. And, behold, he and the people with him *will* come out to you; and you shall do to him as you find your hand *able to do*.

³⁴And Abimelech rose up by night, and all the people with him; and they lay in wait against Shechem *in* four companies.

³⁵And Gaal, the son of Ebed, went out and stood at the opening of the gate of the city. And Abimelech and the people with him rose up from the ambush. ³⁶And Gaal saw the people, and he said to Zebul, Behold, people *are* coming down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said to him, You *are* seeing the shadow of the mountains like men. ³⁷And Gaal spoke again and said, Behold, people *are* coming down from the high part of the land, and one company is coming by the way of the Sorcerers' Oak. ³⁸And Zebul said to him, Now where *is* your mouth *with* which you said, Who *is* Abimelech, that we should serve him? Is this not the people you despised? Now go out now and fight against it. ³⁹And Gaal went out before the leaders of Shechem and fought against Abimelech. ⁴⁰And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him. And many fell down wounded, to the opening of the gate.

⁴¹And Abimelech remained in Arumah. And Zebul threw Gaal and his brothers out from living in Shechem. ⁴²And it happened on the next day, the people went

out to the field; and *they* told Abimelech. ⁴³And he took the people and divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in a field and watched. And, behold, the people were coming out from the city. And he rose up against them and struck them. ⁴⁴And Abimelech and the companies with him rushed forward and stood *in* the opening of the gate of the city. And the two companies charged against all who *were* in the field, and struck them. ⁴⁵And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and captured the city. And he killed the people in it; and he broke down the city and sowed it *with* salt.

⁴⁶And all the leaders of the tower of Shechem heard, and went into the high place of the house of the god Berith. ⁴⁷And it was told to Abimelech that all the leaders of the tower of Shechem had gathered. ⁴⁸And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people with him. And Abimelech took the axes in his hand and cut off a bough of the trees, and lifted it up, and set *it* on his shoulder. And *he* said to the people with him, You have seen what I have done; you hasten and do the same. ⁴⁹And all the people also, each man, cut down his bough, and went after Abimelech, and set *them* at the stronghold, and kindled the stronghold with fire. And all the men of the tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

⁵⁰And Abimelech went to Thebez and camped against Thebez, and captured it. ⁵¹And a strong tower was in the middle of the city. And all the leaders of the city, and all the men and women fled there. And they shut *it* behind them, and went up on the roof of the tower. ⁵²And Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it. And *he* drew near to the door of the tower in order to burn it with fire.

⁵³And a certain woman threw a piece of a riding millstone on Abimelech's head, and crushed his skull. ⁵⁴And he quickly called to the young man bearing his weapons, and said to him, Draw your sword and put me to death, that they not say of me, A woman killed him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

⁵⁵And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech *was* dead, then each one went

to his place. ⁵⁶And God returned the evil of Abimelech which he did to his father, to kill his seventy brothers. ⁵⁷And all the evil of the men of Shechem God turned back on their head. And the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came on them.

CHAPTER 10

¹And after Abimelech, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, rose up to save Israel. And he lived in Shamir, in the hills of Ephraim. ²And he judged Israel twenty-three years. And he died and was buried in Shamir.

³And after him Jair, a Gileadite, rose up. And he judged Israel twenty-two years. ⁴And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty ass colts. And they had thirty cities, which are called the Towns of Jair to this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead. ⁵And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.

⁶And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of Jehovah again, and served the Baals, and the Ashtoreths, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook Jehovah and did not serve Him. ⁷And the anger of Jehovah glowed against Israel. And He sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hand of the sons of Ammon. ⁸And they crushed and oppressed the sons of Israel in that year, *for* eighteen years, all the sons of Israel that *were* beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead. ⁹And the sons of Ammon crossed over the Jordan to fight against Judah also, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim. And Israel *was* greatly distressed.

¹⁰And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah, saying, We have sinned against You, even because we have forsaken our God, and have served the Baals. ¹¹And Jehovah said to the sons of Israel, Did I not *save you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, and from the sons of Ammon, and from the Philistines? ¹²And the Sidonians, and Amalek, and Maon have oppressed you, and you cried to Me,

and I saved you out of their hand. ¹³Yet you have forsaken Me, and served other gods; therefore, I did not save you again. ¹⁴Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress. ¹⁵And the sons of Israel said to Jehovah, We have sinned. Do to us whatever *may be* good in Your eyes; only please deliver us this day. ¹⁶And they removed the gods of the alien from among them, and served Jehovah. And His soul was grieved with the misery of Israel. ¹⁷And the sons of Ammon were called together, and camped in Gilead. And the sons of Israel were gathered, and camped in Mizpeh. ¹⁸And the people said, The chief men of Gilead, each man to his neighbor, Who *will be* the man who will begin to fight against the sons of Ammon? He shall be head over all the people of Gilead.

CHAPTER 11

¹And Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty warrior. And he *was* the son of a harlot woman; and Gilead fathered Jephthah. ²And the wife of Gilead bore sons to him. And the sons of the wife grew up, and *they* threw Jephthah out, and said to him, You shall not inherit in the house of your father, for you *are* the son of another woman. ³And Jephthah fled from the face of his brothers, and lived in the land of Tob. And worthless men were gathered to Jephthah, and went out with him.

⁴And it happened after some time, the sons of Ammon fought with Israel. ⁵And it happened when the sons of Ammon fought with Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah from the land of Tob. ⁶And they said to Jephthah, Come, and you shall be our commander, that we may fight against the sons of Ammon. ⁷And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, Have you not hated me? Yea, you threw me out from my father's house. Why have you come to me when you *are* in distress? ⁸And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, For this reason we have come back to you now; and you shall go with us and fight against the sons of Ammon. And you shall be our head, to all the people of Gilead. ⁹And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, If you take me back to fight

against the sons of Ammon, and Jehovah gives them up before me, shall I be your head? ¹⁰And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, Jehovah shall be witness between us; surely we will do according to your word. ¹¹And Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people appointed him head over them, and as commander. And Jephthah spoke all his words before Jehovah in Mizpeh.

¹²And Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying, What have you to do with me, that you have come in to me to fight in my land? ¹³And the king of the sons of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took my land when he came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even to the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. And now, restore them in peace. ¹⁴And Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, ¹⁵and said to him, So says Jephthah, Israel did not take the land of Moab, and the land of the sons of Ammon. ¹⁶For when they came up out of Egypt, Israel went in the wilderness to the Sea of Reeds, and came in at Kadesh. ¹⁷And Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, Please let me pass on through your land, and the king of Edom did not listen. And *Israel* sent also to the king of Moab, and he was not willing. And Israel remained in Kadesh. ¹⁸And he went through the wilderness, and went around the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came in at the rising of the sun to the land of Moab. And they camped beyond Arnon, and did not come into the border of Moab, for Arnon was the border of Moab. ¹⁹And Israel sent messengers to Sihon, the king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him, Please let us pass on through your land, to my place. ²⁰And Sihon did not trust Israel to pass on through his border. And Sihon gathered all his people and they camped in Jahaz, and fought with Israel. ²¹And Jehovah the God of Israel gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them. And Israel took possession of all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that land. ²²And they took possession of all the border of the Amorites from Arnon, and to the Jabbok, and from the wilderness, and

to the Jordan. ²³And now, Jehovah the God of Israel has expelled the Amorite from before His people Israel. And would you possess it? ²⁴Whatever Chemosh your god causes you to possess, do you not possess it? And all that which Jehovah our God has expelled from before us, we will possess! ²⁵And now, *are* you at all any better than Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab? Did he indeed ever strive with Israel? Did he ever fight against them? ²⁶When Israel lived in Heshbon and its towns, and in Aroer and in its towns, in all the cities which *were* by the sides of Arnon three hundred years, then why have you not delivered them in that time? ²⁷So I have not sinned against you, and you are doing me wrong to fight against me. Jehovah the Judge shall judge today between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.

²⁸And the king of the sons of Ammon did not listen to the words of Jephthah which he sent to him. ²⁹And the Spirit of Jehovah was on Jephthah. And he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed on to the sons of Ammon. ³⁰And Jephthah vowed a vow to Jehovah, and said, If You will indeed give the sons of Ammon into my hand, ³¹then it shall be that anything which comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon, it shall belong to Jehovah; and I will offer it *instead of* a burnt offering.

³²And Jephthah passed over to the sons of Ammon to fight against them. And Jehovah delivered them into his hand. ³³And he struck them from Aroer until you come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and to the meadow of the vineyards, a very great destruction. And the sons of Ammon were humbled before the sons of Israel.

³⁴And Jephthah came to Mizpeh to his house. And, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels, and with choruses. And she only, she alone; there was no *other* son or daughter to him. ³⁵And it happened when he saw her, he tore his garments, and said, Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are among those making me low.

And surely I have opened my mouth to Jehovah, and I am not able to take it back. ³⁶And she said to him, My father, you have opened your mouth to Jehovah. Do to me whatever has gone out of your mouth, since Jehovah has taken vengeance for you on your enemies, on the sons of Ammon. ³⁷And she said to her father, Let this thing be done to me. Leave me alone two months, and let me go and go down on the mountains. And I will weep for my virginity, my friends and I. ³⁸And he said, Go. And he sent her away two months. And she went, she and her friends. And she wept for her virginity on the mountains. ³⁹And it happened at the end of two months, she returned to her father. And he did to her his vow which he had vowed. And she never knew a man. And it is a fixed custom in Israel, ⁴⁰from days to days, the daughters of Israel go to tell again of the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite, four days in a year.

CHAPTER 12

¹And the men of Ephraim were called together, and went northward, and said to Jephthah, Why have you passed over to fight against the sons of Ammon, and you have not called on us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire. ²And Jephthah said to them, I have been a man of war, my people and I, *having* great strife *with* the sons of Ammon. And I called you, and you did not save me out of their hands. ³And seeing that you did not save *us*, I put my life in my hand and passed over against the Ammonites, and Jehovah delivered them into my hand. And why have you come up to me today to fight with me? ⁴And Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, You Gileadites *are* fugitives from Ephraim, in the midst of Ephraim, in the midst of Manasseh. ⁵And Gilead captured the fords of the Jordan before Ephraim. And it happened when the fugitives from Ephraim said, Let me pass over, then the men of Gilead said to him, You are an Ephraimite. And he said, No. ⁶And they said to him, Please say Shibboleth. And he said, Sibboleth, and not could frame to speak

so. And they would seize him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan. And at that time forty-two thousand of Ephraim fell.

⁷And Jephthah judged Israel six years. And Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in the cities of Gilead.

⁸And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. ⁹And he had thirty sons. And he sent thirty daughters abroad, and he brought thirty daughters in from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. ¹⁰And Ibzan died, and was buried at Bethlehem.

¹¹And after him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel. And he judged Israel ten years. ¹²And Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon, in the land of Zebulun.

¹³And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, the Pirathonite, judged Israel. ¹⁴And he had forty sons, and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy colts; and he judged Israel eight years. ¹⁵And Abdon the son of Hillel, the Pirathonite, died, and was buried in Pirathon, in the land of Ephraim, in the hills of the Amalekites.

CHAPTER 13

¹And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah, and Jehovah gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.

²And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, and his name *was* Manoah. And his wife *was* barren, and had not borne. ³And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to the woman, and said to her, Behold now, you *are* barren and have not borne. But you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴And now take heed, and please do not drink wine or fermented drink; and do not eat any unclean *thing*. ⁵For, behold, you *are* pregnant and bearing a son. And a razor shall not go on his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb. And he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

⁶And the woman came and spoke to her husband, saying, A Man of God has come to me, and His appearance *was* like the appearance of the Angel of God, very terrifying. And I did not ask Him where He *was* from, and He did not tell me His

name. ⁷And He said to me, Behold, you *are* pregnant and will bear a son. And now do not drink wine or fermented drink, and do not eat any unclean *thing*, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, until the day of his death.

⁸Then Manoah prayed to Jehovah, and said, O my Lord, the Man of God whom You sent, please let Him come again to us and direct us what we shall do to the boy being born. ⁹And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came again to the woman. And she *was* sitting in a field; and her husband Manoah was not with her. ¹⁰And the woman hurried and ran, and told her husband, and said to him, Behold, He has appeared to me, the Man who came to me *that* day.

¹¹And Manoah rose up and went after his wife, and came to the Man. And *he* said to Him, *Are* You the Man who spoke to the woman? And He said, I *am*. ¹²And Manoah said, Then let Your words come about. What shall be the way of the youth, and his undertaking? ¹³And the Angel of Jehovah said to Manoah, Let her take heed of all that I said to the woman; ¹⁴she shall not eat of anything that came forth from the grapevine; and she shall not drink wine or fermented drink; and she shall not eat any unclean *thing*. She shall be careful of all that I commanded her.

¹⁵And Manoah said to the Angel of Jehovah, Please let us keep You, and prepare before You a kid of the goats. ¹⁶And the Angel of Jehovah said to Manoah, If you keep Me, I will not eat of your bread. And if you prepare a burnt offering, you shall offer it to Jehovah. For Manoah did not know that He *was* the Angel of Jehovah. ¹⁷And Manoah said to the Angel of Jehovah, What is Your name? When Your words come about, then we shall honor You. ¹⁸And the Angel of Jehovah said to him, Why do you ask this about My name? Yea, it *is* Wonderful.

¹⁹And Manoah took the kid of the goats, and the food offering, and offered on the rock to Jehovah. And He did wonderfully, and Manoah and his wife *were* looking on. ²⁰And it happened as the flame from off the altar was going up to the heavens, that the Angel of Jehovah went up in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his

wife *were* watching. And they fell on their faces to the ground.

²¹And the Angel of Jehovah did not appear any more to Manoah, or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that He *was* the Angel of Jehovah. ²²And Manoah said to his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. ²³And his wife said to him, If Jehovah desired to put us to death, He would not have received a burnt offering and a food offering from our hands, nor declared to us all these things; nor would He *at this* time have caused us to hear *such things* as these.

²⁴And the woman bore a son, and called his name Samson. And the youth grew, and Jehovah blessed him. ²⁵And the Spirit of Jehovah began to move him in the camp of Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

CHAPTER 14

¹And Samson went down to Timnath and saw a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines. ²And *he* came up and told his father and mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines. And now get her for me for a wife. ³And his father and his mother said to him, Is there not a woman among the daughters of your brothers, and among all my people, that you must go to take a woman from the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said to his father, Get her for me, for she pleases me very much. ⁴And his father and his mother did not know that it *was* from Jehovah, that He *was* seeking an occasion against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines *were* ruling over Israel.

⁵And Samson and his father and his mother went down to Timnath. And they came to the vineyards of Timnath. And, behold, a young lion roaring to meet him. ⁶And the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily on him. And he tore it as the cleaving of a kid. And there was nothing in his hand; and he did not tell his father and his mother what he had done. ⁷And he went down and talked with the woman. And she *was* pleasing in the eyes of Samson. ⁸And some days *later* he returned to take her, and turned aside to see the remains of the lion. And, behold, a bee-swarm in the

carcase of the lion, and honey. ⁹And he took it out on his hands, and went on, eating and walking. And he went to his father and to his mother, and gave *some* to hem. And they ate, but he did not tell hem that he took the honey out of the body of the lion.

¹⁰And his father went down to the woman, and Samson made a feast there, or so the young men usually did. ¹¹And it happened when they saw him, they took thirty companions, and they were with him. ¹²And Samson said to them, Please let me riddle a riddle to you. If you certainly declare it to me *in* the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I shall give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. ¹³And if you are not able to tell me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. And they said to him, Riddle your riddle, and we shall hear it. ¹⁴And he said to them, Out of the eater came forth food, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they were not able to declare the riddle *in* three days. ¹⁵And it happened on the seventh day, they said to Samson's wife, Entice your husband, that he may declare to us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you called for us to make us poor? Is it not so? ¹⁶And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, You only hate me, and do not love *me*. You have riddled the riddle to the sons of my people, and you have not declared it to me. And he said to her, Behold, I have not declared *it* to my father and to my mother, and shall I declare *it* to you? ¹⁷And she wept before him the seven days *on* which they feasted. And it was on the seventh day, he told her, for she distressed him. And she told the riddle to the sons of her people. ¹⁸And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day, before the sun went in, What *is* sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion? And he said to them, Unless you had plowed with my heifer, you would not have found *out* my riddle.

¹⁹And the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him. And he went down to Ashkelon and struck thirty men of them, and took their plunder. And *he* gave the changes to those who told the riddle; and his anger glowed.

And he went up to his father's house. ²⁰And Samson's wife became his companion's, who had been his feeder.

CHAPTER 15

¹And it happened afterward, in the days of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid of the goats. And *he* said, I will go in to my wife, to the inner room. And her father would not allow him to go in. ²And her father said, I certainly said that you would surely hate her, and I gave her to your companion. Is not her sister, the young one, better than she? Please let her belong to you, instead of her. ³And Samson said to them, This time I will be blameless regarding the Philistines, though I *am* doing evil with them. ⁴And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put a torch between the two tails, in the middle. ⁵And *he* kindled fire on the torches, and sent *them* out into the grain-stalks of the Philistines, and burned from the stacks and the grainstalks, and to the vineyard *and* the oliveyard.

⁶And the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they said, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he took away his wife and gave her to his companion. And the Philistines went and burned her and her father with fire. ⁷And Samson said to them, Though you do this, yet I shall be avenged on you; and afterwards I will stop. ⁸And he struck them hip on thigh, a great slaughter, and went down and lived in the cleft of the rock Etam.

⁹And the Philistines went up and pitched in Judah, and were spread out in Lehi. ¹⁰And the men of Judah said, Why have you come up against us? And they said, We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us. ¹¹And three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Do you not know that the Philistines *are* rulers over us? And what *is* this that you have done to us? And he said to them, As they did to me, so I did to them. ¹²And they said to him, We have come down to bind you, to give you into the hands of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear to me that you will not fall on me yourselves. ¹³And they spoke to

him, saying, No, but we will certainly bind you, and will give you into their hand. But we certainly will not kill you. And they bound him with two thick cords, new ones, and brought him up from the rock. ¹⁴He came to Lehi, and the Philistines shouted to meet him, And the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him, and the thick cords which were on his arms were as flax which *they* burn with fire. And his bonds melted from his hands. ¹⁵And he found a fresh jawbone of an ass, and put out his hand and took it. And *he* struck a thousand men with it. ¹⁶And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, a heap, two heaps, with the jawbone of an ass I have killed a thousand men. ¹⁷And it happened when he finished speaking, he threw the jawbone out of his hand. And *he* called that place the Hill of the Jawbone. ¹⁸And he was exceedingly thirsty, and called to Jehovah and said, Surely You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant. And now I am dying with thirst, and will fall into the hand of the uncircumcised. ¹⁹And God broke open the hollow place which *is* in Lehi, and water came out of it. And he drank, and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore its name *is* called the Fountain of the Praying One, which *is* in Lehi to this day.

²⁰And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

CHAPTER 16

¹And Samson went to Gaza, and saw a harlot, a woman, there, and went in to her. ²The Gazites *were told*, saying, Samson has come here. And they encircled and set a trap for him all the night at the gate of the city, and kept quiet all night, saying, Until the light of the morning, then we will kill him. ³And Samson lay down until the middle of the night, and rose up in the middle of the night. And *he* took hold on the leaves of the gate of the city, and on the two sideposts, and plucked them up with the bar, and put *them* on his shoulders. And *he* took them up to the top of the mountain that *is* before Hebron.

⁴And it happened afterward that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, and her name *was* Delilah. ⁵And the Philistine rulers came to her and said to her, Entice

him, and see in what *lies* his great strength, and by what we may prevail against him, so that we may bind him, to afflict him. And we will surely each give to you eleven hundred *of* silver. ⁶And Delilah said to Samson, Now tell me in what your great strength *lies*, and with what you may be bound in order to afflict you. ⁷And Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven green bow-strings which have not been dried, then I shall be weak, and shall be as any man. ⁸And Philistine rulers brought to her seven fresh bowstrings which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. ⁹And the ambush *was* sitting for her in an inner room. And she said to him, The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson! And he broke the bowstrings like a thread of tow when it smells fire. And his strength was not known.

¹⁰And Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have trifled with me, and have told me lies. Now, please tell me with what you may be bound. ¹¹And he said to her, If they really bind me with new ropes, by which no work has been done, then I shall be weak and shall be as any human being. ¹²And Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, Samson, the Philistines *are* upon you! And the ambush *was* sitting in the inner room. And he tore them off his arms like thread.

¹³And Delilah said to Samson, Until now you have trifled with me, and have told me lies. Tell me with what you may be bound. And he said to her, If you weave the seven locks of my head with a web. ¹⁴And she fastened *it* with a pin, and said to him, Samson, the Philistines are upon you! And he awoke out of his sleep, and pulled out the pin, the handloom, and the web.

¹⁵And she said to him, How can you say, I love you, and your heart is not with me. These three times you have trifled with me, and have not told me where your great strength *lies*. ¹⁶And it happened, because she distressed him with her words all the days, and urged him; and his soul was grieved to death, ¹⁷that he told her all his heart, and said to her, No razor has come on my head, for I *am* a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I were

shaved, my strength would go away from me, and I would be weak, and be like any *one of men*. ¹⁸And Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart. And she sent and called for the Philistine rulers, saying, Come, for this time he has told me all his heart. And the Philistine rulers came up to her, and brought the silver in their hand. ¹⁹And she made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man, and had *him* shave seven braids of his head, and began to afflict him. And his strength departed from him. ²⁰And she said, Samson, the Philistines are upon you! And He awakened from his sleep, and said, I will go out and shake myself *free*, as time *after* time. But he did not know that Jehovah had departed from him. ²¹And the Philistines seized him, and bored out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. And they bound him with bands of bronze. And he *was* grinding in the house of prisoners. ²²But the hair of his head began to grow, *for* he had been shaved.

²³Then the Philistine rulers gathered to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to exult. And they said, Our god has given our enemy Samson into our hand. ²⁴And the people saw him, and praised their god. For they said, Our god has delivered our enemy into our hand, even the devastator of our land, who multiplied our wounded. ²⁵And it happened when their heart *felt* good, they said, Call for Samson, and he shall entertain us. And they called for Samson from the prison-house. And he entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars. ²⁶And Samson said to the young man grasping his hand, Let me alone, and let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean on them. ²⁷And the house was full of men and women, and all the Philistine rulers *were* there. And about three thousand men and women *were* on the roof watching Samson entertaining. ²⁸And Samson called to Jehovah, and said, O Lord Jehovah, remember me, I pray, and please make me strong only this time, O God. And I shall be avenged *with* one vengeance on the Philistines, because of my two eyes. ²⁹And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and on which it was supported; one

with his right hand, and one with his left. ³⁰And Samson said, Let my soul die with the Philistines! And he bowed mightily, and the house fell on the rulers, and on all the people who *were* in it. And the dead that he killed in his death were more than those he killed in his life.

³¹And his brothers came down, and all his father's house, and lifted him up, and brought him up. And *they* buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol, in the burying-place of his father Manoah.

And he judged Israel twenty years.

CHAPTER 17

¹And there was a man of the hills of Ephraim, and his name *was* Micah. ²And he said to his mother, The eleven hundred pieces of silver which were taken from you, and you uttered a curse, even also speaking in my ear; behold, the silver *is* with me. I have taken it. And his mother said, Blessed *be* my son by Jehovah. ³And he gave back the eleven hundred silver pieces to his mother. And his mother said, I have wholly consecrated the silver to Jehovah from my hand for my son, to make a graven image, and a molten image. And now, I am giving it back to you. ⁴And he gave the silver back to his mother. And his mother took two hundred silver pieces and gave them to a refiner. And he made it a graven image, and a molten image. And it was in Micah's house. ⁵And the man Micah had a house of gods. And he made an ephod, and household idols, and consecrated one of his sons. And he was a priest for him.

⁶And in those days there was no king in Israel; each man did the right in his *own* eyes.

⁷And there was a young man of Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah; and he *was* a Levite. And he resided there. ⁸And the man went out of the city, out of Bethlehem-judah, to live where he might find a *place*. And *he* came to the hills of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, to work his way. ⁹And Micah said to him, From where do you come? And he said to him, I *am* a Levite of Bethlehem-judah, and I am going to live where I may find a *place*. ¹⁰And Micah said to him, Live with me, and be a father and a priest to me. I will

give you ten silver pieces for the days, and an order of garments, and your upkeep. And the Levite went in. ¹¹And the Levite was willing to live with the man, and the young man was to him as one of his sons. ¹²And Micah consecrated the hand of the Levite, and the young man was a priest to him; and he was in Micah's house. ¹³And Micah said, Now I know that Jehovah will do me good, for the Levite is a priest to me.

CHAPTER 18

¹In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to inhabit. For to that day it had not fallen to them by inheritance among the tribes of Israel. ²And the sons of Dan sent out of their family five men from their whole *number*, men, sons of valor, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it. And they said to them, Go, search the land. And they came to the hills of Ephraim, to Micah's house, and lodged there. ³They *were* near the household of Micah, and they recognized the young man's voice, the Levite. And they turned in there, and said to him, Who has brought you here? And what are you doing in this *place*? And what have you here? ⁴And he said to them, This and this Micah has done to me. And he hired me, and I am a priest to him. ⁵And they said to him, Please ask of God and we will know whether our way *in* which we are going will be prosperous. ⁶And the priest said to them, Go in peace. Your way *in* which you go *is* before Jehovah.

⁷And the five men departed, and came to Laish. And they saw the people living securely in its midst, according to the custom of the Sidonians, quiet and secure. And *there were* none to put to shame in a thing, *nor* possessing authority. And they *were* far away from the Sidonians, and they had no word with *any* men.

⁸And they came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol. And their brothers said to them, What did you do? ⁹And they said, Rise up, and we shall go against them, for we have seen the land, and, behold, *it is* very good. And would you be silent? Do not hesitate to go to enter in to

possess the land. ¹⁰When you go, you shall come to a secure people, and the land *is* large on both hands; for God has given it into your hand, a place in which there *is* no lack of anything which *is* in the land.

¹¹And six hundred men of the family of the Danites from Zorah and from Eshtaol girded *themselves* with weapons of war, traveling from there. ¹²And they went up and camped in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah. Therefore they called that place a camp of Dan until this day—behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim. ¹³And they passed on from there to the hills of Ephraim, and came into the house of Micah. ¹⁴And the five men who had gone to spy out the land of Laish answered and said to their brothers, Do you not know that there are in these houses an ephod, and household idols, and a graven image, and a molten image? And now, you know what you are to do. ¹⁵And they turned in there, and came into the house of the young man, the Levite *in* Micah's house. And they asked him for the peace. ¹⁶And the six hundred men of the sons of Dan girded with their weapons of war were standing *at* the opening of the gate. ¹⁷And the five men, those who went to spy out the land, They came in there, *and* they took the graven image, and the ephod, and the household idols, and the molten image. And the priest was standing *at* the opening of the gate, and the six hundred men who were girded with weapons of war. ¹⁸And these went into the house of Micah and took *the* graven image, the ephod, and the household idols, and the molten image, and the priest said to them, What are you doing? ¹⁹And they said to him, Be quiet! Lay your hand on your mouth, and go with us, and be a father and a priest to us. Is it better for you to be a priest for one man's house, or for you to be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel? ²⁰And the heart of the priest was glad. And he took the ephod, and the household idols, and the graven image, and went among the people.

²¹And they turned and departed, and put the little ones, and the livestock, and the valuables before them. ²²They had gone far away from Micah's house, and the men who *were* in the houses near Micah's house had been called together, and had

overtaken the sons of Dan. ²³And *they* called to the sons of Dan, and they turned their faces and said to Micah, *What ails you, that you have been called together?*

²⁴And he said, You have taken my gods which I made, and the priest, and you are leaving, and what more do I have? *What is this you say to me, What ails you?* ²⁵And the sons of Dan said to him, Do not let your voice be heard among us, that men bitter in soul not fall on you, and you lose your life, and the lives of your household.

²⁶And the sons of Dan went on their way. And Micah saw that they were stronger than he, and turned and went back to his house. ²⁷And they took that which Micah had made, and the priest he had, and came against Laish, against a people quiet and secure. And *they* struck them with the mouth of the sword, and burned the city with fire. ²⁸And there was no deliverer, because it *was* far from Sidon, and they had no business with *any* men. And it *was* in the valley which *is* beside Beth-rehob. And they built the city, and lived in it. ²⁹And they called the name of the city, Dan, by the name of their father Dan, who was born to Israel. And yet Laish was the name of the city at first. ³⁰And the sons of Dan raised up for themselves the graven image. And Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. ³¹And they set up for themselves Micah's graven image, which he had made, all the days that the house of God *was* in Shiloh.

CHAPTER 19

¹And it happened in those days when there was no king in Israel, there was a man, a Levite, living on the further side of the hills of Ephraim. And he took a wife to himself, a concubine out of Bethlehem-judah. ²And his concubine committed adultery against him. And she went away from him to her father's house, to Bethlehem of Judah, and was there *many* days—four months. ³And her husband rose up and went after her, to speak to her heart, to bring her back. And his young man *was* with him, and a team of asses. And she brought him into her father's house. And

the young woman's father saw him, and rejoiced to meet him. ⁴And his father-in-law, the young woman's father, detained him. And he stayed with him three days. And they ate and drank, and stayed there. ⁵And it happened on the fourth day, they rose up early in the morning, and he rose up to go. And the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, Sustain your heart *with* a bit of food, and afterward you shall go on. ⁶And they sat and ate, both of them together, and drank. And the young woman's father said to the man, Please be content and stay all night, and let your heart be good. ⁷And the man rose up to go; and his father-in-law pressed him, and he turned back and stayed there. ⁸And he rose up early in the morning to go on the fifth day. And the young woman's father said, Please refresh your heart. And they stayed until the turning of the day. And they ate, both of them. ⁹And the man rose to go, he and his concubine, and his young man. And his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said to him, Please notice that the day has faded toward evening. Please stay the night. Behold, the day is declining. Stay here and let your heart be good, and you shall rise early tomorrow for your journey. And you shall go to your tent. ¹⁰But the man was not willing to stay the night. And he rose up and departed, and went until *he was* opposite Jebus—it is Jerusalem—and with him a team of saddle asses. And his concubine *was* with him.

¹¹They *were* near Jebus, and the day was spent. And the young man said to his master, Please come and we shall turn to this city of the Jebusites, and stay in it. ¹²And his master said to him, Let us not turn to the city of an alien that *is* not of the sons of Israel, but we shall pass over to Gibeah. ¹³And he said to his young man, Come and we shall draw near to one of these places, and shall stay in Gibeah, or in Ramah. ¹⁴And they passed on and traveled on. And the sun went *down* on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. ¹⁵And they turned aside there, to go in to stay the night in Gibeah. And he went in and sat in a broad place of the city. Yet there was no man that took them into his house to spend the night.

¹⁶And, behold, a man, an aged one, came from his work from the field in the evening. And the man *was* from the hills of Ephraim; and he *was* a sojourner in Gibeah. But the men of the place *were* sons of Benjamin. ¹⁷And he lifted up his eyes and saw the man, the traveler, in a broad place of the city. And the aged man said, Where are you going, and where do you come from? ¹⁸And he said to him, We *are* passing from Bethlehem-judah to the other side of the hills of Ephraim. I *am* from there, and I am going to Bethlehem-judah. And I am going to the house of Jehovah. Yet there is no man to take me into the house. ¹⁹But there is straw and food for our asses, and also there is bread and wine for me, and for your slave-girl, and for the young man with your servants; there is no lack of anything. ²⁰And the old man said, Peace to you. Only, all that you lack *shall be* on me. Only, do not spend the night in the open. ²¹And he brought him to his house, and mixed *fodder* for the asses. And they washed their feet and ate and drank.

²²They were making their hearts merry. And, behold, men of the city, sons of worthless men, went around the house, beating on the door. And they spoke to the old man, the housemaster, saying, Bring out the man who has come into your house, and we shall know him. ²³And the man, the housemaster, went out to them and said to them, No, my brothers, please do not do evil, since this man has come into my house; do not do this grave sin. ²⁴Behold, my daughter, a virgin, and his concubine. Please let me bring them out, and you humble them. And do to them that which is good in your eyes, but do not do this wicked thing to this man. ²⁵And the men were not willing to listen to him, and the man took hold on his concubine and brought *her* out to them outside. And they knew her, and rolled themselves on her all night, until the morning. And *they* sent her away at the dawning of the day. ²⁶And the woman came in at the dawning of the morning, and fell *at* the door of the man's house, where her master *was*, till it was light. ²⁷And her master rose up in the morning, and opened the door of the house, and went out to go his way.

And, behold, the woman, his concubine, had fallen *at* the door of the house, and her hands were on the threshold. ²⁸And he said to her, Rise up, and we will go. But there was no answer. And he took her on the ass, and the man rose up and went to his place. ²⁹And *he* came to his house, and took the knife and lay hold on his concubine. And *he* cut her in pieces to her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the borders of Israel. ³⁰And it was so: all who saw *it* said, There has never been, and never was seen, *a thing* like this from the day the sons of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day. Set yourselves on it, take counsel. Then speak.

CHAPTER 20

¹And all the sons of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and the land of Gilead, to Jehovah at Mizpeh. ²And the leaders of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of all the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen drawing swords. ³And the sons of Benjamin heard that the sons of Israel had gone up to Mizpeh. And the sons of Israel said, Speak up. How did this evil happen? ⁴And the man, the Levite, husband of the woman who had been murdered, answered and said, I came into Gibeah which *is* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to spend the night. ⁵And the men of Gibeah rose up against me. And they went around the house against me at night; they had in mind to kill me, and they raped my concubine, and she died. ⁶And I took hold on my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her into all the land of the inheritance of Israel. For they have done evil and folly in Israel. ⁷Behold, you *are* the sons of Israel. Give here your advice and counsel.

⁸And all the people rose up as one man, saying, Not one of us shall go to his tent, and not one of us shall return to his house. ⁹And now, this *is* the thing which we shall do to Gibeah, *going* against it by lot. ¹⁰And we shall take ten men of a hundred of all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand of ten thousand, to take food for the people,

that they may act when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly which it has done in Israel. ¹¹And every man of Israel was gathered to the city, knit together as one man.

¹²And the tribes of Israel sent men to all the tribes of Benjamin, saying, What *is* this evil which has happened among you?

¹³And now, give up the men, the worthless sons which *are* in Gibeah, and we shall put them to death. And we shall consume evil from Israel. But Benjamin was not willing to listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel. ¹⁴And the sons of Benjamin were gathered out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle with the sons of Israel. ¹⁵And the sons of Benjamin counted themselves on that day. Out of the cities *were* twenty-six thousand men drawing sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah *who* counted themselves seven hundred chosen men. ¹⁶Among all this people *were* seven hundred chosen men *who were* impeded in the right hand, each of these able to sling a stone at a hair. And he did not miss! ¹⁷And the men of Israel numbered themselves, besides Benjamin, four hundred thousand men drawing sword, each of these a man of war.

¹⁸And they rose up and went up to Bethel and asked of God. And the sons of Israel said, Who shall go up for us at the beginning of the battle with the sons of Benjamin? And Jehovah said, Judah, at the beginning. ¹⁹And the sons of Israel rose up in the morning and camped against Gibeah. ²⁰And the men of Israel went to battle with Benjamin; and the men of Israel set themselves in order against them, *to* battle against Gibeah. ²¹And the sons of Benjamin came out from Gibeah. And on that day *they* destroyed twenty-two thousand to the earth in Israel. ²²And the people, the men of Israel, made themselves strong, and again set the battle in order in the place where they set themselves on the first day. ²³And the sons of Israel went up and wept before Jehovah until the evening, and asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I again draw near to battle with the sons of my brother Benjamin? And Jehovah said, Go up against him.

²⁴And the sons of Israel drew near to the sons of Benjamin on the second day. ²⁵And Benjamin came out to meet them from Gibeah on the second day, and again destroyed to the earth eighteen thousand men of the sons of Israel; all these were swordsmen. ²⁶And all the sons of Israel went up, even all the people, and came to Bethel, and wept. And *they* sat there before Jehovah, and fasted on that day until the evening, and caused burnt offerings and peace offerings to ascend before Jehovah. ²⁷And the sons of Israel asked of Jehovah—and the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days, ²⁸and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron was standing before it in those days—saying, Shall I again go out to battle with the sons of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease? And Jehovah said, Go up, for tomorrow I will give him into your hand.

²⁹And Israel set ambushers against Gibeah all around. ³⁰And the sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day, and set themselves in order against Gibeah, as at other times. ³¹And the sons of Benjamin came out to meet the people. They were drawn away out of the city, and began to strike the people *down* wounded as at other times, in the highways, of which one goes up to Bethel, and one to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel. ³²And the sons of Benjamin said, They are destroyed before us, as at the beginning. But the sons of Israel said, Let us flee and draw them away out of the city, into the highways. ³³And all the men of Israel rose from their place and set themselves in order at Baaltamar. And Israel's ambush came out of its place, out of the meadow of Gibeah. ³⁴And they came in across from Gibeah, ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel. And the battle *was* heavy. And they did not know that evil was striking against them. ³⁵And Jehovah struck Benjamin before Israel. And the sons of Israel destroyed twenty-five thousand, one hundred men on that day in Benjamin; all these *were* swordsmen. ³⁶And the sons of Benjamin saw that they were stricken. And the men of Israel had given place to

Benjamin, for they trusted to the ambush which they had set against Gibeah. ³⁷And the ambush hurried and came against Gibeah, and the ambush drew itself out and struck all of the city by the mouth of the sword. ³⁸And there was a sign set to the men of Israel with the ambush, their causing a rising of smoke to go up from the city. ³⁹And the men of Israel turned in battle, and Benjamin had begun to strike, *causing some to be slain* of the men of Israel, about thirty men. For they said, Surely they are stricken down before us, as *at* the first battle. ⁴⁰And the rising of *smoke* began to go up from the city, a pillar. And Benjamin turned around, and, behold, the whole city had gone up toward the heavens. ⁴¹And the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were troubled. For they had seen that evil had struck them. ⁴²And they turned before the men of Israel, toward the way of the wilderness. And the battle followed them. And those who *were* from the city were destroying them in their midst. ⁴³They surrounded Benjamin, and they pursued them *without* rest. And they trod them down until they *were* opposite Gibeah, at the rising of the sun. ⁴⁴And eighteen thousand men of Benjamin fell, all of these mighty men. ⁴⁵And they turned and fled toward the wilderness, to the rock of Rimmon. And they gleaned five thousand men of them in the highways, and caught them, to Gidom. And they struck two thousand men of them. ⁴⁶And all the ones of Benjamin who fell were twenty-five thousand men drawing the sword on that day; all of these mighty men. ⁴⁷And six hundred men turned and fled into the wilderness, to the rock of Rimmon. And they lived in the rock of Rimmon four months. ⁴⁸And the men of Israel turned back to the sons of Benjamin, and struck them by the mouth of the sword, from the entire city to livestock, to all that was found. Also they set fire to all the cities which were found.

CHAPTER 21

¹And the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, Not one of us shall give

his daughter to Benjamin for a wife. ²And the people came to Bethel, and sat there before God until the evening. And they lifted up their voices and wept a great weeping. ³And they said, O Jehovah, God of Israel, Why has this happened in Israel, to be lacking one tribe today from Israel?

⁴And it happened on the next day, the people rose early and built an altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. ⁵And the sons of Israel said, Who *is* he that did not come up in the assembly out of all the tribes of Israel to Jehovah? For a great oath had been undertaken concerning him that did not come up to Jehovah to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

⁶And the sons of Israel repented concerning their brother Benjamin. And they said, One tribe from Israel has been cut off today. ⁷What shall we do for them, for those who are left, for wives? For we surely have sworn by Jehovah not to give them of our daughters for wives. ⁸And they said, What one out of the tribes of Israel did not come up to Jehovah to Mizpeh? And, behold, no one had come into the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. ⁹And the people numbered themselves. And, behold, there was not a man of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead. ¹⁰And the assembly sent twelve thousand men there of the mighty sons, and commanded them, saying, Go, and you shall strike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the mouth of the sword, even the women and the little ones. ¹¹And this *is* the thing which you shall do. Every male, and every woman who has been known by lying with a male, you shall destroy. ¹²And out of all the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead they found four hundred young women, virgins, who had not known a man by lying with a male. And they brought them into the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. ¹³And all the assembly sent and spoke to the sons of Benjamin who were in the rock of Rimmon, and called out peace to them. ¹⁴And Benjamin came again at that time. And they gave the women whom they had kept alive, of the women of Jabesh-gilead. But they did not find *enough* for them.

¹⁵And the people repented as to Benjamin, for Jehovah had made a breach among the tribes of Israel. ¹⁶And the elders of the assembly said, What shall we do to the remnant for wives, for the women have been destroyed out of Benjamin? ¹⁷And they said, The one who escaped *shall be* a legacy of Benjamin, that a tribe may not be blotted out from Israel. ¹⁸And we surely are not able to give wives to them from our daughters, for the sons of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed *is* he who gives a wife to Benjamin. ¹⁹And they said, Behold, there is a feast of Jehovah from year to year in Shiloh, which is on the north side of Bethel, toward the rising of the sun, by the highway which goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. ²⁰And they commanded the sons of Benjamin, saying, Go, and you shall lie in wait in the vineyards. ²¹And *you* shall watch. And, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in

dances, then you shall go out from the vineyards and each of you catch his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. ²²And it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to strive with us, we shall say to them, Favor us *with* them, for we did not take for each man of them a wife in battle, for if you did not give to them as *at this* time, you would be guilty. ²³And the sons of Benjamin did so, and took women according to their number from the dancers whom they had seized. And they went and returned to their inheritance, and built the cities, and lived in them.

²⁴And the sons of Israel went up and down from there at that time, each to his tribe, and to his family. And they departed from there, every man to his inheritance.

²⁵In those days there was no king in Israel. Each man did that which was right in his *own* eyes.

THE BOOK OF RUTH

CHAPTER 1

¹And it happened in the days that the judges judged, there was a famine in the land. And a man from Bethlehem-judah went to live in the fields of Moab, he and his wife, and his two sons. ²And the name of the man was Elimelech; and the name of his wife Naomi. And the name of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites from Bethlehem-judah. And they came into the fields of Moab, and remained there.

³And Naomi's husband Elimelech died; And she was left, and her two sons. ⁴And they took wives to themselves, women of Moab. The name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the second, Ruth. And they lived there about ten years. ⁵And they also died, both of them, Mahlon and Chilion. And the woman was bereaved of her two children and of her husband.

⁶And she rose up, she and her daughters-in-law, and turned back from the fields of Moab. For she had heard in the fields of Moab that Jehovah had visited His people, to give food to them. ⁷And she went out from the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law with her. And they went in the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, each return to the house of her mother. May Jehovah deal kindly with you, as you have done with the dead, and with me. ⁹May Jehovah grant to you that you find rest, each in the house of her husband. And she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, Surely we will go back with you to your people.

¹¹And Naomi said, Turn back, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Are there yet sons to me in my belly that they should be husbands for you? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go. For I am too old to belong to a husband. Though I should say, There is hope for me, and I should be tonight with a husband, and also I should bear sons; ¹³will you wait for them, that they might grow up? Will you shut yourselves up for them, not to belong to a husband? No, my daughters, for *it is much*

more bitter for me than for you, for the hand of Jehovah has gone out against me. ¹⁴And they lifted up their voice and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, See, your sister-in-law has turned back to her people, and to her gods. You turn back after your sister-in-law. ¹⁶And Ruth said, Do not beg me to leave you, to turn back from following you. For where you go, I will go. And where you stay, I will stay. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Jehovah do to me, and more so, if *anything but* death part you and me.

¹⁸And she saw that she had made herself strong to go with her; and she ceased to speak to her. ¹⁹And they went, both of them, until they came into Bethlehem. And it happened as they came into Bethlehem, all the city was moved at them. And they said, Is this Naomi? ²⁰And she said to them, Do not call me Naomi. Call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. ²¹I went out full, and Jehovah has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since Jehovah has set *His* eye against me, and the Almighty has done evil to me?

²²And Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the fields of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Naomi *had* a kinsman of her husband, a mighty man of the family of Elimelech. And his name was Boaz. ²And Ruth of Moab said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter. ³And she went. And *she* came and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And her chance happened to be on the portion of the field *belonging to* Boaz, who was of Elimelech's family. ⁴And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, Jehovah be

with you. And they answered him, Jehovah bless you. ⁵And Boaz said to his young man who had been set over the reapers, Whose *is* this young woman? ⁶And the young man who had been set over the reapers replied and said, She is a young woman of Moab who came with Naomi from the fields of Moab. ⁷And she said, Please let me glean, and I shall gather among the sheaves after the reapers. And she came and has remained since morning, even until now. She sat in the house a little while. ⁸And Boaz said to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean another field, and also do not pass through this. And you shall stay close to my young women. ⁹Your eyes *shall be* on the field which they shall reap, and you shall go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, then you shall go to the vessels and shall drink from that which the young men draw. ¹⁰And she fell on her face and bowed to the earth, and said to him, Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should notice me, and I a foreigner? ¹¹And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully revealed to me all that you have done with your mother-in-law after the death of your husband. And you left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and came to a people which you had not known before. ¹²Jehovah shall repay your work, and your reward shall be complete from Jehovah the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge. ¹³And she said, Let me find grace in your eyes, my lord, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken to the heart of your handmaid. And I surely am not as one of your handmaids. ¹⁴And Boaz said to her, At mealtime come here, and you shall eat of the bread and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat at the side of the reapers, and he reached out roasted grain to her. And she ate and was satisfied, and had *some* left over. ¹⁵And she rose up to glean. And Boaz commanded his young men, saying, She shall glean even between the sheaves, and you shall not cause her to be ashamed. ¹⁶And you also shall surely pull out for her of the bundles, and shall

leave; and she shall glean, and you shall not restrain her.

¹⁷And she gleaned in the field until the evening, and beat out that which she had gleaned. And it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸And she took it up and went to the city. And her mother-in-law saw that which she had gleaned. And she brought out and gave to her that which she had reserved after she was satisfied. ¹⁹And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? And where have you worked? May he who noticed you be blessed. And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, The name of the man with whom I have worked today *is* Boaz. ²⁰And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed *is* he of Jehovah who has not forsaken his kindness with the living and with the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man *is* near of kin to us; he *is* of our redeemers. ²¹And Ruth of Moab said, And he surely said to me, You shall stay close, near to the young men whom I have, until they have completed the whole harvest which I have. ²²And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law Ruth, Good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that *men* may not attack you in another field. ²³And she stayed close to the young women of Boaz to glean, until the end of the barley harvest, and of the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

CHAPTER 3

¹And her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, My daughter, do I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? ²And now, is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose young women you have been? Behold, he *is* winnowing the threshing floor of barley tonight. ³And you shall bathe, and anoint yourself, and put your garments on you, and go down to the threshing floor. Do not let yourself be known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴And it shall be, when he lies down, you shall note the place where he lies down, and shall go in and uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you that which you are to do. ⁵And she said to her, All that you say, I

will do. ⁶And she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law commanded her.

⁷And Boaz ate and drank, and his heart *felt* good. And he went to lie down at the end of the heap. And she came secretly and uncovered his feet, and lay down. ⁸And it happened in the middle of the night, that the man trembled and turned himself. And, behold, a woman *was* lying at his feet! ⁹And he said, Who are you? And she said, I *am* your handmaid Ruth, and you shall spread your skirt over your handmaid, for you *are* a kinsman-redeemer. ¹⁰And he said, Blessed *be* you of Jehovah, my daughter. You have dealt more kindly at the latter end than at the beginning, not to go after the young men, either poor or rich. ¹¹And now, my daughter, do not fear. All that you say I will do to you, for all the gate of my people know that you *are* an able woman. ¹²And now, surely *it is* true that I *am* a kinsman-redeemer. But there also is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³Stay tonight, and it shall be in the morning, if he will redeem you, well; he will redeem. And if he does not delight to redeem you, *as* Jehovah lives, then I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.

¹⁴And she lay at his feet until the morning, and rose up before one could discern another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman has come to the grain floor. ¹⁵And he said, Give me the covering which is on you, and hold on to it. And she kept hold on it, and he measured six *measures* of barley, and lay *it* on her. And she went in to the city. ¹⁶And she came in to her mother-in-law. And she said, Who *are* you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. ¹⁷And she said, He gave me these six *measures* of barley, for he said, You shall not go empty to your mother-in-law. ¹⁸And she said, Sit, my daughter, until you shall know how the matter falls, for the man shall not rest until he has finished the matter today.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Boaz went up to the gate and sat there. And, behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz had spoken *was* passing by. And he said, Such a one, turn aside, sit

down here. And he turned aside and sat down. ²And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit down here. And they sat down. ³And he said to the near kinsman, Naomi, who has returned from the fields of Moab, will sell a portion of the field which *belonged* to our brother, to Elimelech. ⁴And I said I would uncover your ear, saying, Buy *it* before those sitting, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem, redeem. But if you will not redeem, tell me so that I may know. For there is no one besides you to redeem, and I after you. And he said, I will redeem *it*. ⁵And Boaz said, In the day you buy the field from Naomi's hand, even you have bought from Ruth of Moab, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance. ⁶And the near kinsman said, I am not able to redeem for myself, that I not mar my own inheritance. You redeem for yourself my right of redemption, for I am not able to redeem.

⁷And this formerly *was done* in Israel for redemption, and for changing, to confirm every thing: A man would draw off his sandal and give to his neighbor. And this *was* the attestation in Israel. ⁸And the near kinsman said to Boaz, Buy for yourself, and drew off his sandal. ⁹And Boaz said to the elders, and all the people, You *are* witnesses today that I have bought all that *belonged* to Elimelech, and all that *was* to Chilion and Mahlon, from the hand of Naomi. ¹⁰And also Ruth of Moab, the wife of Mahlon, I have bought for myself for a wife, to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance. And the name of the dead shall not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place. You *are* witnesses today. ¹¹And all the people who *were* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. May Jehovah make the woman who is coming into your house as Rachel and as Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel. And may you do worthily in Ephrathah, and proclaim the name in Bethlehem. ¹²And let your house be as the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which Jehovah shall give to you of this young woman.

¹³And Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and

Jehovah gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴And the women said to Naomi, Blessed *be* Jehovah, who has not left you this day without a redeemer; and may his name be called in Israel. ¹⁵And may he be to you a restorer of life, and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you has borne him, who is better to you than seven sons. ¹⁶And Naomi took the child, and laid him in her bosom, and became nurse to him. ¹⁷And the neighboring women

gave him a name, saying, This is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸And these *are* the generations of Pharez: Pharez fathered Hezron; ¹⁹and Hezron fathered Ram; and Ram fathered Amminadab; ²⁰and Amminadab fathered Nahshon; and Nahshon fathered Salmon; ²¹and Salmon fathered Boaz; and Boaz fathered Obed; ²²and Obed fathered Jesse; and Jesse fathered David.

THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

CHAPTER 1

¹And there was one man of Ramathaim-zophim from the hills of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. ²And he had two wives, the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the second, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. ³And that man went up from his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice before Jehovah of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests to Jehovah there. ⁴And came the day, and Elkanah sacrificed. And he would give to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and her daughters portions. ⁵And to Hannah he gave one double portion, for he loved Hannah. And Jehovah had shut up her womb. ⁶And even to vexation her rival tormented her, so as to make her tremble, because Jehovah had shut up her womb. ⁷And so he did year by year, as often as she went up to the house of Jehovah, so she provoked her. And she wept, and did not eat. ⁸And her husband Elkanah said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart afflicted? Am I not better to you than ten sons?

⁹And Hannah rose up after eating in Shiloh, and after drinking. And Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the sidepost of the temple of Jehovah. ¹⁰And she was bitter of soul, and prayed to Jehovah, and she wept copiously. ¹¹And she vowed a vow, and said, O Jehovah of hosts, if You will certainly look upon the affliction of Your maid servant, and shall remember me, and not forget Your maid-servant, and shall give to Your maid-servant a man-child, then I will give him to Jehovah all the days of his life; and a razor shall not go up on his head. ¹²And it happened, when she prayed long before Jehovah, Eli was watching her mouth. ¹³And Hannah was speaking in her heart; only, her lips moved; but her voice could not be heard. So Eli thought that she was drunk. ¹⁴And Eli said to her, How long

will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you. ¹⁵And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord; I am a woman pained in spirit. And I have not drunk wine or fermented drink, but I am pouring out my soul before Jehovah. ¹⁶Do not put your maidservant down for a daughter of wickedness; for from the abundance of my complaint and vexation until now I have been speaking. ¹⁷And Eli answered and said, Go in peace, and may the God of Israel give you your petition which you have asked of Him. ¹⁸And she said, Let your maidservant find grace in your eyes. And the woman went her way, and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

¹⁹And they rose up early in the morning and worshiped before Jehovah. And they went back and came to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and Jehovah remembered her. ²⁰And it happened when the time had come around, Hannah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of Jehovah. ²¹And the man Elkanah and all his house went up to sacrifice to Jehovah a sacrifice of the days, and to vow his vow. ²²And Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, Until the child is weaned, then I will bring him, that he may appear before Jehovah and remain there forever. ²³And her husband Elkanah said to her, Do that which is good in your eyes. Remain until you wean him. Only, may Jehovah confirm His word. And the woman remained, and suckled her son until she had weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she brought him up with her, along with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. And she brought him to the house of Jehovah at Shiloh. And the child was a young one. ²⁵And they slaughtered the bullock, and brought the boy to Eli. ²⁶And she said, O my lord, may your soul live! My lord, I am the woman who stood with you here, to pray to Jehovah. ²⁷I prayed for this boy, and Jehovah has given my petition which I asked of Him to me. ²⁸And I also have loaned him to Jehovah; all the days which

he shall be, he is loaned to Jehovah. And he worshiped there before Jehovah.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Hannah prayed and said: My heart has exulted in Jehovah; my horn has been high in Jehovah. My mouth has been large over my enemies; for I have rejoiced in Your salvation. ²There is none holy like Jehovah, for there is none except You; yea, there is no rock like our God.

³Do not multiply your haughty words; let not arrogance go out from your mouths; for Jehovah is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed. ⁴Bows of the mighty are broken; and they that stumble gird on strength. ⁵They that were full have hired themselves out for bread; and the hungry have ceased, while the barren has borne seven; yea, she who had many sons has languished.

⁶Jehovah kills, and keeps alive; He brings down and causes to go to Sheol. ⁷Jehovah brings down, and He gives riches; He brings low; yea, He lifts up high. ⁸He raised the poor from the dust; He lifts up the needy from the dunghill, to cause *them* to sit with nobles; yea, He caused them to inherit a throne of honor; for to Jehovah *are* the pillars of the earth; and He sets the habitable world on them. ⁹He keeps the feet of His saints, and the wicked are silenced in darkness; for man does not become mighty by power. ¹⁰They who strive *with* Jehovah will be smashed; He thunders in the heavens against him; Jehovah judges the ends of the earth, and gives strength to His king, and exalts the horn of His anointed.

¹¹And Elkanah went to Ramah, to his house. And the child served Jehovah before Eli the priest.

¹²And the sons of Eli *were* sons of worthlessness; they did not know Jehovah.

¹³And the custom of the priests with the people *was*: any man offering a sacrifice then the priest's servant came when the flesh was boiling, with the three-toothed hook in his hand. ¹⁴And *he* stuck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the hook brought up, the priest took for himself. So they did to all Israel who came in there to Shiloh. ¹⁵Yea, before they made the fat to smoke, then the

priest's servant came in. And *he* said to the man who was sacrificing, Give meat to roast for the priest; and he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw. ¹⁶And *if* the man said to him, Let the fat be made to smoke as the day, and then take *as much* as your soul desires; then he would say, No, but you shall give it to me now. And if not, I will take it by force. ¹⁷And the sin of the young men was very great before Jehovah, for the men had despised the offering of Jehovah.

¹⁸And Samuel was serving before Jehovah, a boy girded *with* an ephod of linen. ¹⁹And his mother made a small coat for him, and she brought it up to him from year to year, as she came up with her husband to offer the sacrifice of the days. ²⁰And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, Jehovah shall give you seed of this woman, because of the prayer she prayed to Jehovah. And they went away to their place. ²¹So Jehovah visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew up with Jehovah.

²²And Eli was very old, and had heard all that his sons did to Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled by troops at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²³And he said to them, Why do you do things like these? For I am hearing of your evil doings from all these people. ²⁴No, my sons, for the report which I am hearing is not good, causing the people of Jehovah to transgress. ²⁵If a man sins against a man, then God shall judge him. But if a man sins against Jehovah, who shall pray for him? But they did not listen to the voice of their father, because Jehovah desired to execute them.

²⁶And the boy Samuel went on in both stature and in good, both with Jehovah and also with men.

²⁷And a man of God came to Eli, and said to him, So says Jehovah: Did I reveal Myself plainly to the house of your father when they were in Egypt, at the house of Pharaoh, ²⁸even to choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be priest to Me, to go up on My altar, to cause incense to smoke, to bear an ephod before Me? And did I give to your father's house all the fire offerings of the sons of Israel? ²⁹Why do

you kick at My sacrifice and at My offering which I commanded in My habitation? And *why do you* honor your sons above Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of My people?

³⁰So says Jehovah the God of Israel, I said indeed that your house and your father's house should walk before Me until forever. But now Jehovah says, Be it far from Me! For those who honor Me, I will honor; and those despising Me will be despicable. ³¹Behold, days come when I shall cut off your arm, and the arm of your father's house, that no old man shall be in your house. ³²And you shall see an adversary in My habitation, in all that he does good with Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house all the days. ³³And the man of yours that I shall not cut off from My altar shall be to cause your eyes to fail, and to grieve your soul. And all the increase of your house shall die *young* men. ³⁴And this *shall be* the sign to you, that which shall come on your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day the both of them shall die. ³⁵And I shall raise up for Myself a faithful priest. He shall do all that is in My heart and in My soul. And I shall build for him a sure house; and he shall walk before My anointed all the days. ³⁶And it shall be, everyone who is left in your house shall come in to bow to him for a wage of silver and a loaf of bread. And *they* shall say, please admit me into one of the priest's offices, to eat a bit of bread.

CHAPTER 3

¹And the boy Samuel was serving Jehovah before Eli. And the word of Jehovah was rare in those days. There was no breaking through vision.

²And it happened at that time, Eli was lying down in his place, and his eyes had begun to be dim — he was not able to see. ³And the lamp of God had not yet gone out. And Samuel was lying down in the temple of Jehovah, where the ark of God *rested*. ⁴And Jehovah called to Samuel. And he said, Behold me. ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, Behold me. For you have called to me. And he said, I did not call. Go back and lie down. And he

went and lay down. ⁶and Jehovah again called Samuel. And Samuel rose up and went to Eli and said, Behold me, for you have called me. And he said, I have not called, my son. Go back and lie down. ⁷And Samuel did not yet know Jehovah, and the word of Jehovah had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And Jehovah again called Samuel, the third time. And he rose up and went to Eli and said, Behold me, for you have called me. And Eli understood that Jehovah was calling the boy. ⁹And Eli said to Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if *One* calls you, even you shall say, Speak, O Jehovah, for Your servant hears you. And Samuel lay down in his place.

¹⁰And Jehovah came and stood, and called as *the other* times, Samuel, Samuel! And Samuel said, Speak, for Your servant hears you. ¹¹And Jehovah said to Samuel, Behold! I *am* doing a thing in Israel *at* which the two ears of every one hearing it shall tingle. ¹²In that day I will confirm to Eli all that I have spoken to his house, beginning and making an end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am judging his house forever, for the iniquity which he has known; for his sons have been making themselves vile, and he has not restrained them. ¹⁴And so I have sworn to the house of Eli, the iniquity of the house of Eli shall not be atoned for, by sacrifice or by offering, until forever.

¹⁵And Samuel lay until the morning. And he opened the doors of the house of Jehovah. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶And Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel, my son. And he said, Behold, *I am here*. ¹⁷And he said, What *is* the word which He has spoken to you? Please do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and more also, if you keep back anything from me of all the words that He spoke to you. ¹⁸And Samuel told him all the words, and did not hide from him. And he said, It *is* Jehovah; He does that which is good in His eyes.

¹⁹And Samuel grew up, and Jehovah was with him, and did not let any of his words fall to the earth. ²⁰And all Israel knew, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, that Samuel was confirmed to be a prophet to Jehovah. ²¹And Jehovah again appeared

in Shiloh. For Jehovah revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh, by the word of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the word of Samuel was *revealed* to all Israel. And Israel went out to meet the Philistines for battle. And they pitched beside Ebenezer, and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. ²And the Philistines set themselves in order to meet Israel, and the battle was spread. And Israel was stricken before the Philistines. And they struck about four thousand men from the battle-line in the field. ³And the people came into the camp, and the elders of Israel said, Why has Jehovah stricken us today before the Philistines? Let us take the ark of the covenant of Jehovah to us, and let it come into our midst; and it will save us from the hand of our enemies. ⁴And the people sent to Shiloh, and they took from there the ark of the covenant of Jehovah of hosts, *that* dwelling between the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God, Hophni and Phinehas.

⁵And it happened, when the ark of the covenant of Jehovah came into the camp, all Israel shouted a great shout, and the earth shook. ⁶And the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, and said, What is the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they saw that the ark of Jehovah had come into the camp. ⁷And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come to the camp. And they said, Woe to us! For never has it been like this before. ⁸Woe to us! Who will deliver us out of the hand of these great gods? These *are* the gods who struck Egypt with every plague in the wilderness. ⁹Make yourselves strong and become men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews, and they were slaves to you. Then you must be men and fight. ¹⁰And the Philistines fought, and Israel was beaten. And they each one fled to his tent. And the blow was very great, and thirty thousand footmen of Israel fell. ¹¹And the ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli died, Hophni and Phinehas.

¹²And a man of Benjamin ran out of the battle-line and came to Shiloh on that

day. And his clothes *were* torn, and earth on his head. ¹³And he came in. And, behold, Eli was sitting on the seat by the side of the highway, watching. For his heart trembled for the ark of God. And the man came in to report in the city. And all the city cried out. ¹⁴And Eli heard the noise of the cry, and said, What *is* the noise of this tumult? And the man hurried and came and reported to Eli. ¹⁵And Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were set, and he was not able to see. ¹⁶And the man said to Eli, *I am* he who has come from the ranks, and I fled today out of the battle-line. And he said, How did the matter go, my son? ¹⁷And he bearing the news answered and said, Israel has fled before the Philistines; and also there has been a great slaughter among the people. And also your two sons have died, Hophni and Phinehas. And the ark of God has been taken. ¹⁸And it happened when he mentioned the ark of God, *Eli* fell off the seat backward, by the side of the gate. And his neck was broken, and he died—for the man was old and heavy. And he judged Israel forty years.

¹⁹And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, *was* with child, about to bear. And she heard the report of the taking of the ark of God, and *that* her father-in-law and her husband had died. And she bowed and bore, for her pains had turned in on her.

²⁰And at the time of her death, when the women who stood by her said, Fear not, for you have borne a son; she did not even answer, nor set her heart. ²¹And she called the child Ichabod, saying, The glory has departed from Israel — because of the taking of the ark of God, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. ²²And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been taken.

CHAPTER 5

¹And the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. ²And the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it to the house of Dagon, and set it near Dagon. ³And the men of Ashdod rose early on the next day. And, behold! Dagon *had* fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of Jehovah! And they

took Dagon and put it back in its place. ⁴And they rose early in the morning on the next day; and, behold! Dagon *had* fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of Jehovah, and the head of Dagon, and the two palms of its hands, were cut off at the threshold. Only the flat *part* had been left to him. ⁵On account of this the priests of Dagon, and all those coming into the house of Dagon, do not step on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod until this day. ⁶And the hand of Jehovah was heavy on the men of Ashdod. And He wasted them, and struck them with hemorrhoids, Ashdod and its borders. ⁷And the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, and said, The ark of God of Israel shall not remain with us, for His hand has been hard on us, and on our god Dagon. ⁸And they sent and gathered all the rulers of the Philistines to them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they said, Let the ark of the God of Israel go around *to* Gath. And they brought around the ark of the God of Israel. ⁹And it happened after they had brought it around, the hand of Jehovah was against the city *with* a very great destruction. And He struck the men of the city, from the least to the greatest; and hemorrhoids broke forth in them. ¹⁰And they sent the ark of God around *to* Ekron. And it happened as the ark of God came into Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought around the ark of the God of Israel to me to put me to death, even my people. ¹¹And they sent and gathered all the rulers of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its place. And it shall not put me to death, even my people. For there had been a great destruction throughout all the city. The hand of God had been very heavy there. ¹²And the men who had not died were stricken with hemorrhoids. And the cry of the city went up to the heavens.

CHAPTER 6

¹And the ark of Jehovah was in the field of the Philistines seven months. ²And the Philistines called for priests and for diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of Jehovah? Let us know with what we shall send it to its place. ³And they said, If

you send away the ark of the God of Israel, you shall not send it away empty. For you shall certainly send a guilt offering back to Him. Then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His hand has not turned away from you. ⁴And they said, What *shall be* the guilt offering which we shall send back to Him? And they said, The number of the rulers of the Philistines, five golden hemorrhoids, and five golden mice. For one plague *has been* on all of you, and on your rulers. ⁵And you shall make images of your hemorrhoids, and images of your mice that are corrupting the land, and shall give honor to the God of Israel. It may be that He will lighten His hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. ⁶And why do you harden your heart as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their heart? When He gleaned with them, did they not send them away? And they went. ⁷And now, take and make one new cart, and two suckling cows, on which a yoke has never gone up. And you shall tie the cows to the cart, and cause their young ones to return home from them. ⁸And you shall take the ark of Jehovah and put it on the cart, and the vessels of gold which you shall return to Him for a guilt offering. You shall put *them* in a coffer in its side and send it away; and let it go. ⁹And watch; if it goes up *by* way of its own border, to Beth-shemesh, He has done this great evil to us. And if not, then we shall know that it was not His hand that touched us; it was an accident to us.

¹⁰And the men did so. And *they* took two suckling cows and tied them to the cart. And they shut their young ones in the house. ¹¹And they placed the ark of Jehovah on the cart, and the coffer *with* the golden mice and the images of their hemorrhoids. ¹²And the cows went straight in the way, on the way to Beth-shemesh. They went on one highway, going and lowing. And *they* did not turn to the right or to the left. And the rulers of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth-shemesh. ¹³And *those* of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it*. ¹⁴And the cart had come to the field of

Joshua the Beth-shemite, and stood there. And there *was* a great stone. And they cut the wood of the cart, and they offered the cows as a burnt offering to Jehovah. ¹⁵And the Levites took the ark of Jehovah down, and the coffer which *was* with it, in which *were* the vessels of gold. And *they* placed *them* on the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices in that day to Jehovah. ¹⁶And the five rulers of the Philistines saw it, and turned back to Ekron on that day.

¹⁷And these *were* the golden hemorroids which the Philistines sent back *as* a guilt offering to Jehovah: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Askelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron; ¹⁸and the golden mice, the number of all the cities of the Philistines, for the five rulers, from the fortified city even to the hamlet of the villagers, even to the great meadow on which they placed the ark of Jehovah *remain* until this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.

¹⁹And he struck among the men of Beth-shemesh, because they looked into the ark of Jehovah. Yea, He struck seventy among the people, *including* fifty chief men. And the people mourned because Jehovah destroyed among the people with a great destruction. ²⁰And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before Jehovah, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us? ²¹And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have sent back the ark of Jehovah. Come down; take it up to you.

CHAPTER 7

¹And the men of Kirjath-jearim came and brought up the ark of Jehovah, and brought it to the house of Abinadab, in the hill. And they sanctified his son Eleazar to keep the ark of Jehovah. ²And it happened from the day the ark *began* to dwell in Kirjath-jearim, the days became many; yea, they were twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after Jehovah. ³And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, saying, If you *are* returning to Jehovah with all your heart, put aside the

alien gods from among you, and the Ashtaroath. And prepare your heart to Jehovah, and serve Him only, and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. ⁴And the sons of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroath, and served Jehovah only.

⁵And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to Jehovah for you. ⁶And they were gathered to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured out before Jehovah. And *they* fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against Jehovah. And Samuel judged the sons of Israel in Mizpah. ⁷And the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered to Mizpah. And the rulers of the Philistines went up against Israel, and the sons of Israel heard, and were afraid before the Philistines. ⁸And the sons of Israel said to Samuel, Do not cease to cry to Jehovah our God for us, that He save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

⁹And Samuel took a milk lamb and offered a whole burnt offering to Jehovah. And Samuel cried to Jehovah for Israel. And Jehovah answered him. ¹⁰And it happened *as* Samuel offered up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. And Jehovah thundered with a great noise on that day, on the Philistines, and troubled them. And they were stricken before Israel. ¹¹And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and struck them as far as below Beth-car.

¹²And Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, Jehovah has helped us until now. ¹³And the Philistines were subdued and did not yet again come into the border of Israel. And the hand of Jehovah was on the Philistines all the days of Samuel. ¹⁴And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath. And Israel delivered their border out of the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

¹⁵And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. ¹⁶And He went from year to year, traveling a circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel *in*

all these places. ¹⁷And he returned to Ramah, for his house *was* there. And there he judged Israel; and he built an altar to Jehovah there.

CHAPTER 8

¹And it happened when Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ²And the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abiah, judges in Beer-sheba. ³And his sons did not walk in his ways, and turned aside after dishonest gain, and took a bribe, and perverted judgment. ⁴And all the elders of Israel gathered and came in to Samuel, to Ramah. ⁵And *they* said to him, Behold, you have become old, and your sons have not walked in your ways. Now appoint a king to us, to judge us, like all the nations. ⁶And the thing was evil in Samuel's eyes when they said, Give to us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to Jehovah.

⁷And Jehovah said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people, to all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from reigning over them. ⁸According to all the works that they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day, when they forsook Me and served other gods, so they are also doing to you. ⁹And now listen to their voice. Only, you shall surely protest to them, and shall declare to them the privilege of the king who shall reign over them.

¹⁰And Samuel spoke all Jehovah's words to the people who were asking a king from him. ¹¹And *he* said, This is the privilege of the king who shall reign over you. He shall take your sons and shall appoint *them* for himself among his chariots, and among his horsemen. And they shall run before his chariots. ¹²And *he* will appoint for himself heads of thousands, and heads of fifties; and to plow his plowing, and to reap his reaping; and to make weapons for war for him, and weapons for his charioteer. ¹³And he will take your daughters for perfumers, and for cooks, and for bakers. ¹⁴And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, the best; and give them to his servants. ¹⁵And he will tithe your seed and your vineyards, and will give to his

eunuchs and to his servants. ¹⁶And he will take your male slaves and your slave-girls, and the best of your young men, and your asses, and will use them for his own work. ¹⁷He will tithe your flock, and you will be servants to him. ¹⁸And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves. And Jehovah will not answer you in that day.

¹⁹And the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and said, No, but a king shall be over us. ²⁰And we shall be, even we, like all the nations. And our king shall judge us and shall go out before us and fight our battles. ²¹And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and spoke them in the ears of Jehovah. ²²And Jehovah said to Samuel, Listen to their voice, and you shall cause a king to reign over them. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Each of you go to his city.

CHAPTER 9

¹And there was a man of Benjamin, and his name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite man, a mighty warrior. ²And he had a young and handsome son, and his name *was* Saul. And there was not a man among the sons of Israel more handsome than he, being taller than any of the people from his shoulder and upward.

³And the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul, Please take with you one of the young men, and rise up, go seek the asses. ⁴And he passed through the hills of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha. And they did not find *them*. And they passed through the land of Shalim, and they were not *there*. And he passed through the land of Benjamin, and they did not find *them*. ⁵And they came to the land of Zuph, and Saul said to his young man with him, Come and we shall turn back, let my father give up the asses and become anxious for us. ⁶And he said to him, Behold now, a man of God *is* in this city, and the man is held in honor. All that he speaks certainly comes to pass. Now let us go there. It may be he will declare our way to us on which we *should* go. ⁷And Saul said to his young man, Yea, behold, we

will go. But what will we bring in to the man? For the bread from our vessels is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What *is* with us? ⁸And the young man answered Saul again and said, Behold, I have found a fourth of a shekel of silver; and I shall give *it* to the man of God, and he shall declare our way to us—⁹In former times in Israel, a man who was going to seek God said this, Come and we shall go to the seer; for the prophet of today was formerly called the seer —¹⁰and Saul said to his young man, Your word is good; come and we shall go. And they went into the city where the man of God *was*.

¹¹They were going up the ascent to the city, and found young women going out to draw water, and said to them, Is the seer in this *place*? ¹²And they replied to them and said, He is. See, *he is* before you. Hurry now, for today he will come into the city, for the people have a sacrifice in the high place. ¹³As you go into the city, so you shall find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, for he shall bless the sacrifice. Afterward they who are called *will* eat. And now, go up, for at this time you will find him. ¹⁴And they went up to the city. They were coming into the middle of the city, and, behold, Samuel was coming out to meet them, to go up to the high place. ¹⁵And Jehovah revealed in Samuel's ear one day before Saul came, saying, ¹⁶At this time tomorrow I will send to you a man out of the land of Benjamin. And you shall anoint him for the leader over My people Israel. And he shall save My people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen My people, for its cry has come to Me. ¹⁷When Samuel saw Saul, then Jehovah answered him, Behold, the man of whom I spoke to you. This *one* shall exercise restraint over My people.

¹⁸And Saul drew near to Samuel amidst the gate, and said, Please tell me where *is* the seer's house? ¹⁹And Samuel answered Saul and said, I *am* the seer. Go up before me into the high place, and you shall eat with me today. And I will send you away in the morning, and all that *is* in your heart, I will declare to you. ²⁰And as to the asses *which were* lost to you three days ago, do

not set your heart on them, for they have been found. And to whom *is* all the desire of Israel? Is it not to you and to all the house of your father? ²¹And Saul answered and said, Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And my family *is* the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin. And why have you spoken to me according to this word? ²²And Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the room, and gave to them a place at the head of the invited ones. And they *were* about thirty men. ²³And Samuel said to the cook, Give the portion which I gave to you, of which I said to you, Set it beside you. ²⁴And the cook lifted up the leg, and that on it, and set it before Saul. And he said, Behold that which is left. Set *it* before you, eat. For it has been kept for you for this appointed time, saying, I have invited the people. And Saul ate with Samuel on that day. ²⁵And they came down from the high place to the city. And he spoke with Saul on the roof.

²⁶And they rose up early, and at the dawning of the day it happened: Samuel called to Saul on the roof, saying, Rise up, and I will send you away. And Saul rose up, and they went out, both of them, he and Samuel, to the outside. ²⁷They were going down to the edge of the city, and Samuel said to Saul, Say to the young man that he should pass on before us and cross over. And you stand still at this time, and I will cause you to hear the word of God.

CHAPTER 10

¹And Samuel took the flask of oil and poured on his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because Jehovah has anointed you for a leader over his inheritance? ²As you go from me today even you will find two men by Rachel's tomb, in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah. And they will say to you, The she-asses that you went to seek have been found. And, behold, your father has left off the matters of the she-asses and is worried for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? ³And you will go on from there even further, and you will come to the great tree of Tabor. And you will find three men going up to

God at Bethel, one carrying three kids, and one carrying three loaves of bread, and one carrying a skin of wine. ⁴And they will ask you of *your* welfare and give to you two *loaves of* bread, and you will take *them* from their hand. ⁵Afterward you will come to the hill of God where there is a fort of the Philistines. And it will happen as you come there to the city, even you will meet a band of prophets going down from the high place; and before them *will be* a harp, and a tambourine, and a flute, and a lyre. And they will be prophesying. ⁶And the Spirit of Jehovah will be powerful on you, and you will prophesy with them; and *you* will be turned into another man. ⁷And it will be, when these signs come to you, do for yourself what your hand finds, for God *is* with you. ⁸And you will go before me to Gilgal. And, behold! I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings, to sacrifice peace offerings. You will wait seven days until I come to you and make known to you what you shall do. ⁹And it happened when he turned his back to go from Samuel, God changed him *with* another heart. And all these signs came on that day. ¹⁰And they came there to the hill. And, behold! A band of prophets *were* there to meet him. And the Spirit of God pushed on him, and he prophesied in their midst. ¹¹And it happened, all who knew him from yesterday and the third day, and saw *him*, even behold, he prophesied with prophets. And the people said, each one to his neighbor, What *is* this happening to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? ¹²And a man from there answered and said, And who *is* their father? On account of this it is for a proverb: *Is* Saul also among the prophets? ¹³And he finished from prophesying, and he came to the high place.

¹⁴And the uncle of Saul said to him and to his servant, Where did you go? And he said, To seek the she-asses. And we saw that they were not, and we went to Samuel. ¹⁵And the uncle of Saul said, Please tell me what Samuel said to you. ¹⁶And Saul said to his uncle, He told us plainly that the she-asses *were* found. But he did not tell what Samuel said about the matter of the kingdom.

¹⁷And Samuel called the people to Jehovah, to Mizpah. ¹⁸And *he* said to the sons of Israel, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, I caused Israel to go up from Egypt and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all the kingdoms who oppressed you. ¹⁹But to-day you have rejected your God who Himself *is* your deliverer from all your evils and your distresses; yet you say to Him, But set a king over us! And now present yourselves before the face of Jehovah, by your tribes and by your families. ²⁰And Samuel brought near all the tribes of Israel, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken. ²¹And he brought near the tribe of Benjamin by its families, and the family of Matri was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken. And they sought him, but not did find *him*. ²²And they inquired again of Jehovah, Has *the* man yet come here? And Jehovah said, Behold he *is* hiding himself by the baggage. ²³And they ran and took him from there. And he stood in the midst of the people, and he was taller than all the people, from his shoulders and upward. ²⁴And Samuel said to all the people, Do you see him whom Jehovah has chosen, for none is like him in all the people? And all the people shouted and said, May the king live!

²⁵And Samuel spoke to the people the duties of the kingdom, and wrote in the book, and placed *it* before Jehovah. And Samuel sent all the people away, each to his house. ²⁶And Saul also went to his house, to Gibeah, and with him went the force whose hearts God had touched. ²⁷But the sons of worthlessness said, How can this one deliver us? And they despised him and did not bring a gift to him. But he was as one keeping silent.

CHAPTER 11

¹And Nahash the Ammonite went up and camped against Jabesh-gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Cut a covenant for us, and we will serve you. ²And Nahash the Ammonite said to them, With this I will cut a covenant for you; when all the right eye is dug out for you; and I will make it a reproach on all Israel.

³And the elders of Jabesh said to him, Slack off from us seven days, and we will send messengers in all the boundary of Israel. And if there is no deliverer for us, then we will come out to you. ⁴And the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul. And they spoke the words in the ears of the people. And all the people lifted up their voice and wept.

⁵And, behold, Saul came behind the oxen from the field. And Saul said, What *is it* to the people, that they weep? And they related to him the words of the men of Jabesh. ⁶And the Spirit of God came powerfully on Saul when he heard these words, and his anger glowed greatly. ⁷And he took the team of oxen and cut them in pieces, and *he sent them* into all the boundary of Israel, by the hand of the messengers, saying, Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so it shall be done to his oxen. And the fear of Jehovah fell on the people. And they came out as one man. ⁸And he mustered them in Bezek, and the sons of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah, thirty thousand.

⁹And they said to the messengers who came, So you shall say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, Tomorrow there shall be deliverance for you, in the heat of the sun. And the messengers came and related this to the men of Jabesh; and they rejoiced. ¹⁰And the men of Jabesh said, Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you do to us according to all the good in your eyes. ¹¹And it was, on the next day Saul put the people *in* three heads, and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch and they struck Ammon until the heat of the day. And it was, the ones left *were* scattered; in them were not two left together.

¹²And the people said to Samuel, Who *is* he saying, Shall Saul reign over us? Give the men and we will put them to death. ¹³And Saul said, Not a man shall be put to death on this day, for today Jehovah worked deliverance in Israel. ¹⁴And Samuel said to the people, Come, and let us go *to* Gilgal and renew the kingdom there. ¹⁵And all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul to reign there in Gilgal, before the face of Jehovah. And they offered sacrifices of peace offerings

there before Jehovah. And Saul and all the men of Israel greatly rejoiced there.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Samuel said to all Israel, Behold, I have heard your voice, to all that you said to me, and I made a king to reign over you. ²And now, behold, the king is walking before you, but I am old and gray. And, behold, my sons, they *are* with you. And I have walked before your face from my youth until this day. ³Behold me! Testify against me before Jehovah and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, and whose ass have I taken, and whom have I offended? Whom have I abused, and from whose hand have I taken a bribe that I might hide my eyes with it; and I will give back to you. ⁴And they said, You have not oppressed us, and you have not abused us, and you have not taken from the hand of any man. ⁵And he said to them, Jehovah *is* witness against you, and His anointed *is* witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand. And they said, He *is* witness.

⁶And Samuel said to the people, *It is* Jehovah who made Moses and Aaron, and who caused your fathers to go up from the land of Egypt. ⁷And now stand, and I will contend with you before the face of Jehovah *regarding* all the righteous acts of Jehovah which He did with you and with your fathers. ⁸When Jacob came into Egypt, and your fathers cried to Jehovah, then Jehovah sent Moses and Aaron; and they brought your fathers out from Egypt and made them dwell in this place. ⁹And they forgot Jehovah their God. And He sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them. ¹⁰And they cried to Jehovah and said, We have sinned, for we forsook Jehovah and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies and we will serve You. ¹¹And Jehovah sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you from the hand of your enemies from all around; and you lived securely. ¹²And you saw that Nahash the king of the sons

of Ammon came against you, and you said to Me, No, for a king shall reign over us—even though Jehovah your God *was* king over you. ¹³And now, behold the king whom you chose, whom you requested. And behold, Jehovah gave a king over you. ¹⁴If you will fear Jehovah and serve Him, and listen to His voice, and do not rebel against the mouth of Jehovah, then you, both you and also the king who reigns over you, shall follow Jehovah your God. ¹⁵But if you will not listen to the voice of Jehovah, and you rebel against the mouth of Jehovah, then the hand of Jehovah shall be against you and against your fathers. ¹⁶Also, now present yourselves and see this great thing that Jehovah will do before your eyes. ¹⁷*Is it* not wheat harvest today? I will call to Jehovah and He will give sounds and rain. And know and see that your evil *is* great, that which you have done in the eyes of Jehovah, to ask a king for yourselves.

¹⁸And Samuel called to Jehovah. And Jehovah gave sounds and rain in that day. And all the people greatly feared Jehovah and Samuel. ¹⁹And all the people said to Samuel, Pray to Jehovah your God for your servants, and not we will die, for we have added *this* evil to all our sins, to ask a king for ourselves. ²⁰And Samuel said to the people, Do not fear. You have done all this evil, only do not turn aside from following Jehovah, and serve Jehovah with all your heart. ²¹And do not turn aside *to go* after worthless things which do not profit and do not deliver, for they *are* worthless. ²²For Jehovah will not abandon His people, for the sake of His great name. For Jehovah undertakes to make you a people for Himself. ²³Also I, far be it from me from sinning against Jehovah, from ceasing to pray for you. But I will instruct you in the good and the right way. ²⁴Only fear Jehovah and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for see that He has done great things for you. ²⁵But if evilly break in pieces *His word*, both you and your king will be swept away.

CHAPTER 13

It was one year since Saul became king, then he reigned two *more* years over

Israel. ²And Saul chose for himself three thousand out of Israel. And two thousand were with Saul in Michmash, and in the hills of Bethel. And a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And he sent the rest of the people each to his tent. ³And Jonathan struck the fort of the Philistines that was in Geba. And the Philistines heard. And Saul blew the ram's horn throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. ⁴And all Israel heard, saying, Saul has struck a fort of the Philistines; and also Israel has made himself stink to the Philistines. And all the people were called after Saul, to Gilgal. ⁵And the Philistines gathered to fight with Israel, *with* thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which *is* on the lip of the sea for multitude. And they came up and pitched in Michmash, east of Beth-aven. ⁶And the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, for the people were distressed. And the people hid themselves in caves, and in crevices, and in crags, and in tombs, and in cisterns. ⁷And the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. And Saul *was* still in Gilgal. And all the people followed him, trembling.

⁸And he waited seven days, according to the set time with Samuel. But Samuel had not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. ⁹And Saul said, Bring near to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings. And he offered up the burnt offering. ¹⁰And it happened, as soon as he finished the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him, and to bless him. ¹¹And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and you did not come in the days set out, and the Philistines were gathering *at* Michmash, ¹²then I said, Now the Philistines will come down to me to Gilgal, and I have not sweetened the face of Jehovah; and I forced myself, and offered a burnt offering. ¹³And Samuel said to Saul, You have acted foolishly that you have not kept the command of Jehovah your God which He commanded you. For now Jehovah would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

¹⁴But now your kingdom shall not stand. Jehovah has sought out for Himself

a man according to His own heart, and Jehovah has appointed him as leader over His people. For you have not kept that which Jehovah commanded you.

¹⁵And Samuel rose up and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were found with him, about six hundred men. ¹⁶And Saul and his son Jonathan, and the people who were found with them, were staying in Gibeah of Benjamin; and the Philistines pitched in Michmash. ¹⁷And the spoilers came out of the Philistine camp in three companies; one company turned to the way to Ophrah, to the land of Shual; ¹⁸And another company turned the way to Beth-horon; and another company turned to the way of the border looking down on the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. ¹⁹And there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears. ²⁰And all Israel went down to the Philistines, each man to sharpen his plowshare, and his mattock, and his axe, and his plowshare. ²¹And the sharpening *charge* was a pim for the plowshares, and for the mattocks, and for the three-pronged forks, and for the axes, and for setting the plowshares. ²²And it happened in the day of battle that there was neither sword nor spear in the hand of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan. But *one* was found with Saul and with his son Jonathan. ²³And the fort of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

CHAPTER 14

¹And the day came that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, Come, and we will go over to the fort of the Philistines on the other side. But he did not tell his father. ²And Saul was waiting at the edge of Gibeah, under the pomegranate in Migron; also the people with him, about six hundred men. ³And Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, the son of Ichabod, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli the priest of Jehovah in Shiloh, was wearing the ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had left. ⁴And between the passes by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine fort, there was a rocky crag on the one side, and

a rocky crag on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other, Seneh. ⁵The one crag was on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Gibeah. ⁶And Jonathan said to the young man bearing his weapons, Come, we shall cross over to the fort of these uncircumcised ones. It may be Jehovah will work for us, for there is no hindrance to Jehovah, to save by many or by few. ⁷And his armor-bearer said to him, Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself. Behold, I am with you according to your heart. ⁸And Jonathan said, Behold, we will cross over to the men and show ourselves to them. ⁹If they say this to us, Stand still until we reach you, then we will stand *in* our place and not go up to them. ¹⁰But if they say this, Come up to us, then we will go up, for Jehovah has given them into our hand; and this *will be* the sign for us.

¹¹And both of them were revealed to the fort of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, See, Hebrews coming out from the holes there where they hid themselves! ¹²And the men of the fort answered Jonathan and his armor-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will teach you a thing. And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, Come up after me, for Jehovah has given them into the hand of Israel. ¹³And Jonathan went up on his hands and on his feet, and the armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and the armor-bearer killed after him. ¹⁴And *this* was the first blow, when Jonathan and his armor-bearer struck about twenty men in about half of a furrow of an acre of a field.

¹⁵And there was trembling in the camp in the field, and among all the people; the fort and the spoilers trembled, even them. And the ground quaked, and it was for a trembling of God. ¹⁶And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude had melted away; and they went, even here *and there*. ¹⁷And Saul said to the people who *were* with him, Make a count now and see who has gone from us. And they counted, and, behold, Jonathan and the armor-bearer were not *there*. ¹⁸And Saul said to Ahijah, Bring the ark of God here, for the ark of God was with the sons of Israel on that day. ¹⁹And

Philistines went on, going on and increasing. And Saul said to the priest, Withdraw your hand. ²⁰And Saul and all the people with him gathered together and went to the battle. And, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, a very great panic! ²¹Then the Hebrews who were for the Philistines before, who had gone with them to the camp, turned around, even they, to be with Israel that was with Saul and Jonathan. ²²And all the men of Israel who had been hiding themselves in the hills of Ephraim heard that the Philistines had fled. And they also pursued them in battle. ²³And Jehovah saved Israel that day. And the battle passed over to Bethaven.

²⁴And the men of Israel were distressed on that day, for Saul took an oath of the people, saying, Cursed *shall be* the man who eats food until the evening, when I have been avenged on my foes. And none of the people tasted food. ²⁵And all *those* of the land came into a forest, and there was honey on the ground. ²⁶And the people came into the forest; and, behold, a flow of honey! But no man put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. ²⁷And Jonathan did not hear when his father made the people swear. And he put out the tip of the staff in his hand and dipped it into the honeycomb. And *he* put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened. ²⁸And one of the people answered and said, Your father certainly took an oath of the people, saying, Cursed *shall be* the man who eats food today. And the people were weak. ²⁹And Jonathan said, My father has troubled the land. See, now, that my eyes became bright, for I tasted this little honey. ³⁰How much more if the people had eaten well today of this spoil of its enemies which it has found. For now the blow among the Philistines has not been great. ³¹And they struck the Philistines on that day from Michmash to Ajalon, and the people were very weak. ³²And the people fell on the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and sons of the herd, and slaughtered them to the ground. And the people ate with the blood.

³³And they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people are sinning against Jehovah, to eat with the blood. And he said, You have

acted treacherously. Now roll me a great stone today. ³⁴And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, Each one bring his ox near to me, and each his sheep. And you shall kill them in this place, and eat; and you shall not sin against Jehovah, to eat with the blood. And all the people each brought near his ox in his hand that night, and *they* slaughtered there. ³⁵And Saul built an altar to Jehovah. With it he began to build an altar to Jehovah. ³⁶And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and we shall plunder them until the morning light, and not a man remains among them. And they said, Do all that is good in your eyes. And the priest said, Let us draw near here to God. ³⁷And Saul asked of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will You give them into the hand of Israel? But He did not answer him on that day. ³⁸And Saul said, All leaders of the people draw near here, and know and see how this sin has happened today. ³⁹For as Jehovah lives, who delivers Israel, surely if it is my son Jonathan, he shall certainly die. And no one answered him from all the people. ⁴⁰And he said to all Israel, You be on one side, and my son Jonathan and I will be on another side. And the people said to Saul, Do that which is good in your eyes. ⁴¹And Saul said to Jehovah, the God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Jonathan and Saul were taken, and the people went out. ⁴²And Saul said, Cast between me and my son Jonathan. And Jonathan was taken. ⁴³And Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me, what did you do? And Jonathan told him, and said, I indeed tasted a little honey with the end of the staff in my hand. Behold, I am here; I will die. ⁴⁴And Saul said, God do so and more also, for you shall surely die, Jonathan. ⁴⁵And the people said to Saul, Shall Jonathan die, he who did this great deliverance in Israel? Far be it! As Jehovah lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day. And the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die. ⁴⁶And Saul went up from following the Philistines. And the Philistines went to their own place.

⁴⁷And Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies

round about, with Moab, and with the sons of Ammon, and with Edom, and with the kings of Zobah, and with the Philistines, and wherever he turned, he put *them* to the worse. ⁴⁸And he acted with force and struck Amalek, and delivered Israel from the hand of their plunderers. ⁴⁹And the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchishua; and his two daughters' names: the firstborn's name was Merab; and the name of the younger, Michal. ⁵⁰And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of his army commander was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. ⁵¹And Kish was Saul's father, and Ner Abner's father was the son of Abiel.

⁵²And the war was strong against the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any mighty man, or any brave man, then he gathered him to himself.

CHAPTER 15

¹And Samuel said to Saul, Jehovah sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. And now listen to the voice of the words of Jehovah. ²So says Jehovah of hosts, I will visit Amalek with what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. ³Now go, and you shall strike Amalek and destroy all that he has. And you shall have no pity on him, and you shall put to death *all* from man to woman, from little one to suckling, from ox to sheep, from camel to ass. ⁴And Saul heard and mustered the people in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand were men of Judah.

⁵And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in a torrent-bed. ⁶And Saul said to the Kenite, Go! Depart! Go out from the midst of Amalek, lest I take away you with him. For you acted with kindness toward all the sons of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. And the Kenite departed from the midst of Amalek. ⁷And Saul struck Amalek from Havilah, as you go to Shur, which is before Egypt. ⁸And he captured Agag the king of Amalek alive. But he exterminated all the people with the mouth of the sword. ⁹And Saul and the people had pity on Agag, and on the best of the flock, and of the herd, and

the seconds, and the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to exterminate them. But everything that was of no account and feeble, they exterminated.

¹⁰And the word of Jehovah was to Samuel, saying, ¹¹I repent that I made Saul reign as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and he has not risen to do my words. And Samuel was angry, and he cried to Jehovah all night. ¹²And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told to Samuel, saying, Saul has come to Carmel. And behold, he has set up a monument to himself, and has gone around, and has passed over and gone down to Gilgal. ¹³And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, Blessed are you of Jehovah. I have risen to do the word of Jehovah. ¹⁴And Samuel said, What then is this bleating of the flock in my ears, and the sound of the herd that I hear. ¹⁵And Saul said, They have brought them from Amalek, because the people had pity on the best of the flock, and of the herd, in order to sacrifice to Jehovah your God. And the rest we have exterminated. ¹⁶And Samuel said to Saul, Stop, and I will declare to you that which Jehovah spoke to me tonight. And he said to him, Speak.

¹⁷And Samuel said, Were you not, *even* you, little in your own eyes *before becoming* leader of the tribes of Israel? And Jehovah anointed you as king over Israel. ¹⁸And Jehovah sent you on the way, and said, Go, and exterminate the sinners, Amalek; and fight against them until they finish them. ¹⁹Then why did you not listen to the voice of Jehovah? Yea, *you* flew on the spoil, and did evil in the eyes of Jehovah. ²⁰And Saul said to Samuel, I did obey the voice of Jehovah, and I went in the way which Jehovah sent me, and brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I exterminated Amalek. ²¹And the people took from the spoil of *the* flock, and *the* first of the herd, *that* devoted, to sacrifice to Jehovah your God in Gilgal. ²²And Samuel said, Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice! To give attention *is* better than the fat of rams. ²³For the sin of divination is rebellion; insolence *is* both iniquity and idolatry. Because you have

rejected the word of Jehovah, so He has rejected you from *being* king.

²⁴And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned, for I have transgressed the mouth of Jehovah and your word, because I feared the people, and I listened to their voice. ²⁵And now please lift up my sin, and return with me that I may worship Jehovah. ²⁶And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of Jehovah, and Jehovah has rejected you from being king over Israel. ²⁷And Samuel turned around to go. And he took hold on the skirt of his robe, and it tore. ²⁸And Samuel said to him, Jehovah has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to your neighbor who is better than you. ²⁹And also the Glory of Israel will not lie nor repent, for He *is* not a man that He should repent.

³⁰And he said, I have sinned. Honor me now, I beg you, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and return with me. And I shall worship Jehovah your God. ³¹And Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped Jehovah.

³²And Samuel said, Bring near to me Agag the king of Amalek. And Agag came to him cheerfully. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death has passed. ³³And Samuel said, As your sword has bereaved women of children, so shall your mother be bereft among women. And Samuel cut Agag in pieces before Jehovah in Gilgal.

³⁴And Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went to his house, to Gibeah of Saul.

³⁵And Samuel never again saw Saul until the day of his death, for Samuel mourned for Saul. And Jehovah repented that He had caused Saul to reign over Israel.

CHAPTER 16

¹And Jehovah said to Samuel, Until when will you mourn for Saul, for I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have seen a king for Me among his sons. ²And Samuel said, How can I go? When Saul hears, then he will kill me. And Jehovah said, You shall take a heifer from the herd in your hand, and shall say, I have come to sacrifice to Jehovah. ³And you invite

Jesse to the sacrifice. And I will make you know what you shall do. And you shall anoint for Me whomever I say to you. ⁴And Samuel did what Jehovah said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city trembled to meet him, and said, Do you come in peace? ⁵And he said, Peace! I have come to sacrifice to Jehovah. Sanctify yourselves, and you shall come to me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

⁶And it happened as they came in, that he saw Eliab, and said, Surely His anointed *is* before Jehovah. ⁷And Jehovah said to Samuel, Do not look on his appearance, nor to the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For man does not see what He sees. For man looks for the eyes, but Jehovah looks for the heart. ⁸And Jesse called to Abinadab, and he passed him before Samuel but he said, Also Jehovah has not chosen this *one*. ⁹And Jesse passed Shammah by, but he said, Also Jehovah has not chosen this *one*.

¹⁰And Jesse passed seven *of* his sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, Jehovah has not chosen among these.

¹¹And Samuel said to Jesse, Are these all the young men? And he said, There yet remains the youngest; and behold, he is tending the flock. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and bring him, for we will not sit until he comes here. ¹²And he sent and brought him in. And he *was* ruddy, with beautiful eyes and good form. And Jehovah said, Rise up, anoint him, for this *is* he. ¹³And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of Jehovah came upon David from that day and onward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

¹⁴And the Spirit of Jehovah departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Jehovah terrified him. ¹⁵And Saul's servants said to him, Behold, now an evil spirit from God is terrifying you. ¹⁶Please let our lord say *to* your servants before you, let them seek out a man who knows *how to* play on the harp. And it shall be, when the evil spirit from God is upon you, then he shall play *with* his hand, and it *shall be* well with you. ¹⁷And Saul said to his servants, Now look for a man who is good at playing for

me, and bring *him* to me. ¹⁸One of the servants answered and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite *who is* skillful in playing, and a mighty warrior, and a man of battle, and skillful in speech, and a man of form. And Jehovah *is* with him. ¹⁹And Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, Send your son David to me, *who is* with the flock. ²⁰And Jesse took an ass, *with* bread, and a skin of wine, and one kid of the goats; and he sent by the hand of his son David to Saul. ²¹And David came to Saul, and stood before him. And he loved him greatly; and he became his armor-bearer. ²²And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Please let David stand before me, for he has found grace in my eyes. ²³And it happened, when the *evil* spirit from God was on Saul, then David would take the harp and play with his hand. And there was relief for Saul, and *it* was well *with* him. And the evil spirit would depart from him.

CHAPTER 17

¹And the Philistines had gathered their armies for battle, and were gathered *at* Socoh of Judah. And they camped between Socoh and Azekah in Ephesdammim. ²And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and camped in the valley of Elah. And *they* set the battle in order to meet the Philistines. ³And the Philistines stood on the mountain on this *side*, and Israel stood on the mountain on that *side*, and the valley between them.

⁴And a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines, Goliath *was* his name, from Gath; his height *was* six cubits and a span. ⁵And a bronze helmet *was* on his head, and he was clothed *with* scaled body-armor; and the weight of the body-armor *was* five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶And a covering of bronze *was* on his legs, and a javelin of bronze between his shoulders. ⁷And the wood of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and the blade of his spear *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron. And the shield-bearer went before him. ⁸And he stood and called to the ranks of Israel, and said to them, Why do you come out to set in order *the* battle? *Am* I not the Philistine, and you

Saul's servants? Choose one for yourselves, and let him come to me. ⁹If he is able to fight with me and strike me, then we shall become slaves to you. But if I am able *to win* over him, and to strike him, then you shall become slaves to us and shall serve us. ¹⁰And the Philistine said, I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man, and we will fight together. ¹¹And Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine. And they were broken down, and greatly afraid.

¹²And David *was* the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem from Judah; and his name *was* Jesse. And to him *were* eight sons. And the man *was* old among men in the days of Saul. ¹³And the three eldest sons of Jesse went out; they went after Saul to the battle. And the name of his three sons who went into the battle: Eliab, the first-born; and his second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. ¹⁴And David *was* the youngest. And the three eldest had gone after Saul. ¹⁵And David went and returned from Saul, to feed his father's flock at Bethlehem.

¹⁶And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

¹⁷And Jesse said to his son David, Please take to your brothers an ephah of this roasted *grain* and these ten loaves, and run to the camp, to your brothers. ¹⁸And you shall take these ten cuttings of cheese to the commander of the thousand, and you shall visit your brothers, *as to how* they fare. And you shall bring their token. ¹⁹And Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰And David rose up early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper, and got up and went, as Jesse commanded him. And he came to the barricade, and to the army which was going out to the battle-array. And they were shouting for battle. ²¹And Israel and the Philistines set up in battle-array for rank to meet rank. ²²And David left the goods on him into the hands of the store-keeper, and ran to the army. And *he* came and asked his brothers of *their* welfare. ²³And he *was* speaking to them. And, behold, the champion man, his name

being Goliath, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines. And he spoke according to these words. And David heard.

²⁴And when they saw the man, all the men of Israel ran from him, and were very much afraid. ²⁵And the men of Israel said, Have you seen the man who comes up? For he has come to defy Israel. And it shall be, the man who strikes him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and he will give his daughter to him. And he will make his father's house free in Israel. ²⁶And David spoke to the men who were standing with him, saying, What shall be done to the man who strikes this Philistine, and turns aside reproach from Israel? For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine that he should reproach the armies of the living God? ²⁷And the people spoke to him according to this word, saying, So shall it be done to the man who strikes him.

²⁸And his eldest brother Eliab heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger burned against David. And he said, Why *is* it you have come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride, and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle. ²⁹And David said, What have I done now? Was it not but a word? ³⁰And he turned around from him to another and said the same word. And the people answered him a word like the first word.

³¹And the words which David had spoken were heard. And they were told before Saul, and he received him. ³²And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and will fight with this Philistine. ³³And Saul said to David, You are not able to go to this Philistine, to fight with him, for you *are* a youth, and he *is* a man of war from his youth. ³⁴And David said to Saul, Your servant has been a shepherd among sheep for his father. And the lion came, and the bear, and took away a sheep out of the flock. ³⁵And I went out after him and struck him, and delivered out of his mouth. And he rose against me, and I took hold of his beard and struck him, and killed him. ³⁶Your servant has struck both the lion and the bear, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, for he has

reproached the armies of the living God. ³⁷And David said, Jehovah, who has delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He shall deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and Jehovah be with you. ³⁸And Saul clothed David with his apparel, and put a bronze helmet on *his* head, and clothed him *with* body-armor. ³⁹And David girded his sword on his apparel, and started to go. But he had not tested *these*. And David said to Saul, I am not able to go with these, for I have not tested. And David took them off him. ⁴⁰And he took his staff in his hand, and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook. And *he* put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his pouch. And his sling *was* in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹And the Philistine came on, coming and drawing near to David; and the shield-bearer *was* before him. ⁴²And the Philistine looked, and *he* saw David, and disdained him, for he was a youth, even ruddy, with a handsome form. ⁴³And the Philistine said to David, Am I a dog that you have come to me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the heavens and to the beasts of the field. ⁴⁵And David said to the Philistine, You are coming to me with sword, and with spear, and with javelin. But I am coming to you in the name of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, which you have reproached. ⁴⁶Today Jehovah shall shut you up into my hand, and I shall strike you, and take off your head from you, and give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the heavens and to the beasts of the earth today. And all the earth shall know that there is a God for Israel. ⁴⁷And all this company shall know that Jehovah does not save by sword and by spear, *but* that the battle *belongs* to Jehovah, and He has given you into our hand.

⁴⁸And it happened, when the Philistine arose and went, and drew near to meet David, David hurried and ran toward the ranks to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹And David put his hand into the vessel and took a

stone from there. And *he* slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

⁵⁰And David was stronger than the Philistine with the sling and with the stone. And he struck the Philistine and killed him. And there was no sword in David's hand. ⁵¹And David ran and stood over the Philistine, and took his sword; and *he* drew it out of its sheath and killed him. And *he* cut off his head with it. And the Philistines saw that their warrior was dead, and *they* fled. ⁵²And the men of Israel and Judah rose up and shouted, and pursued the Philistines until you enter the valley, even to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell in the way of Shaaraim, even to Gath, and to Ekron. ⁵³And the sons of Israel returned from hotly pursuing the Philistines; and they pillaged their camps. ⁵⁴And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem; and he put his weapons in his own tent.

⁵⁵And when Saul saw David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner, the army commander, Whose son is this youth, Abner? And Abner said, *As* your soul lives, O king, I do not know. ⁵⁶And the king said, You ask whose son this young man *is*. ⁵⁷And when David returned from striking the Philistine, then Abner took him and brought him before Saul; and the head of the Philistine *was* in his hand. ⁵⁸And Saul said to him, Whose son *are* you, boy? And David said, The son of your servant Jesse, the Bethlehemite.

CHAPTER 18

¹And it happened, when he finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knitted with the soul of David; and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ²And Saul took him that day, and would not let him return to his father's house. ³And Jonathan and David cut a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* on him, and gave it to David; also his apparel, even to his sword and to his bow and his belt. ⁵And David went out wherever Saul sent him. And he acted wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war. And it was good in the eyes of all the people, and also

in the eyes of Saul's servants.

⁶And it happened as they came in, as David returned from striking the Philistine, the women came out from all the cities of Israel to sing with the dancers, to meet Saul the king with tabrets and with joy and three-stringed instruments. ⁷And the women who were playing answered and said, Saul has slain his thousands, but David his myriads. ⁸And it very much burned Saul, and this thing was evil in his eyes. And he said, They have given myriads to David, and to me they have given thousands. And *is there* more to him, except the kingdom? ⁹And from that day forward Saul was watching David.

¹⁰And on the next day it happened that the evil spirit *from* God came on Saul. And he prophesied in the midst of the house; and David was playing with his hand, as he did day by day. And Saul's spear *was* in his hand. ¹¹And Saul threw the spear, and said, I will strike David, even to the wall. And David twice drew back from his face.

¹²And Saul feared David, because Jehovah was with him, and had departed from Saul. ¹³And Saul separated him from himself. And he went out and came in before the people. ¹⁴And David acted wisely in all his ways, and Jehovah was with him. ¹⁵And Saul saw that he was acting wisely, and was afraid of him. ¹⁶And all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

¹⁷And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab! I will give her to you for a wife; only, you be a brave son for me and fight the battles of Jehovah. And Saul said, Let not my hand be on him, but let the hand of the Philistines be on him. ¹⁸And David said to Saul, Who *am* I, and what my life, *and* the family of my father in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king? ¹⁹And it happened at the time Saul was to give *his* daughter Merab to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholahite for a wife.

²⁰And Saul's daughter Michal loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing was right in his eyes. ²¹And Saul said, I will give her to him, and she shall be a snare to him. And the hand of the Philistines shall be on him. And Saul said to

David a second time, You shall be my son-in-law today. ²²And Saul commanded his servants, Speak to David secretly, saying, Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you. And now, be son-in-law to the king. ²³And Saul's servants spoke these words in David's ears. And David said, Is it a light thing in your eyes to be son-in-law to the king? And I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed. ²⁴And Saul's servants spoke to him, saying, David has spoken according to these words. ²⁵And Saul said, So you shall say to David, There is no delight to the king in dowry, but in a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged on the king's enemies. And Saul thought to cause David to fall by the hand of the Philistines. ²⁶And his servants told David these words. And the thing was right in David's eyes, to be son-in-law to the king. And the days had not been fulfilled. ²⁷And David rose up and went out, he and his men. And *they* struck two hundred men of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and he gave them in full to the king, in order to be son-in-law to the king. And Saul gave him his daughter Michal for a wife. ²⁸And Saul saw and knew that Jehovah *was* with David, and that Michal, the daughter of Saul, loved him. ²⁹And Saul was still more afraid of David. And Saul was an enemy to David continually.

³⁰And the rulers of the Philistines came out. And it happened from the time they came out, David acted more wisely than all the servants of Saul. And His name was greatly esteemed.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Saul spoke to his son Jonathan, and to all his servants, to kill David. ²And Saul's son Jonathan delighted exceedingly in David. And Jonathan told David, saying, My father Saul is seeking to kill you. And, now, please be on guard in the morning, and you shall stay in the secret place, and shall hide. ³And I, I will go out and will stand by my father's side in the field where you *are*. And I will speak of you to my father, and shall see what *it is*, and will tell you. ⁴And Jonathan spoke

good *things* of David to his father Saul, and said to him, Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you; also because his works for you *are* very good. ⁵Yea, he has put his life in his hand and killed the Philistine. And Jehovah worked a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. And why do you sin against innocent blood, to put David to death for no reason?

⁶And Saul listened to Jonathan's voice, and Saul swore, *As* Jehovah lives, he shall not die. ⁷And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was before him *as* yesterday *and* the day before.

⁸And there was war again. And David went out and fought against the Philistines, and struck among them with a great slaughter. And they fled from his face. ⁹And the evil spirit from Jehovah was on Saul. And he *was* sitting in his house, and his spear in his hand. And David was playing with the hand. ¹⁰And Saul tried to strike with the spear through David and through the wall. But he burst forth from Saul's presence. And he struck the spear through the wall. And David fled, and escaped during that night.

¹¹And Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, and to kill him in the morning. And his wife Michal told David, saying, If you do not escape *with* your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed. ¹²And Michal made David go down through the window. And he went, and fled, and escaped. ¹³And Michal took an image and laid it on the bed; and she put the quilt of goat's *hair* at his head-place, and covered with a spread. ¹⁴And Saul sent messengers to take David. And she said, He is sick. ¹⁵And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, to kill him. ¹⁶And the messengers came in. And, behold, the image *was* on the bed, and the quilt of goat's *hair* at his head-place. ¹⁷And Saul said to Michal, Why have you deceived me this way, that you have sent away my enemy, and he has escaped? And Michal said to Saul, He said to me, Send me away; why should I kill you?

¹⁸And David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he went, he and Samuel, and they lived in Naioth. ¹⁹And it was told to Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* in Naioth in Ramah. ²⁰And Saul sent messengers to take David. And they saw the assembly of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them. And the Spirit of God came on Saul's messengers, and they also prophesied. ²¹And they told Saul, and he sent other messengers. And they also prophesied. And again Saul sent messengers, a third time. And they also prophesied. ²²And he went, he also, to Ramah, and came to the great well in Sechu. And Saul asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, in Naioth in Ramah. And the Spirit of God came on him, him also. And going on, he went and prophesied until he came into Naioth in Ramah. ²⁴And he stripped off his garments, he also, and *he* prophesied before Samuel, even he. And *he* fell down disrobed all that day and all that night. Because of this they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

CHAPTER 20

¹And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? What *is* my iniquity, and what my sin before your father, that he is seeking my life? ²And he said to him, Far be it! You shall not die. Behold, my father shall not do anything great or small, and not reveal *it* to my ear. And why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so. ³And David again swore and said, Your father has certainly known that I have found favor in your eyes; and he said, Do not let Jonathan know this, that he not be grieved. And yet, *as* Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, *there is* only a step between me and death. ⁴And Jonathan said to David, What your soul may say, I also will do for you. ⁵And David said to Jonathan, Behold, the new moon *is* tomorrow. And I should certainly sit with the king to eat. And you shall send me away, and I shall be hidden in the field until the third evening. ⁶If your father at all looks for me, then you shall say, David

asked earnestly of me to run to his city Bethlehem; for the yearly sacrifice *is* there for all the family. ⁷If he shall say this, Good! Peace *shall be* for your servant. But if it burns him greatly, know that evil has been determined by him. ⁸And you shall do kindness to your servant, for you have brought your servant with you into a covenant of Jehovah. And if there is iniquity in me, you kill me. For why is this, that you bring me to your father? ⁹And Jonathan said, Far be it from you! For if I knew with certainty that evil was determined by my father, to come on you, would I not tell it to you? ¹⁰Then David said to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? Or what *if* your father answers harshly? ¹¹And Jonathan said to David, Come, and we shall go out to the field; and both of them went out to the field. ¹²And Jonathan said to David, Jehovah the God of Israel *be witness* when I probe my father about this time tomorrow, *or* the third day, and behold, *there is* good toward David, and I do not send to you, and do not speak in your ear. ¹³So may Jehovah do to Jonathan, and do much more than this, *if* it should please my father *to do* evil to you, then I shall speak in your ear and send you away. And you shall go in peace; and may Jehovah be with you, as He was with my father. ¹⁴And not only while I live, even you shall not show me the kindness of Jehovah, that I not die, ¹⁵but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, not even when Jehovah cuts off the enemies of David, each one from off the face of the earth. ¹⁶And Jonathan covenanted with the house of David, that Jehovah should seek *it* from the hand of David's enemies. ¹⁷And Jonathan again made David swear, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul. ¹⁸And Jonathan said to him, Tomorrow *is* the new moon, and you shall be expected; for your seat will be empty. ¹⁹And on the third day you shall quickly come down and shall come there to the place where you were hidden in the day of the deed. And *you* shall remain near the stone Ezel. ²⁰And I will shoot three arrows to the side, shooting at a mark for myself. ²¹And, behold, I shall send a boy, *saying*, Go, find the arrows! If I expressly say to

the boy, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of you, take them; then you come, for peace *shall be* to you, and there is nothing — *as* Jehovah lives. ²²But if I say to the young man, behold, the arrows *are* away from you and onwards; go, for Jehovah has sent you away. ²³As to the thing which we have spoken, you and I; behold, Jehovah *is* between you and me forever.

²⁴And David was hidden in the field. And it was the new moon. And the king sat down by the food to eat. ²⁵And the king sat on his seat, as at other times, on the seat by the wall. And Jonathan rose up; and Abner sat at Saul's side; and David's place was empty. ²⁶But Saul did not say anything on that day, for he said, It *is* an accident; he is not clean; he *is* surely not clean. ²⁷And it happened on the day after the new moon, David's place was empty. And Saul said to his son Jonathan, Why has the son of Jesse not come to the meal, either yesterday or today? ²⁸And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked of me to *go to* Bethlehem. ²⁹And he said, Please send me away, for we have a family sacrifice in the city, and my brother commanded me. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me be released, and to see my brothers. So he has not come to the table of the king.

³⁰And the anger of Saul glowed against Jonathan. And he said to him, Son of a perverse rebelliousness! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your shame, and to the shame of the nakedness of your mother? ³¹For as long as the son of Jesse lives on earth you shall not be established, you and your kingdom. And now send and bring him to me, for he *is* a son of death. ³²And Jonathan answered his father Saul, and said to him, Why should he be put to death? What has he done? ³³And Saul threw the spear at him, to strike him. And Jonathan knew that it had been determined by his father to kill David. ³⁴And Jonathan rose up from the table in the heat of anger. And *he* did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved for David. For his father had put him to shame.

³⁵And it happened in the morning that Jonathan went out in the field for the meeting with David. And a little boy was

with him. ³⁶And he said to the boy, Now run and find the arrow which I am shooting. The boy ran, and he shot the arrow, causing it to pass over him. ³⁷And the boy came to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot. And Jonathan called after the boy and said, Is the arrow not away from you and onwards? ³⁸And Jonathan called after the boy, Hurry, make haste, do not stand! And Jonathan's boy gathered the arrow and came to his master. ³⁹And the boy did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter. ⁴⁰And Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy *with* him, and said to him, Go, carry to the city. ⁴¹The boy left, and David rose up from the south side. And *he* fell on his face to the ground. And *he* bowed three times. And they each one kissed his friend. And they each wept *on* his friend, until David exceeded. ⁴²And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, because we have sworn, the two of us, in the name of Jehovah, saying, Jehovah shall be between you and me, and between my seed and your seed forever. And he rose up and went. And Jonathan went *into* the city.

CHAPTER 21

¹And David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech trembled at meeting David, and said to him, Why *are* you by yourself, and no man with you? ²And David said to Ahimelech the priest, The king has commanded me a matter; and he said to me, Do not let a man know anything *of* the matter about which I am sending you, and which I told you. And I have directed the young men to such and such a place. ³And now, what is there under your hand? Give five loaves into my hand, or whatever is found. ⁴And the priest answered David and said, There is no common bread under my hand, but only holy bread, if the young men have only been kept from a woman. ⁵And David answered the priest and said to him, Surely, a woman has been kept from us as yesterday and the third *day*, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy. And *in* a way the holy *bread* is common; also surely today it is sanctified in the vessels. ⁶And the priest gave the holy *bread* to him, for there was no bread

there except the Bread of the Presence which is taken from the presence of Jehovah in order to put hot bread in on the day it is taken away.

⁷And a man *was* there on that day, of the servants of Saul, detained before Jehovah. And his name *was* Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's shepherds.

⁸And David said to Ahimelech, Is there not here under your hand spear or sword? For I have taken neither my sword or my vessels, for the king's matter was urgent. ⁹And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck in the valley of Elah; behold, it is wrapped in the cloak behind the ephod. If you desire, take it for yourself; for there is no other here except it. And David said, There is none like it. Give it to me.

¹⁰And David rose up and fled from the face of Saul on that day, and *he* came to Achish the king of Gath. ¹¹And the servants of Achish said to him, Is this not David the king of the land? Is it not of this one they sang in dances, saying, Saul killed his thousands, and David his myriads? ¹²And David put these words in his heart, and was very much afraid of the face of Achish the king of Gath. ¹³And he changed his behavior before their eyes, and pretended himself to be insane in their hand, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall onto his beard. ¹⁴And Achish said to his servants, Behold, you see the man is showing madness. Why do you bring him to me? ¹⁵Do I have need of madmen, that you have brought this one in to show madness beside me? Shall this one come into my house?

CHAPTER 22

¹And David left there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And his brothers heard, and all his father's house, and went down to him there. ²And every man in distress, and every man who had a creditor, and every man bitter of soul, gathered themselves to them. And he became commander over them. And about four hundred men were with him.

³And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, Please let my father and my mother come *and be* with you, until I know what God

will do for me. ⁴And he settled them before the king of Moab; and they lived with him all the days David was in the stronghold. ⁵And Gad the prophet said to David, You shall not remain in the stronghold. Go, and you come into the land of Judah. And David left and came into the forest of Hareth.

⁶And Saul heard that David had been discovered, and the men who *were* with him. And Saul was staying in Gibeah under the tamarisk-tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand. And all his servants were standing by him. ⁷And Saul said to his servants who were standing by him, Now hear, Benjamites. Will the son of Jesse also give to any of you fields and vineyards? Will he make each of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, ⁸that all of you have conspired against me, and no one was revealing *in* my ear when my son cut *a covenant* with the son of Jesse? And not one of you is sorry for me, even to reveal *in* my ear that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day. ⁹And Doeg the Edomite, even he was set over Saul's servants, answered and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. ¹⁰And he asked for him of Jehovah, and gave provisions to him, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine. ¹¹And the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests in Nob. And they came, all of them, to the king. ¹²And Saul said, Now hear, son of Ahitub. And he said, *I am* here, my lord. ¹³And Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, by your giving bread and a sword to him, and to ask of God for him, to rise up against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? ¹⁴And Ahimelech answered the king and said, And who among all your servants *is* as David *the* faithful, and son-in-law of the king; *who* does your bidding, and is honorable in all your house? ¹⁵Have I today begun to ask of God for him? Far be it from me! Do not let the king lay anything against his servant, against any of my father's house, for your servant

has known nothing of this, more or less.

¹⁶And the king said, You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and your father's house.

¹⁷And the king said to the runners that stood by him, Turn and kill the priests of Jehovah, because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing, and did not reveal *it in* my ear. But the king's servants were not willing to put forth their hand to fall on the priests of Jehovah. ¹⁸And the king said to Doeg, You turn and fall on the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned and fell on the priests and killed eighty-five men bearing a linen ephod in that day. ¹⁹And he struck Nob, the city of the priests, with the mouth of the sword, from man even to woman, from child even to suckling, and ox, and ass, and sheep, with the mouth of the sword.

²⁰And one son escaped of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And his name *was* Abiathar, and he fled after David. ²¹And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of Jehovah. ²²And David said to Abiathar, I knew on that day when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he certainly would tell Saul. I am accountable for all the lives of your father's house. ²³Stay with me. Do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life. For with me you *will be under* protection.

CHAPTER 23

¹And they spoke to David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they are plundering the threshing floors. ²And David asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go? And shall I strike against these Philistines? And Jehovah said to David, Go, and you shall strike the Philistines and save Keilah. ³And David's men said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah; and how shall we go to Keilah to the armies of the Philistines? ⁴And David once again inquired of Jehovah. And Jehovah answered him and said, Rise up, go down to Keilah, for I have given the Philistines into your hand. ⁵And David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and led away their livestock, and killed among them *with* a great blow. And David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

⁶And it happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David, *near* Keilah, an ephod came in his hand. ⁷And it was told to Saul that David had come to Keilah. And Saul said, God has estranged him into my hand. For he is shut in, to enter into a city of gates and a bar. ⁸And Saul heard *and called* all the people to battle, to go down to Keilah, to lay siege to David and to his men. ⁹But David knew that Saul was devising evil against him. And *he* said to Abiathar the priest, Bring the ephod near. ¹⁰And David said, O Jehovah the God of Israel, Your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to destroy the city because of me. ¹¹Will the masters of Keilah shut me up into his hand? Will Saul come down as Your servant has heard? I pray You, Jehovah the God of Israel, tell your servant. And Jehovah said, He will come down. ¹²And David said, Will the masters of Keilah shut me and my men up into Saul's hand? And Jehovah said, They will shut you up.

¹³And David and his men, about six hundred men, rose up and left Keilah, and went wherever they could go. And it was told to Saul that David had escaped from Keilah. And he ceased to go out. ¹⁴And David stayed in the wilderness, in the stronghold. And he stayed in the hill, in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him all his days. And God did not give him into his hand.

¹⁵And David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life; and David *was* in the wilderness of Ziph, in the forest. ¹⁶And Jonathan the son of Saul rose up and went out to David, to the forest. And *he* made his hand strong in God, ¹⁷and said to him, Do not fear, for the hand of my father Saul shall not find you; and you shall reign over Israel; and I shall be second to you. And my father Saul knows it is so. ¹⁸And they cut a covenant, both of them, before Jehovah. And David stayed in the forest, and Jonathan went to his house.

¹⁹And the men of Ziph went to Saul, to Gibeah, saying, Is not David hiding himself with us in strongholds, in the forest, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* south of the desert? ²⁰And now, come down according to all the desires of your soul, O king.

Come down, and our *duty* is to deliver him up into the king's hand. ²¹And Saul said, You *are* blessed by Jehovah, for you have had pity on me. ²²Please go, make yet *more* sure, and know, and see his place where his foot is; who has seen him there, for *one* has said to me, He is very subtle. ²³And see and know of all the hiding places where he hides himself. And you shall return to me ready, and I shall go with you, and it shall be, if he is in the land, that I shall search him out through all the thousands of Judah. ²⁴And they rose up and went to Ziph before Saul. But David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the south of the desert. ²⁵And Saul and his men went to seek; and they told David. And he went down *to* the rock, and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And Saul heard, and pursued David in the wilderness of Maon.

²⁶And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain. And David was hurrying to go away from the face of Saul. And Saul and his men were encircling David and his men, to catch them. ²⁷And a messenger came to Saul, saying, Hurry, and come, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land. ²⁸And Saul turned back from pursuing David, and went to meet the Philistines. On account of this they have called that place, The Rock of the Division. ²⁹And David went up from there and stayed in the strongholds *at* Engedi.

CHAPTER 24

¹And it happened, when Saul had returned from after the Philistines, they told him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of Engedi. ²And Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the front of the rocks of the wild goats. ³And he came in to the folds of the flock, on the way. And there *was* a cave. And Saul went in to cover his feet. And David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave. ⁴And David's men said to him, Behold, the day of which Jehovah said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it is good in your eyes. But David rose up and quietly cut off the skirt

of Saul's robe. ⁵And it happened afterward, the heart of David struck him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. ⁶And he said to his men, Far be it from me, by Jehovah. I shall not do this thing to my lord, to the anointed of Jehovah, to put out my hand against him. For he *is* the anointed of Jehovah. ⁷And David held back his men by words, and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul rose up from the cave, and went in the way.

⁸And it happened David rose up afterward, and went out from the cave, and called after Saul, saying, My lord the king! And Saul looked behind him. And David was bowing, face to the earth, and prostrated himself. ⁹And David said to Saul, Why do you listen to the words of man, saying, Behold, David seeks to do you evil? ¹⁰See, this day your eyes have seen how Jehovah has delivered you today into my hand in the cave. And *one* said to kill you, but *I* had pity on you. And I said, I shall not put out my hand against my lord, for he *is* the anointed of Jehovah.

¹¹And see, my father; yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand. For in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you are hunting my soul, to take it. ¹²Jehovah shall judge between you and me, and Jehovah shall avenge me of you. But my hand shall not be on you. ¹³As the proverb of the ancients says, wickedness proceeds from the wicked. But my hand shall not be on you. ¹⁴After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom are you pursuing? After a dead dog? After a flea? ¹⁵Yea, Jehovah shall be judge, and shall judge between you and me. Yea, He shall see and contend for my cause, and shall deliver me out of your hand.

¹⁶And it happened, when David finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷And he said to David, You *are* more righteous than I. For you have done good to me, and I have rewarded you *with* evil. ¹⁸And you have today shown that you have dealt well with me, in that

Jehovah shut me up into your hand, and you did not kill me. ¹⁹For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go on *his* way well? And Jehovah will repay you good for that which you have done to me today. ²⁰And now, behold, I know that you shall certainly reign, and the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. ²¹And now, swear to me by Jehovah that you shall not cut off my seed after me, nor shall you destroy my name from the house of my father. ²²And David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his house, and David and his men went up into the stronghold.

CHAPTER 25

¹And Samuel died, and all Israel was gathered, and mourned for him. And *they* buried him in his house, in Ramah. And David rose up and went down to the wilderness of Paran. ²And a certain man was in Maon, and his work was in Carmel. And the man was very great, and he *had* three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his flock in Carmel. ³And the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name, Abigail. And the woman was of good understanding, and beautiful of form. And the man was cruel and evil in his dealings. And He was of Caleb. ⁴And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his flock. ⁵And David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, Go up to Carmel, and you shall come to Nabal and ask him of his welfare in my name. ⁶And say this, Long life and peace to you! And peace to your house, and peace to all that you have. ⁷And now, I have heard that you have shearers. And your shepherds have been with us; we have not shamed them, nor was anything missing to them all the days they were in Carmel. ⁸Ask your young men, and they will tell you. And may the young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come at a good day. Please give that which your hand finds to your servants, and to your son, to David.

⁹And the young men of David came and spoke to Nabal according to all these words, in the name of David, and rested. ¹⁰And Nabal answered David's servants and said, Who is David, and who the son

of Jesse? The servants who have broken away from their masters have multiplied today. ¹¹And shall I take my bread, and my water, and my meat which I have killed for my shearers, and give to men whom I have not known, from where they *are*? ¹²And the young men of David turned to their way, and returned and came and told him according to all these words. ¹³And David said to his men, Each man gird on his sword. And David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, and two hundred stayed by the baggage.

¹⁴And one young man of the youths told Abigail the wife of Nabal, saying, Behold, David has sent messengers out of the wilderness to bless our lord, and he screamed at them. ¹⁵And the men were good to us, and have not shamed us, and we have not missed anything all the days we have gone up and down with them when we were in the field. ¹⁶They have been a wall to us both by day and by night, all the days we have been with them, feeding the flock. ¹⁷And now, know and consider what you should do; for evil has been determined against our lord, and on all his house. And he is a son of worthlessness, *no one* can speak to him.

¹⁸And Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, and two skins of wine, and five prepared sheep, and five measures of roasted grain, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and two hundred bunches of figs. And *she* set them on the asses. ¹⁹And she said to her young men, Pass on before me. Behold, I am coming after you. But she did not tell her husband Nabal. ²⁰And it happened, she was riding on the ass and coming down by the cover of the mountain. And, behold, David and his men were coming down to meet her; and she met them. ²¹And David had said, Surely, in vain I have guarded all that *belongs* to this fellow in the wilderness, so that not anything was missed of all that *was* his. And he has returned to me evil for good. ²²So may God do to the enemies of David, and may He do more so, if I leave any of all that *is* to him to the light of the morning, of one who urinates against a wall.

²³And Abigail saw David, and she hurried, and *she* alighted from the ass and fell

on her face before David, and bowed herself to the earth. ²⁴And she fell at his feet and said, On me, even me, my lord, *be* the iniquity. And I beg you, let your handmaid speak in your ears; and hear the words of your handmaid. ²⁵I beg you, do not let my lord set his heart toward this man of worthlessness, on Nabal. For as his name *is*, so *is* he. Nabal *is* his name, and foolishness *is* with him. And I, your handmaid, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent. ²⁶And now, my lord, *as* Jehovah lives, and *as* your soul lives, in that Jehovah has withheld you from coming in with blood, and delivering your hand for you; even now let your enemies be as Nabal, even those seeking evil to my lord. ²⁷And now this blessing which your handmaid has brought to my lord, even let it be given to the young men who go after my lord. ²⁸I beg you, bear with the transgression of your handmaid, for Jehovah shall certainly make a sure house for my lord. For my lord has fought the battles of Jehovah, and evil has not been found in you all your days. ²⁹And if a man rises up to pursue you, and to seek your soul—and the soul of my lord has been bound up in the bundle of life with Jehovah your God—and the souls of your enemies, He shall sling them from the hollow of the sling. ³⁰And it shall be, when Jehovah does to my lord according to all the good which He has spoken concerning you, and has commanded you to *be* ruler over Israel, ³¹that this shall not be for a cause of staggering, or of stumbling of heart to my lord, either to shed blood for nothing, or *that* my lord saved himself. And may Jehovah do good to my lord, and you remember your handmaid. ³²And David said to Abigail, Blessed *is* Jehovah the God of Israel, who has sent you to meet me today. ³³And blessed *is* your discernment. And blessed *are* you in that you have kept me from coming in with blood this day, and from delivering myself *with* my own hand. ³⁴And, indeed, *as* Jehovah the God of Israel lives,, who has kept me back from doing evil to you—for unless you had hurried and had come to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal one who urinates against the wall till the light of morning.

³⁵And David received from her hand what she had brought to him. And he said to her, Go in peace to your house. See, I have heard your voice, and have accepted your face.

³⁶And Abigail came to Nabal. And, behold, he was at a feast in his house, like the feast of the king. And Nabal's heart *felt* good within him, and he *was* drunk to excess. And she did not tell him a word, more or less, until the light of the morning.

³⁷And it happened in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things. And his heart died within him, and he became like a stone.

³⁸And it happened about ten days *later*, Jehovah struck Nabal, and he died. ³⁹And David heard that Nabal had died, and said, Blessed be Jehovah who has contended for the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal; and His servant has been kept back from evil. And Jehovah has caused the evildoing of Nabal to return on his head. And David sent and spoke with Abigail, to take her to himself for a wife. ⁴⁰And David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel, and spoke to her, saying, David has sent us to you to take you to him for a wife. ⁴¹And she rose up and bowed her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let your handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. ⁴²And Abigail hurried and arose, and rode on an ass, and five of her young women following her. And she went after David's messengers. And *she* became a wife to him.

⁴³And David had taken Ahinoam from Jezreel. And they became, even both of them, wives to him. ⁴⁴And Saul gave his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, who *was* of Gallim.

CHAPTER 26

¹And the men of Ziph came to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Is not David hiding himself in the hill of Hachilah, on the edge of the desert? ²And Saul rose up and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, and three thousand men *were* with him, chosen ones of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. ³And Saul camped in the hill of

Hachilah, which *is* on the face of the desert, by the highway. And David was staying in the wilderness. And he saw that Saul had come after him into the wilderness. ⁴And David sent spies, and he knew that Saul had come to Nachon. ⁵And David rose up and came to the place where Saul camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay down; and his army commander Abner the son of Ner and Saul were lying within the barricade. And the people were camping all around him.

⁶And David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, saying, Who shall go down with me to Saul, to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with you. ⁷And David and Abishai came to the people by night. And, behold, Saul was lying down, sleeping within the barricade. And his spear was stuck into the earth at his head-place. And Abner and all the people were lying all around him. ⁸And Abishai said to David, God has shut up your enemy into your hand today. And now, I beg you, let me strike him with a spear, even to the earth one time, and I will not repeat *it* to him. ⁹And David said to Abishai, Do not destroy him. For who shall put forth his hand against the anointed of Jehovah and be guiltless? ¹⁰And David said, *As Jehovah lives*, except Jehovah strike him, or his day shall come and he does, or he goes down and is devoured in battle, ¹¹far be it from me, by Jehovah, from putting forth my hand against the anointed of Jehovah. And now, please take the spear at his head-place, and the jar of water, and we will go. ¹²And David took the spear the jar of water at the head-place of Saul, and they went away. And no one was seeing; and no one knew; and no one was awake; for all of them were sleeping because a deep sleep from Jehovah had fallen on them.

¹³And David crossed over to the other side and stood on the top of the hill far away, the distance between them *being* great. ¹⁴And David called to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Do you not answer, Abner? And Abner replied and said, Who *are* you, *the one* calling to the king? ¹⁵And David said to

Abner, Are you not a man? And who *is* like you in Israel? But why have you not watched over your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy your lord the king. ¹⁶This thing which you have done *is* not good. *As Jehovah lives*, you also *are* sons of death, in that you have not watched over your lord, over the anointed of Jehovah. And now, see where the king's spear *is*, and the jar of water which was at his head-place?

¹⁷And Saul recognized the voice of David, and said, Is this your voice, my son David? And David said, My voice, my lord, O king! ¹⁸And he said, Why is this, *that* my lord is pursuing his servant? For what have I done, and what in my hand *is* evil? ¹⁹And now, please let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If Jehovah has moved you against me, let Him accept an offering. And if the sons of men, they *are* cursed before Jehovah; for they have driven me out today from joining myself with the inheritance of Jehovah, saying, Go, serve other gods. ²⁰And now, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of Jehovah, for the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as *one* hunts the partridge in the mountains.

²¹And Saul said, I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I shall not do evil to you any more, because my life has been precious in your eyes today. Behold, I have acted foolishly, and *I* have erred exceedingly much.

²²And David answered and said, Behold, the king's spear! And let one of the young men cross over and receive it. ²³And Jehovah will return to each his righteousness and his faithfulness, in that Jehovah has delivered you into *my* hand, and I have not been willing to put forth my hand against the anointed of Jehovah. ²⁴And behold, as your life has been highly esteemed in my eyes today, so let my soul be highly esteemed in the eyes of Jehovah. And may He deliver me out of all distress. ²⁵And Saul said to David, Blessed be you, my son David. Both you shall surely do, and also you shall surely be able. And David went on his way. And Saul returned to his place.

CHAPTER 27

¹And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul. Nothing is better for me than that I speedily escape to the land of the Philistines. And Saul will despair of me, to still seek me in all the border of Israel. And I shall escape out of his hand. ²And David rose up and crossed over, he and six hundred men who *were* with him, to Achish the son of Maach, the king of Gath. ³And David lived with Achish in Gath, he and his men, each one and his household: David and his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the *former* wife of Nabal of Carmel. ⁴And it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, and he did not seek for him any more.

⁵And David said to Achish, Please, if I have found favor in your eyes, they shall give to me a place in one of the cities of the field, and I shall live there. Yea, why should your servant live in the royal city with you? ⁶And Achish gave Ziklag to him in that day. Therefore, Ziklag has been *counted* to the kings of Judah until this day. ⁷And the number of days which David lived in the field of the Philistines was a year and four months.

⁸And David and his men went up and attacked the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites. For they *were* the inhabitants of the land in the past, as you come into Shur and into the land of Egypt. ⁹And David struck the land, and did not keep alive man, or woman, and took sheep, and oxen, and asses, and camels, and clothing, and turned back and came to Achish. ¹⁰And Achish said, Did you not make raids today? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and to the south of the Kenites. ¹¹David did not keep alive man or woman to bring news to Gath, saying, Lest they speak against us, saying, So David has done; And so *has been* his custom all the days that he has lived in the fields of the Philistines. ¹²And Achish trusted David, saying, Surely he has made himself to be hated among his people in Israel, and has become my servant forever.

CHAPTER 28

¹And in those days it happened that the Philistines gathered their armies for warfare, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, You shall surely go out with me in the army, you and your men. ²And David said to Achish, By this you shall know that which your servant will do. And Achish said to David, Then I appoint you keeper of my head all the days.

³And Samuel was dead. And all Israel had mourned for him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his city. And Saul had taken away the necromancers and the wizards out of the land. ⁴And the Philistines had gathered and had come in and camped in Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they camped in Gilboa. ⁵And Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, and his heart trembled and *he* greatly feared. ⁶And Saul asked of Jehovah, but Jehovah did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. ⁷And Saul said to his serevnts, Seek out for me a woman with ability to call up the dead, and I will go to her and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, a woman with ability to call up the dead *is* in Endor.

⁸And Saul disguised himself and put on other clothing. And he and two of the men with him went; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, I beg you, divine for me by calling up the dead, and cause whomever I will say to you to come up to me. ⁹And the woman said to him, Behold, you know that which Saul has done, that he has cut off those able to call up the dead, and the wizards, out of the land. And why do you lay a snare for my life, to put me to death? ¹⁰And Saul swore to her by Jehovah, saying, *As* Jehovah lives, no evil shall happen to you because of this thing. ¹¹And the woman said, Whom shall I bring up to you? And he said, Bring up Samuel to me.

¹²And the woman saw Samuel, and cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, Why have you deceived me, for you *are* Saul? ¹³And the king said to her, Do not be

afraid. For what have you seen? And the woman said to Saul, I have seen a god coming up out of the earth. ¹⁴And he said to her, What is his appearance? And she said, An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a robe. And Saul knew that he *was* Samuel. And *he* bowed *his* face to the earth, and prostrated himself. ¹⁵And Samuel said to Saul, Why have you disturbed me, to bring me up. And Saul said, I am grievously distressed. And the Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned from me and has not answered me any more, either by the hand of the prophets, or by dreams. And I called for you to make known to me what I should do. ¹⁶And Samuel said, And why do you ask me, since Jehovah has departed from you and is your foe? ¹⁷And Jehovah is doing for Himself as He spoke by my hand. And Jehovah is tearing the kingdom out of your hand, and *is* giving it to your neighbor, to David. ¹⁸Because you did not listen to the voice of Jehovah, or execute His burning anger on Amalek, on this account Jehovah is doing this thing to you today. ¹⁹Yea, Jehovah is also giving Israel into the hand of the Philistines along with you. And tomorrow you and your sons *will be* with me. And Jehovah will give the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines. ²⁰And Saul hurried and fell the full length of his stature to the earth, and greatly feared from the words of Samuel. And there was no power in him, for he had not eaten food all that day, and all the night.

²¹And the woman came to Saul. And *she* saw that he was greatly distressed, and said to him, Behold, your servant has listened to your voice, and I put my life in my hand, and I obeyed your words which you spoke to me. ²²And now I beg you, you also listen to the voice of your servant, and I will set before you a bit of bread; and eat, and there will be strength in you when you go on your way. ²³And he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants forced him, and the woman also. And he listened to their voices and rose from the earth and sat on the bed. ²⁴And the woman had a fat calf in the house. And she hurried and slaughtered it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and baked

unleavened cakes of it. ²⁵And *she* brought *it* near before Saul, and before his servants. And they ate, and rose up, and went on during that night.

CHAPTER 29

¹And the Philistines gathered all their armies to Aphek. And Israel was camped at a fountain in Jezreel. ²And the Philistine rulers were passing on by hundreds and by thousands. And David and his men were passing on in the rear with Achish. ³And the Philistine rulers said, What *are* these Hebrews? And Achish said to the Philistine rulers, Is this not David the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days and these years? And I have not found anything *evil* in him from the day he fell away until today. ⁴And the Philistine rulers were angry against him. And the Philistine rulers said to him, Send the man back, and he shall return to his place where you have appointed him. And *he* shall not go down with us into battle, and shall not become a foe to us in battle. And with what should this one give pleasure to his master, if not with the heads of these men? ⁵Is this not David, of whom they answer in dances, saying, Saul has killed his thousands, and David his myriads?

⁶And Achish called David and said to him, *As* Jehovah lives, Surely you *are* upright and good in my eyes in your going out and in your coming in with me in the camp. For I have not found evil in you from the day of your coming in to me until today. But you *are* not good in the eyes of the rulers. ⁷And now return, and go in peace, that you not do evil in the eyes of the rulers of the Philistines. ⁸And David said to Achish, But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant from the day that I have been in your presence until today, that I may not go in and fight against the enemies of my lord the king? ⁹And Achish replied and said to David, I know that you *are* good in my eyes, like an angel of God. But the rulers of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us into battle. ¹⁰And now, you and the servants of your lord who have come with you rise early in the morning. When you arise early in the

morning, when you have light, then go. ¹¹And David rose up early, he and his men, to go in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

CHAPTER 30

¹And it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had raided to the Negeb, even to Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag and burned it with fire. ²And they captured the women in it, from the small even to the great; they did not kill anyone, but they led *them* away, and went on their way. ³And David and his men came into the city. And, behold! *It was* burned with fire! And their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive. ⁴And David and the people with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no power in them to weep. ⁵And the two wives of David had been taken, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the *former* wife of Nabal of Carmel. ⁶And David was greatly distressed, for the people said to stone him. For the soul of the people was bitter, each for his sons and for his daughters. And David made himself strong in Jehovah his God.

⁷And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, Please bring the ephod near to me. And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. ⁸And David asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake it? And He said to him, Pursue, for you shall certainly overtake, and shall certainly recover. ⁹So David went on, he and six hundred men who *were* with him. And they came to the torrent Besor. And those that were left stood. ¹⁰And David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred men stood, who were too exhausted to pass over the torrent Besor.

¹¹And they found a man, an Egyptian, in the field, and took him to David, and gave him food, and he ate. And they made him drink water. ¹²And *they* gave to him a piece of a bunch of dried figs, and two bunches of raisins. And he ate, and his spirit returned to him, for he had not eaten food nor drunk water three days and three nights. ¹³And David said to him, Whose

are you? And from where do you come? And he said, I *am* an Egyptian youth, slave to an Amalekite man. And my lord abandoned me, for I had been sick three days. ¹⁴We raided the south of the Cherethites, and went against that *belonging* to Judah, and against the south of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag with fire. ¹⁵And David said to him, Are you able to bring me down to this troop? And he said, Swear to me by God that you will neither put me to death, nor deliver me up into my master's hand, and I will bring you down to this troop.

¹⁶And he brought him down. And, behold, they were spread out over the face of all the earth, eating and drinking and feasting, with all the great plunder which they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. ¹⁷And David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day. And not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. ¹⁸And David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and David recovered his two wives. ¹⁹And nothing was missing to them, from the small even to the great, and to sons and daughters, and from the plunder, even to all that they had taken for themselves; David brought back the whole *of it*. ²⁰And David took all the flock, and the herd. They drove on before *those* cattle. And they said, This is David's prize.

²¹And David came to the two hundred men who were too exhausted to go after David, and whom they caused to remain at the torrent Besor. And they went out to meet David, and to meet the people with him. And David came up to the people, and asked them *of their* peace. ²²And every evil and worthless one of the men who had gone with David answered, and they said, Because they did not go with me, we will not give to them from the plunder which we have delivered, except *to each* man his wife and his sons. And let them take them, and go. ²³And David said, You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which Jehovah has given to us. And He has protected us, and has given the troop which came against us into our hand. ²⁴And who will listen to you in this

thing? For as the portion of him who goes down to battle, so shall be his share who remains by the baggage. They shall share together. ²⁵And it was so, from that day and forward he commanded it for a statute and for an ordinance for Israel to this day.

²⁶And David came to Ziklag. And he sent of the plunder to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, Behold, a blessing for you of the plunder of the enemies of Jehovah; ²⁷to those in Bethel, and to those in Ramoth of the Negeb, and to those in Jattir, ²⁸and to those in Aroer, and to those in Siphmoth, and to those in Eshtemoa, ²⁹and to those in Rachal, and to those in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those in the cities of the Kenites, ³⁰and to those in Hormah, and to those in Chorashan, and to those in Athach, ³¹and to those in Hebron, and to all the places where David had gone up and down, he and his men.

CHAPTER 31

¹And the Philistines were fighting against Israel. And the men of Israel fled from the face of the Philistines, and *they* fell down wounded in Mount Gilboa. ²And the Philistines followed Saul and his sons. And the Philistines struck Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. ³And the battle went hard against Saul. And the bowmen, archers found him and he was sorely wounded by the archers. ⁴And Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and thrust it through me, lest

these uncircumcised ones come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. So Saul took the sword and fell on it. ⁵And his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, and he also fell on his sword and died with him. ⁶And Saul and three of his sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men died together on that day. ⁷And the men of Israel who *were* beyond the valley, and who *were* beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died. And they abandoned the cities and fled. And the Philistines came in and lived in them.

⁸And it happened on the next day, the Philistines came to strip the wounded. And they found Saul and his three sons fallen down on Mount Gilboa. ⁹And they cut off his head, and stripped off his weapons, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around to proclaim the news *in* the house of their idols, and *among* the people. ¹⁰And they put his weapons in the house of Ashtaroath, and they fastened his body on the wall of Beth-shan. ¹¹And when they heard about it, the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead, that which the Philistines had done to Saul, ¹²then all the mighty men rose up, and they went all the night; and *they* took the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, from the wall of Beth-shan. And *they* came to Jabesh, and burned them there. ¹³And they took their bones and buried *them* under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh. And *they* fasted seven days.

THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

CHAPTER 1

¹And it happened, after the death of Saul, David returned from striking the Amalekites. And David remained in Ziklag two days. ²And it happened on the third day, behold, a man came in out of the camp from Saul. And his garments were torn, and earth on his head. And it happened as he came to David, he fell to the earth and prostrated himself. ³And David said to him, From where do you come? And he said to him, I have escaped out of the camp of Israel. ⁴And David said to him, How did the matter go? Please tell me. And he answered, The people fled from the battle, and also a multitude of the people have fallen, and they died, and also Saul and his son Jonathan have died. ⁵And David said to the youth who was telling him, How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan *are* dead? ⁶And the youth who was telling him said, By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa. And, behold, Saul was leaning on his spear. And, behold, the chariots and the masters of horses closely followed him! ⁷And he turned behind him and he saw me and called to me. And I said, Behold me. ⁸And he said to me, Who *are* you? And I said, I *am* an Amalekite. ⁹And he said to me, Please stand over me and kill me, for agony has seized me; for all my life *is* still in me. ¹⁰And I stood over him and killed him, for I knew that he could not live after his falling. And I took the crown on his head, and *the* bracelet on his arm, and I brought them to my lord here. ¹¹And David took hold on his garments and tore them; and also all the men with him *did so*. ¹²And they mourned and wept and fasted until the evening, for Saul, and for his son Jonathan, and for the people of Jehovah, and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

¹³And David said to the youth who told him, From where *are* you? And he said, I *am* the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite. ¹⁴And David said to him, Why were you not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the anointed of Jehovah? ¹⁵And

David called to one of the young men, and said, Draw near and fall on him. And he struck him, and he died. ¹⁶And David said to him, Your blood *be* on your own head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I put to death the anointed of Jehovah.

¹⁷And David sang this death-dirge over Saul, and over his son Jonathan; ¹⁸and he said to teach the sons of Judah *The Song of the Bow*. Behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar:

¹⁹The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places. How *are the* mighty fallen! ²⁰Tell *it* not in Gath; do not make *it* known in the streets of Ashkelon, that the daughters of the Philistines not rejoice; that the daughters of the uncircumcised not exult. ²¹Mountains of Gilboa, *let* not dew or rain *be* on you, nor fields of offerings; for there the shield of the mighty was vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, not *being* anointed with oil. ²²From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not draw back; and the sword of Saul did not return empty. ²³Saul and Jonathan! *They were* beloved and delightful in their lives; and in their death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles; they were stronger than lions. ²⁴O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with scarlet delights, who put ornaments of gold on your clothing. ²⁵How *are the* mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan *is* slain on your high places! ²⁶I *am* distressed over you, my brother Jonathan. You were very delightful to me; your love was wonderful to me, more than the love of women. ²⁷How *are the* mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

CHAPTER 2

¹And it happened after this, David asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah? And Jehovah said to him, Go up. And David said, Where shall I go up? And He said, To Hebron. ²And David went up there, and also his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the *former* wife of Nabal of

Carmel. ³And David brought up his men who were with him, each man and his household. And they lived in the cities of Hebron. ⁴And the men of Judah came and anointed David king over the house of Judah there. And they told David, saying, *It was the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul.* ⁵And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, Blessed *are* you of Jehovah, in that you have done this kindness with your lord, with Saul, that you have buried him. ⁶And now, may Jehovah do with you in kindness and truth. And I also will do good to you because you have done this thing. ⁷And now, let your hands be made strong, and be valiant; for your lord Saul *is* dead. And also, the house of Judah has anointed me as king over them.

⁸And Abner the son of Ner, the commander of the army which Saul *had*, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and caused him to cross over to Mahanaim. ⁹And *he* caused him to reign over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. ¹⁰Ishbosheth the son of Saul *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed after David.

¹¹And it came to pass the number of the days that David was king in Hebron, over the house of Judah, was seven years and six months. ¹²And Abner the son of Ner and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. ¹³And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and David's servants went out. And they met by the pool of Gibeon, and sat down, these by the pool on this *side*, and those by the pool on that *side*. ¹⁴And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men rise up now and play before us. And Joab said, Let them rise. ¹⁵And they rose up and went over by number, twelve for Benjamin, and for Ishbosheth the son of Saul; and twelve of the servants of David. ¹⁶And each one lay hold on the head of his companion, and *thrust* his sword into the side of his companion. And they fell together. And *one* called that place The Field of Rocks, which *is* in Gibeon. ¹⁷And the battle was very hard on that day, and the men of Israel and Abner were stricken before

David's servants. ¹⁸And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel. And Asahel *was* swift with his feet, like one of the gazelles in the field. ¹⁹And Asahel ran after Abner, and did not turn to go to the right or to the left from following Abner. ²⁰And Abner looked behind him, and said, Are you Asahel? And he said, *I am*. ²¹And Abner said to him, Turn aside to your right, or to your left, and seize one of the young men for yourself, and take his spoil for yourself. And Asahel was not willing to turn aside from following him. ²²And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the earth? And how shall I lift up my face to your brother Joab? ²³And he refused to turn aside. And Abner struck him in the belly with the butt of the spear. And the spear came out from behind him; and he fell there, and died in his place. And it happened that all who came to the place, there where Asahel fell, and died, they stood still. ²⁴And Joab and Abishai ran after Abner, and the sun was setting. And they came to the hill of Ammah which *is* before Giah, by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. ²⁵And the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a certain hill. ²⁶And Abner called to Joab, and said, Does the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the end? and when will you say to the people to turn back from after their brothers? ²⁷And Joab said, *As* God lives, for if you had not spoken, surely then in the morning the people would have gone up, each one from following his brother. ²⁸And Joab blew the ram's horn. And all the people stood still, and did not pursue Israel any more; nor did they fight any more.

²⁹And Abner and his men went through the Arabah all that night, and crossed the Jordan, and went all the forenoon, and came to Mahanaim. ³⁰And Joab returned from pursuing Abner. And *he* gathered all the people. And there were lacking nineteen men of David's servants, and Asahel. ³¹And David's servants had struck three hundred and sixty men of Benjamin, even among the men of Abner these died. ³²And they lifted up Asahel and

buried him in the burying-place of his father, which *is* in Bethlehem. And they went all night, Joab and his men; and it was light to them *coming* into Hebron.

CHAPTER 3

¹And there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. And David *was* going on and *was* strong, but the house of Saul *was* going on and *was* weak. ²And sons were born to David in Hebron. And his firstborn *was* Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel. ³And his second *was* Chileab, of Abigail the *former* wife of Nabal of Carmel. And the third *was* Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur. ⁴And the fourth *was* Adonijah the son of Haggith. And the fifth *was* Shephatiah the son of Abital. ⁵And the sixth *was* Ithream, of Eglah the wife of David. These were born to David in Hebron.

⁶And it happened while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner was making himself strong *for* the house of Saul. ⁷And Saul had a concubine, and her name was Rizpah the daughter of Aiah. And *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine? ⁸And Abner was exceedingly angry over the words of *Ishbosheth*. And he said, *Am* I a dog's head, that I do kindness with the house of your father Saul *in regards* to Judah today, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not caused you to be found in the hand of David, and you charge a sin against me *with* this woman today? ⁹So may God do to Abner, and more so, if I do not do to David as Jehovah has sworn, ¹⁰to cause to pass over the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to establish the throne of David over Israel and over Judah from Dan even to Beer-sheba. ¹¹And he was not able to return a word to Abner any more, because he feared him.

¹²And Abner sent messengers to David for himself, saying, Whose *is* the land? *He* said, Cut your covenant with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with you, to bring all Israel around to you. ¹³And he said, Good, I will cut a covenant with you, but one thing I ask of you, saying, You shall not see my face except you first bring

Michal the daughter of Saul when you come to see my face. ¹⁴And David sent messengers to *Ishbosheth* the son of Saul, saying, Give up my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself with a hundred foreskins of the Philistines. ¹⁵And *Ishbosheth* sent and took her from the man, from Phaltiel the son of Laish. ¹⁶And her husband went with her, going on and weeping behind her to Bahurim. And Abner said to him, Go, return. And he returned.

¹⁷And the word of Abner was with the elders of Israel, saying, Before now you have been seeking David for king over you. ¹⁸And now do *it*. For Jehovah has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of My servant David He will save My people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. ¹⁹And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin. And Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron, all that *was* good in the eyes of Israel, and in the eyes of all the house of Benjamin. ²⁰And Abner came to David, to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made a feast for Abner and for the men with him. ²¹And Abner said to David, Let me rise up and go, and gather to my lord the king all Israel. And they shall cut a covenant with you. And you shall reign over all that your soul desires. And David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

²²And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop. And *they* brought much plunder with them. And Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away; and he had gone in peace. ²³And Joab and all the army with him had come. And they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner has come to the king. And he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace. ²⁴And Joab came to the king, and said, What have you done? Behold, Abner has come to you; why *is* this, that you have sent him away, and he is already gone? ²⁵You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you are doing. ²⁶And Joab left David, and sent messengers after Abner. And they brought him back from the well of Sirah. But David did not know it. ²⁷And

Abner returned to Hebron. And Joab turned him aside into the middle of the gate, to speak with him privately. And *he* struck him in the belly there, and he died, because of the blood of his brother Asahel.

²⁸And afterward David heard, and said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before Jehovah forever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner. ²⁹May it whirl about the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that has an issue, or that is a leper, or that leans on a staff, or who falls by the sword, or that lacks bread! ³⁰And Joab and his brother Abishai killed Abner because he had killed their brother Asahel in Gibeon, in battle.

³¹And David said to Joab, and to all the people with him, Tear your garments and gird on sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David was following after the bier. ³²And they buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. ³³And the king lamented for Abner, and said, Should Abner die as *it were* like a fool? ³⁴Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put into fetters. As one falls before sons of evil, you have fallen! And all the people wept again over him.

³⁵And all the people came to cause David to eat food while *it was* yet day. But David swore, saying, So may God do to me, and still more, if I taste bread or anything before the sun goes in. ³⁶And all the people took notice, and it was good in their eyes. As to all the king did, *it was* good in the eyes of all the people. ³⁷And all the people, even all Israel, knew in that day that it was not from the king to kill Abner the son of Ner. ³⁸And the king said to his servants, Do you not know that a leader and a great one has fallen this day in Israel? ³⁹And I *am* weak today, though anointed king. And these men, the sons of Zeruiah, are too hard for me. May Jehovah reward the doer of evil according to his evil!

CHAPTER 4

¹And the son of Saul heard that Abner *was* dead in Hebron. And his hands were

feeble; and all *those in* Israel were terrified. ²And Saul's son had two men, troop commanders, the name of the one *being* Baanah, and the name of the second Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin—for Beer-oth also is counted to Benjamin; ³and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and are aliens there to this day.

⁴And Jonathan the son of Saul had a lame son—he was a son of five years when the news of Saul and Jonathan came out of Jezreel; and his nurse lifted him up and fled; and it happened as she hurried to flee, that he fell and became lame; and his name *was* Mephibosheth—⁵And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went and came at the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth. And he was lying *on his bed at* noon. ⁶And they came to the middle of the house, bringing wheat. And they struck him in the fifth *rib*. And Rechab and his brother Baanah escaped. ⁷Yes, they came into the house, and he was lying on his bed in his bedroom; and they struck him and killed him, and took off his head. And they took his head and went the way of the Arabah all the night. ⁸And *they* brought Ishbosheth's head to David in Hebron, and said to the king, Behold, the head of Ishbosheth the son of your enemy Saul, who sought your life. And may Jehovah give to my lord the king vengeance this day, on Saul and on his seed.

⁹And David answered Rechab and his brother Baanah, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, *As* Jehovah lives, who has redeemed my life out of all distress, ¹⁰when one spoke to me, saying, Behold Saul *is* dead, and he was as a bearer of good news in his own eyes; even I seized and killed him in Ziklag. I gave that to him as a reward. ¹¹And when wicked men have slain a righteous man in his own house on his bed, should I not even now seek his blood from your hand, and glean you from the earth? ¹²And David commanded his young men. And they killed them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hung *them* by the pool in Hebron. And they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in the burying-place of Abner in Hebron.

CHAPTER 5

¹And all the tribes of Israel came to David, to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we *are* your bone and we *are* your flesh. ²Both yesterday and the day before, when Saul was king over us, you were he who led out and brought in Israel. And Jehovah said to you, You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be for a leader over Israel. ³And all the elders of Israel came to the king, to Hebron. And king David cut a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah. And they anointed David as king over Israel.

⁴And David was a son of thirty years when he became king; he reigned forty years. ⁵In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

⁶And the king and his men went to Jerusalem, to the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land. And one spoke to David, saying, You shall not come in here except the blind and the lame will turn you away, saying, David cannot come in here. ⁷And David captured the stronghold of Zion. It is the city of David. ⁸And David said on that day, Anyone who strikes the Jebusite, let him touch at the water-shaft and *take* the lame and the blind, the hated of the soul of David. On this account they say, The blind and the lame shall not enter into the house. ⁹And David lived in the stronghold, and called it *the* city of David. And David built all around from the citadel and inward. ¹⁰And David went on and became great. And Jehovah the God of hosts was with him.

¹¹And Hiram the king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons; and they built a house for David. ¹²And David knew that Jehovah had established him for king over Israel, and that He had lifted up his kingdom because of His people Israel.

¹³And David again took concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron. And again sons and daughters were born to David. ¹⁴These *are* the names of those born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, ¹⁵and Ibhah, and Elishua, and

Nepheg, and Japhia, ¹⁶and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

¹⁷And the Philistines heard that they had anointed David for king over Israel. And all the Philistines came up to seek David. And David heard and went down to the stronghold. ¹⁸And the Philistines came and were spread out in the Valley of the Giants. ¹⁹And David asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? Will You give them into my hand? And Jehovah said to David, Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand. ²⁰And David came to Baal-perazim. And David struck them there, and said, Jehovah has broken forth *on* my enemies before me, as the breaking forth of waters. On account of this he called the name of that place The Breaking of Baal. ²¹And they abandoned their idols there; and David and his men took them away.

²²And the Philistines again came up and were spread out in the Valley of the Giants. ²³And David asked of Jehovah, and He said, You shall not go up. Turn around to their rear, and come to them in front of the weeping trees. ²⁴And it shall be, when you hear the sound of the marching in the tops of the weeping trees, then you shall strike. For then Jehovah shall go out before you to strike the army of the Philistines. ²⁵And David did so, as Jehovah commanded him. And *he* struck the Philistines from Geba until you come to Gezer.

CHAPTER 6

¹And David again gathered every chosen one in Israel, thirty thousand. ²And David rose up and went, and all the people with him, from Baale-judah, to bring up the ark of God from there—which is called by the Name, the Name of Jehovah of hosts, who dwells *above* the cherubs. ³And they caused the ark of God to ride on a new cart, and took it from the house of Abinadab, which *is* in the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio the sons of Abinadab *were* leading the new cart. ⁴And they took it from the house of Abinadab, which *is* in the hill, with the ark of God. And Ahio *was* going before the ark. ⁵And David and all the house of Israel *were*

dancing before Jehovah with all *instruments of* fir wood, with lyres and with harps, and with tambourines, and with sistrums, and with cymbals.

⁶And when they came to the threshing floor of Nachon, and Uzzah reached out to the ark of God, and took hold of it, for the oxen *nearly* upset it, ⁷then the anger of Jehovah glowed against Uzzah. And God struck him there for the fault. And he died there by the ark of God. ⁸And it angered David because Jehovah broke out a break against Uzzah. And *one* calls that place The Break of Uzzah to this day. ⁹And David feared Jehovah on that day, and said, How shall the ark of Jehovah come to me? ¹⁰And David was not willing to bring the ark of Jehovah to himself, to the city of David. And David turned it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹And the ark of Jehovah remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months. And Jehovah blessed Obed-edom and all his house.

¹²And it was told to king David, saying, Jehovah has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that he has, because of the ark of God. And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with joy. ¹³And it happened, when those bearing the ark of Jehovah had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴And David was dancing with all *his* might before Jehovah. And David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵And David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of Jehovah with shouting, and with the sound of a ram's horn.

¹⁶And it happened, *when* the ark of Jehovah had come to the city of David, and Michal the daughter of Saul looked through the window and saw king David leaping and dancing before Jehovah, *she* despised him in her heart. ¹⁷And they brought the ark of Jehovah in, and set it up in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. And David caused burnt offerings to be offered before Jehovah, and peace offerings. ¹⁸And David finished offering the burnt offerings, and the peace offerings, and blessed the people in the name of Jehovah of hosts.

¹⁹And he shared out to all the people, to all

the multitude of Israel, from man even to woman, to each one cake of bread and one date-cake and one raisin-cake. And all the people left, each one to his house.

²⁰And David returned to bless his house. And Michal the daughter of Saul went out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who was uncovered today before the eyes of the slavegirls of his servants, as one of the vain ones shamelessly uncovers himself. ²¹And David said to Michal, Before Jehovah, who chose me over your father and over all your father's house, to command me *to be* leader over the people of Jehovah, and over Israel, so I danced before Jehovah. ²²And I will be yet lighter than this, and shall be lowly in my own eyes. But with the slavegirls of whom you spoke, with them I will be honored. ²³And there was no child to Michal the daughter of Saul until the day of her death.

CHAPTER 7

¹And it happened, when the king lived in his house, and Jehovah had given him rest from all his enemies all around, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, See, now, I am living in a house of cedar, and the ark of God dwells within tent curtains. ³And Nathan said to the king, All that *is* in your heart, go, do. For Jehovah *shall be* you. ⁴And it happened in that night, the word of Jehovah came to Nathan, saying, ⁵Go, and you shall say to My servant, to David, So says Jehovah, Will you build a house for Me, for My dwelling? ⁶For I have not dwelt in a house even from the day of My bringing the sons of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle. ⁷In all *places* in which I have gone with all Israel's sons, have I spoken a word with one of the tribes of Israel, *those* I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, Why have you not built for me a house of cedars? ⁸And now, so you shall say to My servant, to David, So says Jehovah of hosts, I have taken you from the resting place, from following the flock, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies

from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. ¹⁰And I will designate a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and not be made to tremble any more. Nor shall the sons of evil afflict them again, as at the first, ¹¹even from the day I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. And I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. And Jehovah declares to you that Jehovah will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled, and you lie with your fathers, then I shall raise up your seed after you, which shall come out from your bowels, and I shall establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I shall be a father to him, and he shall be a son to Me. When he sins, then I will chasten him with a rod of men, and with strokes of the sons of men. ¹⁵But My mercy shall not be taken from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶And your house *shall be* established, and your kingdom before you forever. Your throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

¹⁸And king David came in and sat before Jehovah, and said: Who *am* I, O Lord Jehovah, and what *is* my house, that you have brought me here? ¹⁹And this was yet but little in Your eyes, O Lord Jehovah. But You have spoken also of Your servant's house for a time afar off. And *is* this the law of men, O Lord Jehovah? ²⁰And what more can David say to You. And You know Your servant, O Lord Jehovah. ²¹Because of Your word, and according to Your heart, You have done all this greatness, to make Your servant know. ²²For this reason, O Jehovah God, You are great; for there is none like You; and there is no God except You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation in the earth that God went out to redeem to be a people for Himself, and to make Himself a name, and to do for them great and fearful things for Your land, before Your people

which You redeemed to Yourself from Egypt *from* nations and their gods? ²⁴Yea, You have established Your people Israel to Yourself, to You for a people forever. And You, O Jehovah have become their God. ²⁵And now, O Jehovah God, establish the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant, and concerning his house, forever. And do as You have spoken.

²⁶And Your name shall be great forever, saying, Jehovah of hosts *is* God over Israel, and the house of Your servant David is established before You. ²⁷For You, O Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, You have uncovered the ear of Your servant, saying, I will build a house for you. On account of this Your servant has found his heart to pray to You this prayer. ²⁸And now, O Lord Jehovah, You *are* God, and Your words are truth, and You speak this goodness to Your servant. ²⁹And now, be pleased to bless the house of Your servant, to be forever before You. For You, O Lord Jehovah, have spoken, and with Your blessing shall the house of Your servant be blessed forever.

CHAPTER 8

¹And it happened afterward, David struck the Philistines, and humbled them. And David took the Bridle of the Metropolis out of the hand of the Philistines. ²And he struck Moab, and measured them with a line; making them to lie down on the ground. And he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites were slaves to David, bearers of a gift. ³And David struck Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to restore his power at the River. ⁴And David captured from him seventeen hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen. And David hamstringed all of the chariot *horses*; he only left a hundred chariots of them.

⁵And the Syrians of Damascus came to give help to Hadadezer the king of Zobah. And David struck twenty-two thousand men of Syria. ⁶And David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus. And the Syrians became servants to David, bearers of tribute. And Jehovah helped

David in all *places* in which he went. ⁷And David took the shields of gold which were on Hadadezer's servants, and bore them to Jerusalem. ⁸And king David took very much bronze from Bethah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer.

⁹And Toi the king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer. ¹⁰And Toi sent his son Joram to king David to ask of his peace, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and struck him. For Hadadezer had been a man of wars *against* Toi. And in his hand were silver articles, and golden articles, and bronze articles. ¹¹King David also dedicated them to Jehovah, with the silver and the gold which he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued: ¹²of Syria, and of Moab, and of the sons of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the plunder of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, the king of Zobah.

¹³And David made a name *for himself* when he returned, after he had struck the Syrians in the Valley of Salt—eighteen thousand *men*. ¹⁴And he put garrisons in all Edom; in all Edom he put garrisons and all and all Edom became servants to David. And Jehovah helped David in all *places* in which he went.

¹⁵And David reigned over all Israel, and David executed justice and righteousness to all his people.

¹⁶And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* the historian; ¹⁷and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar *were* priests; and Seriah *was* scribe; ¹⁸and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were priests.

to him? And Ziba said to the king, *There is* yet a son to Jonathan, lame in both feet. ⁴And the king said to him, *Where is* he? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, *he is* in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

⁵And king David sent and took him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, of Lodebar. ⁶And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David, and fell on his face, and prostrated himself. And David said, Mephibosheth! And he said, Behold, your servant. ⁷And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will certainly show kindness to you because of your father Jonathan. And *I* will give back to you all the land of your father Saul. And you shall eat bread at my table continually. ⁸And he bowed and said, *What is* your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I am? ⁹And the king called to Ziba the servant of Saul, and said to him, All that *belonged* to Saul and to all his house, I have given to the son of your lord. ¹⁰And you shall till the land for him, you and your sons and your servants. And you shall bring in *the fruits*, so that your master's son may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread continually at my table. And Ziba had fifteen sons, and twenty servants. ¹¹And Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so your servant will do. And Mephibosheth *was* eating at my table like one of the king's sons. ¹²And Mephibosheth had a young son, and his name was Micah. And everyone living in Ziba's house *were* servants to Mephibosheth. ¹³And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the table of the king. And he *was* lame in both his feet.

CHAPTER 9

¹And David said, Is there yet any left to the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness because of Jonathan? ²And the house of Saul had a servant, and his name *was* Ziba. And they called him to David. And the king said to him, Are you Ziba? And he said, Your servant! ³And the king said, Is there not yet a man to the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God

CHAPTER 10

¹And it happened afterward, the king of the Ammonites died. And his son Hanun reigned in his place. ²And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me. And David sent to comfort him concerning his father by the hand of his servants. And David's servants came into the land of the sons of Ammon. ³And the leaders of the sons of Ammon said to their

lord Hanun, Is David honoring your father in your eyes, because he has sent comforters to you? Has not David sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? ⁴And Hanun took David's servants and shaved off half of their beards, and cut off their long robes in the center, to their buttocks; and *he* sent them away. ⁵And they told David, and he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Remain in Jericho until your beard grows; then you shall return.

⁶And the sons of Ammon saw that they were odious to David. And the sons of Ammon sent and hired Syrians from Beth-rehob, and Syrians from Zobah, twenty thousand footmen; and the king of Maacah *with* a thousand men; and the men of Tob *with* twelve thousand men. ⁷And David heard, then he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men. ⁸And the sons of Ammon came out and set the battle in order at the opening of the gate. And the Syrians of Zobah, and Rehob, and the men of Tob, and Maacah *were* by themselves in the field. ⁹And Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind. And he chose from all the chosen in Israel, and set *them* in order to meet the Syrians. ¹⁰And the rest of the people he gave into the hand of his brother Abishai, and he set in order to meet the sons of Ammon. ¹¹And he said, If the Syrians are stronger than I, then you shall be for me; and if the sons of Ammon are stronger than you, then I will come to help you. ¹²Be strong, and let us be strong for our people, and for the cities of our God. And may Jehovah do that which seems good in His eyes. ¹³And Joab and the people with him drew near to battle against the Syrians. And they fled before him. ¹⁴And the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians fled, and they fled before Abishai, and went into the city. And Joab returned from the sons of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

¹⁵And Syria saw that it was stricken before Israel. And they assembled. ¹⁶And Hadarezer sent and brought out the Syrians which *were* beyond the River. And they came to Helam, and Shobach

was the commander of the army of Hadarezer before them. ¹⁷And it was told to David. And he gathered all Israel, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in order to meet David. And they fought with him. ¹⁸And the Syrians fled before Israel. And David killed from Syria seven hundred *in* chariots, and forty thousand horsemen. And he struck Shobach the commander of the army, and he died there. ¹⁹And all the kings, the servants of Hadarezer, saw that they had been stricken before Israel. And *they* made peace with Israel, and served them. And Syria feared to help the sons of Ammon any more.

CHAPTER 11

¹And it happened at the turn of the year, at the time *when* kings go out, David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they destroyed the sons of Ammon, and lay siege to Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

²And it happened at evening time, David rose up from his bed and walked up and down on the roof of the king's house. And *he* saw from the roof a woman bathing. And the woman *was* very good of form. ³And David sent and asked about the woman. And one said, Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? ⁴And David sent messengers and took her. And she came to him, and he lay with her. And she purified herself from uncleanness, and she returned to her house. ⁵And the woman conceived, and sent, and told David. And *she* said, I *am* with child.

⁶And David sent to Joab, Send Uriah the Hittite to me. And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷And Uriah came to him. And David asked the peace of Joab, and the peace of the people, and of the success of the war. ⁸And David said to Uriah, Go down to your house and wash your feet. And Uriah went out of the king's house, and a gift from the king went out after him. ⁹But Uriah lay down at the entrance of the king's house, with all the servants of his lord. And *he* did not go down to his house. ¹⁰And they told David, saying, Uriah did not go down to his house. And

David said to Uriah, Have you not come from a journey? Why have you not gone down to your house? ¹¹And Uriah said to David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah dwell in booths. And my lord Joab, and my lord's servants are camping on the face of the field. And I, shall I go into my house to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing. ¹²And David said to Uriah, Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you away. And Uriah remained in Jerusalem on that day, and on the next day. ¹³And David called for him, and he ate and drank before him. And he made him drunk, and he went out in the evening to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord. And he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴And in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵And he wrote in the letter, saying, Place Uriah in the front of the strongest fighting, and withdraw from him, that he may be struck, and die. ¹⁶And it happened, as Joab watched the city, that he sent Uriah to the place where he knew *would be* mighty men. ¹⁷And the men of the city went out and fought with Joab, and some of the people fell of David's servants. And Uriah the Hittite also died. ¹⁸And Joab sent and told David all the matters of the war. ¹⁹And he commanded the messenger, saying, As you finish all the matters of the war, speaking to the king, ²⁰then it shall be, if the king's fury rises, and he says to you, Why did you draw near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from off the wall? ²¹Who killed Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw a piece of a riding millstone on him from the wall, and he died in Thebez? Why did you draw near to the wall? Then you shall say, Also your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.

²²And the messenger went and came and told David all that which Joab had sent him to tell, ²³and the messenger said to David, Surely the men have been mighty against us, and came out to us into the field. And we were on them to the entrance of the gate. ²⁴And those shooting shot at your servants from off the wall, and

some of the servants of the king are dead. And also your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead. ²⁵And David said to the messenger, You shall say to Joab, Do not let this thing be evil in your eyes. For the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it. And make him strong. ²⁶And Uriah's wife heard that her husband Uriah *was* dead. And *she* mourned for her husband. And the mourning time passed by. And David sent and gathered her to his house; and she became his wife, and bore a son to him. And the thing which David had done was evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Jehovah sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said to him, There were two men in one city, the one rich, and the other poor. ²The rich one had flocks and very many herds. ³But the poor one had nothing except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished. And it grew up with him, and with his sons together, and it ate of his morsel, and it drank from his cup, and it lay in his bosom. And it was like a daughter to him. ⁴And a traveler came to the rich one, and he spared to take of his own flock, and of his own herd, to prepare for the traveler who had come to him. And he took the ewe lamb of the poor man, and prepared it for the man who had come to him. ⁵And David's anger glowed greatly against the man. And he said to Nathan, *As* Jehovah lives, surely the man who did this is a son of death. ⁶And he shall repay fourfold for the ewe lamb, because he has done this thing, and because he had no pity.

⁷And Nathan said to David, You *are* the man! So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I anointed you as king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸And I gave you the house of your master, and your master's wives into your bosom. And I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if *that were* too little, then I would have added to you these and those *things*. ⁹Why have you despised the word of Jehovah, to do the evil in His eyes. You have stricken Uriah the Hittite by the sword, and you have taken his wife to

yourself for a wife. And you have killed him by the sword of the sons of Ammon. ¹⁰And now the sword shall not turn aside from your house continually, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be a wife to you. ¹¹So says Jehovah, Behold, I shall raise up evil against you out of your house, and shall take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor. And he shall lie with your wives in the sight of the sun. ¹²For you acted in secret, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.

¹³And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against Jehovah. And Nathan said to David, Jehovah also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴Only, because you have made the enemies of Jehovah to scorn derisively by this thing, also the son who shall be born to you shall surely die.

¹⁵And Nathan went to his house, and Jehovah struck the boy whom the *former* wife of Uriah had borne to David. And it became sick. ¹⁶And David sought God for the child. And David fasted a fast, and went in and stayed the night, and lay on the earth. ¹⁷And the elders of his house rose up toward him, to raise him up from the earth. But he was not willing; and he ate no bread with them. ¹⁸And it happened on the seventh day, the boy died. And David's servants feared to tell him that the boy was dead, for they said, Behold, while the boy was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not listen to our voice. And how shall we say to him, The boy is dead? Then he may do harm. ¹⁹And David saw that his servants *were* whispering among themselves. And David understood that the boy was dead. And David said to his servants, Is the boy dead? And they said, He is dead. ²⁰And David rose up from the earth, and bathed, and anointed. And *he* changed his clothing, and came into the house of Jehovah, and worshiped. And *he* came to his house, and commanded, and they brought bread for him; and he ate. ²¹And his servants said to him, what *is* this thing you have done? You fasted and wept because of the living boy, yet when the boy is dead, you have risen up and have eaten food? ²²And he said, While the boy was alive, I fasted and wept. For I said, Who

knows? Jehovah may be gracious to me and the boy *may stay* alive. ²³And now he has died. Why this, *that* I should fast? Am I able to bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

²⁴And David comforted his wife Bathsheba. And *he* went in to her, and lay with her. And she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And Jehovah loved him, ²⁵and sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and called his name Jedidiah, because of Jehovah.

²⁶And Joab fought against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and captured the royal city. ²⁷And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and I have captured the city of waters. ²⁸And now gather the rest of the people, and encamp against the city, and take it; that I not take the city, and my name be called over it. ²⁹And David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. ³⁰And he took the crown of their king from off his head. And its weight *was* a talent of gold, and a precious stone *in it*. And it was *set* on David's head. And he brought out the plunder of the city in great abundance. ³¹And he brought out the people in it, and put *them* to the saw, and to sharp tools of iron, and to axes of iron. And *he* caused them to go over into the brick-kiln. And so he did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 13

¹And afterward it happened that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, and her name *was* Tamar. And Amnon the son of David loved her. ²And Amnon was distressed, even to becoming sick, because of his sister Tamar. For she *was* a virgin, and it was hard in the eyes of Amnon to do anything to her. ³And Amnon had a friend, and his name *was* Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. And Jonadab *was* a very shrewd man. ⁴And *he* said to him, Why are you, the king's son, so puny morning by morning? Will you not tell me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. ⁵And Jonadab said to him, Lie down on your bed and pretend to

be ill. And your father will come in to see you, and you shall say to him, Please let my sister Tamar come in and give me food to eat. And she shall make the food before my eyes, so that I may see and may eat from her hand. ⁶And Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. And the king came to see him. And Amnon said to the king, Please let my sister Tamar come, and she shall make two cakes before my eyes, and I shall eat from her hand. ⁷And David sent home to Tamar, saying, Please go to the house of your brother Amnon, and make food for him. ⁸And Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house. And he was lying down. And she took the dough, and kneaded *it*, and made cakes before his eyes, and baked the cakes. ⁹And she took the baking pan and poured out before him. But he refused to eat, and Amnon said, Cause every man to go out from me. And every one of them went out from him. ¹⁰And Amnon said to Tamar, Bring the food into the inner room, and I shall eat from your hand. And Tamar took the cakes that she had made and brought *them* in to her brother Amnon, into the inner room. ¹¹And she brought near to him to eat. And he lay hold on her, and said to her, Come lie with me, my sister. ¹²And she said to him, No, my brother, do not humble me, for it is not done so in Israel. Do not do this foolishness. ¹³And I, where should I cause my disgrace to go? And you, you shall be as one of the fools in Israel. But now please speak to the king; for he shall not withhold me from you. ¹⁴But he was not willing to listen to her voice. And *he* was stronger than she, and humbled her, and lay with her.

¹⁵And Amnon hated her *with* a very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her *was* greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Get up and go! ¹⁶And she said to him, No, for this evil is greater than the other that you have done to me, to send me away. But he was not willing to listen to her. ¹⁷And he called his young man who attended him, and said, Now put this one out from me, and bolt the door after her. ¹⁸And a long tunic *was* on her, for so the virgin daughters of the king usually dressed. And his attendant brought her

robes outside, and bolted the door after her. ¹⁹And Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore the long tunic on her, and put her hand on her head, and left; going on and crying out. ²⁰And her brother Absalom said to her, Has your brother Amnon been with you? But now, my sister, keep silent. He *is* your brother. Do not set your heart on this thing. And Tamar lived in the house of her brother Absalom, but *she was* desolate.

²¹And king David heard all these things, and it angered him very much. ²²But Absalom did not speak either good or evil with Amnon, for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had humbled his sister Tamar.

²³And after two years it happened that Absalom had shearers in Baal-hazor, which *is* beside Ephraim. And Absalom called to all the sons of the king. ²⁴And Absalom came to the king and said, Behold, your servant now has shearers. Please let the king and his servants go with your servant. ²⁵And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all go now, and we shall not be too heavy on you. But he urged him, and he was not willing to go, but he blessed him. ²⁶And Absalom said, If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with you? ²⁷And Absalom urged him, and he sent Amnon with him, and all the king's sons.

²⁸And Absalom commanded his young men, saying, Now watch when Amnon's heart *is* glad with wine, and when I say to you, Strike Amnon, you shall kill him. Do not fear. Did not I command you? Be strong, and be valiant. ²⁹And the young men of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom commanded. And all the king's sons rose up, and they each rode on his mule, and fled.

³⁰And it happened while they *were* in the highway, even the report had come to David, saying, Absalom has stricken all the sons of the king, and not one of them is left. ³¹And the king rose up and tore his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants were standing by *with* torn garments. ³²And Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, Do not let my lord say, They have killed all of the young men, the king's sons; for only Amnon *is* dead. For it has been settled by

Absalom's command from the day of his humbling of his sister Tamar. ³³And now, do not let my lord the king lay the word to heart, saying, All the king's sons have died; for only Amnon is dead. ³⁴And Absalom fled. And the young man who was watching lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, many people were coming by the highway behind him, by the side of the hill. ³⁵And Jonadab said to the king, See, the sons of the king have come, as the word of your servant, so it has been. ³⁶And it happened as he finished speaking, behold, the king's sons came. And they lifted up their voice and wept. And also the king and all his servants wept *with a very great weeping*.

³⁷And Absalom fled, and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son all the time. ³⁸And Absalom had fled, and had gone to Geshur, and was there three years. ³⁹And king David determined to go out to Absalom, for he had been comforted for Amnon, for *he was dead*.

CHAPTER 14

¹And Joab the son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart was on Absalom. ²And Joab sent to Tekoah and took a wise woman from there, and said to her, Pretend yourself to be a mourner now, and please put on garments of mourning. And do not anoint yourself with oil, and you shall be a woman mourning for the dead these many days. ³And you shall go to the king and speak with him according to this word. And Joab put the words into her mouth.

⁴And the woman of Tekoah spoke to the king, and fell on her face to the earth, and bowed and said, Save, O king! ⁵And the king said to her, What *shall be* to you? And she said, Truly I *am* a widow woman, and my husband died. ⁶And your servant had two sons. And the two of them fought in the field, and there was no deliverer between them. And the one struck the other, and killed him. ⁷And, behold, the whole family has risen against your servant, and said, Give up him who struck his brother, and we shall kill him for the life of his brother whom he has slain. And we shall also destroy the heir. And they shall quench my coal which is left, so as not to set to my

husband a name and remnant on the face of the earth. ⁸And the king said to the woman, Go to your house, and I will give command concerning you. ⁹And the woman of Tekoah said to the king, My lord, O king, let the iniquity *be* on me, and on my father's house; and the king and his throne *shall be* guiltless. ¹⁰And the king said, Whoever speaks to you, you also shall bring him to me, then he shall not touch you any more. ¹¹And she said, Please let the king remember Jehovah your God, that the redeemer of blood not destroy any more, and that they may not destroy my son. And he said, *As* Jehovah lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the earth. ¹²And the woman said, Please let your servant speak a word to my lord the king. And he said, Speak. ¹³And the woman said, And why have you thought in this way about the people of God? Yea, the king is speaking this thing as a guilty one, in that the king has not brought back his outcast. ¹⁴For we do surely die, and *are* as water which is spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up. And God does not take a life, but has devised plans so that the outcast is not cast out from Him. ¹⁵And now that I have come to speak this word to my lord the king, because the people made me afraid; and your servant said, Please let me speak to the king; it may be the king shall do the word of his servant. ¹⁶For the king has listened, to deliver his servant out of the hand of the man *seeking* to destroy me and my son together, out of the inheritance of God. ¹⁷And your servant said, Please let the word of my lord the king be comforting. For as a messenger of God, so *is* my lord the king, to understand the good and the evil. And Jehovah your God shall be with you.

¹⁸And the king answered and said to the woman, Please do not hide from me the thing that I am asking you. And the woman said, Then let my lord the king speak. ¹⁹And the king said, Is the hand of Joab with you in all this? And the woman answered and said, *As* your soul lives, my lord, O king, none *shall turn* to the right or to the left from all that my lord the king has spoken. For your servant Joab commanded me, and he put all these words in your servant's mouth. ²⁰Your servant Joab

has done this thing to turn about the face of the matter, and my lord *is* wise according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all that is in the land.

²¹And the king said to Joab, Behold, now, I have done this thing. Then go, bring back the young man Absalom. ²²And Joab fell on his face to the earth, and bowed, and blessed the king. And Joab said, Today your servant has known that I have found grace in your eyes, my lord, O king, in that the king has done the word of his servant. ²³And Joab rose up and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. ²⁴And the king said, Let him turn to his house, and he shall not see my face. And Absalom turned to his house, and he did not see the king's face. ²⁵And no man was handsome like Absalom in all Israel, to *be so* greatly praised. From the sole of his foot to his crown, there was not a blemish in him. ²⁶And when he sheared his head — for it was at the end of days of days that he sheared *it*, because the hair was heavy on him, and he sheared it—he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels by the king's weight. ²⁷And three sons were born to Absalom, and one daughter. And her name was Tamar; she was a woman of a beautiful form.

²⁸And Absalom lived in Jerusalem two years, and had not seen the king's face. ²⁹And Absalom sent to Joab, to send him to the king. But he was not willing to come to him. And he sent again a second time, and he was not willing to come. ³⁰And he said to his servants, Behold, Joab's allotment is beside mine, and he has barley there. Go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the allotment on fire. ³¹And Joab rose up and came to Absalom, to the house, and said to him, Why have your servants set my allotment on fire? ³²And Absalom said to Joab, Behold, I sent to you, saying, Come here, and I will send you to the king to say, Why have I come from Geshur? *It was good for me to be there still.* And now, let me see the king's face, and if there is guilt in me, then let him execute me. ³³And Joab came to the king and told him. And he called to Absalom; and he came to the king, and bowed to him on his face to the earth before the king. And the king gave a kiss to Absalom.

CHAPTER 15

¹And it happened afterward that Absalom prepared a chariot for himself, and horses, and fifty men running before him. ²And Absalom rose up and stood by the side of the way of the gate. And it happened that every man who had a cause to come to the king for judgment, Absalom *would* call to him and say, Of what city *are* you? And he said, Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel. ³And Absalom said to him, Behold, your matters *are* good and right. And there is no listener to you from the king. ⁴And Absalom said, Who shall make me a judge in the land, that every man who has a dispute, even *with* justice I will then declare him right? ⁵And it happened, when a man drew near to bow himself to him, he put out his hand and laid hold on him, and gave him a kiss. ⁶And Absalom acted this way to all Israel who came in for judgment, to the king. And Absalom stole the heart of the men of Israel.

⁷And at the end of forty years, it happened, Absalom said to the king, Please let me go and I shall pay my vow that I have vowed to Jehovah, in Hebron. ⁸For your servant has vowed a vow when I lived in Geshur, in Syria, saying, If Jehovah shall surely bring me back to Jerusalem, then I shall serve Jehovah. ⁹And the king said to him, Go in peace. And he rose up and went to Hebron. ¹⁰And Absalom sent spies among all the tribes of Israel, saying, When you hear the sound of the ram's horn, then you shall say, Absalom is king in Hebron. ¹¹And two hundred men went out of Jerusalem with Absalom, chosen ones. And they went out in their simplicity and did not know anything. ¹²And Absalom sent Ahithophel the Gilonite, a counselor of David, out of his city, out of Giloh, as he offered the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong. And the people were going on and increasing with Absalom.

¹³And a messenger came to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom. ¹⁴And David said to all his servants who *were* with him in Jerusalem, Rise up, and we will flee; for we have no escape from the face of Absalom. Hurry to leave, that he not overtake us and bring evil down on us, and strike the city

with the mouth of the sword. ¹⁵And the king's servants said to the king, According to all that my lord the king desires, behold, your servants *will do*. ¹⁶And the king went out, and all his household at his feet. And the king left ten women, concubines, to keep the house. ¹⁷And the king went out, and all the people at his feet. And they stood still at the house farthest away. ¹⁸And all his servants were passing on at his side, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who came at his feet from Gath. *These* were passing on before the king. ¹⁹And the king said to Ittai the Gittite, Why do you go, even you with us? Turn back and remain with the king, for you *are* an alien, and also you *are* an exile. Go to your place. ²⁰You came in yesterday, and today should I make you go with us, to go while I go, where I go? Turn back and take your brothers with you *in* kindness and truth. ²¹And Ittai replied to the king and said, As Jehovah lives, and my lord the king lives, surely in the place where my lord the king is, there your servant shall be, whether for death *or* for life. ²²And David said to Ittai, Go on and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones with him. ²³And all the land was weeping *with* a loud voice. And all the people were passing over. And the king was passing over through the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

²⁴And, behold, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set the ark of God down. And Abiathar went up until all the people finished passing on out of the city. ²⁵And the king said to Zadok, Take the ark of God back to the city. If I find grace in the eyes of Jehovah, then He will bring me back and show it and His dwelling place to me. ²⁶And if He says this, I have not delighted in you, behold, I *am here*. He shall do to me as *seems* good in His eyes. ²⁷And the king said to Zadok the priest, *Are* you a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, your son Ahimaaz, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. ²⁸Behold, I will wait in the plain of the wilderness until word comes from you to report to me. ²⁹And Zadok

and Abiathar took the ark of God back to Jerusalem. And they remained there.

³⁰And David was going up in the ascent of the olives, going up and weeping. And his head was covered, and he was going barefooted. And all the people who *were* with him each had covered his head, and had gone up, going up and weeping. ³¹And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O Jehovah, I pray You, make the counsel of Ahithophel foolish. ³²And it happened *as* David had come to the top, there where he bowed to God. And, behold, Hushai the Archite *came* to meet him, his tunic torn, and earth on his head. ³³And David said to him, If you pass on with me, then you shall be a burden to me. ³⁴but if you return to the city, and shall say to Absalom, I also *will be* your servant, O king; I also *was* servant of your father before now; and now *I am* also your servant. Then you can break down the counsel of Ahithophel for me. ³⁵And do you not have there with you Zadok and Abiathar, the priests? And it shall be, you shall declare everything that you hear from the house of the king; you shall report to Zadok and to Abiathar, the priests. ³⁶Behold, there *are* with them their two sons, Ahimaaz to Zadok, and Jonathan to Abiathar. And you shall send to me by their hand anything that you hear. ³⁷And David's friend Hushai came into the city. And Absalom came into Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 16

¹And David had passed on a little from the top. And behold, Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, came to meet him *with* a couple of saddled asses, and on them two hundred loaves and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruit, and a bottle of wine. ²And the king said to Ziba, What *are* these to you? And Ziba said, The asses *are* for the king's household to ride on, and the bread and the summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine for the wearied to drink in the wilderness. ³And the king said, And where *is* the son of your lord? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, Today the house

of Israel shall give back to me the kingdom of my father. ⁴And the king said to Ziba, Behold, all that Mephibosheth has is yours. And Ziba said, I bow myself; may I find favor in your eyes, my lord, O king.

⁵And king David came to Bahurim. And, behold, a man was coming out from there, of the family of the house of Saul; and his name was Shimei, the son of Gera. He came out, and he came cursing. ⁶And he stoned David with stones, and all the servants of king David, and all the people, and all the mighty men on his right and on his left. ⁷And Shimei said this in his cursing, Go out! Go out, O man of blood, O worthless man! ⁸Jehovah has turned back on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. And Jehovah shall give the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And, behold, you *are taken* in your mischief, for you *are* a man of blood.

⁹And Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, Why does this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me pass over, I beg you, and I will take off his head. ¹⁰And the king said, What have I to do with you, sons of Zeruiah? For let him curse, even because Jehovah has said to him, Curse David. And who shall say, Why have you done so? ¹¹And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son who came out of my loins is seeking my life, and surely now also the Benjamite. Leave him alone, and let him curse, for Jehovah has spoken to him. ¹²It may be Jehovah will look on my affliction, and Jehovah will return good to me for his cursing this day.

¹³And David went with his men in the highway, and Shimei was going along at the side of the hill across from him. *As* he went, he cursed, and stoned with stones across from him, and dusted with dust. ¹⁴And the king came in wearied, and all the people with him; and he was refreshed there.

¹⁵And Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, had come into Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. ¹⁶And it happened, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, had come to Absalom, Hushai said to Absalom, Let the king live! Let the

king live! ¹⁷And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this your kindness with your friend? Why have you not gone with your friend? ¹⁸And Hushai said to Absalom, No, for he whom Jehovah and this people have chosen, even all the men of Israel, his I shall be, and I shall remain with him.

¹⁹And a second time, Whom should I serve? Should I not serve before the face of his son. As I served before the face of your father, so shall I be before your face.

²⁰And Absalom said to Ahithophel, Give your counsel, what we shall do.

²¹And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Go in to your father's concubines, *those* he left to keep the house. And all Israel shall hear that you have become odious with your father. And the hands of all who *are* with you will be strong. ²²And they spread out a tent for Absalom on the roof. And Absalom went in to his father's concubines before the eyes of all Israel. ²³And the counsel of Ahithophel which he counseled in those days *was* as one who had inquired at the word of God. So *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel, both to David and to Absalom.

CHAPTER 17

¹And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Please let me choose twelve thousand men, and I shall rise up and pursue David tonight. ²And *I* shall come on him, and he shall be weary and feeble-handed. And I will make him tremble, and the people with him shall flee. And I shall strike the king by himself. ³And I shall bring all the people back to you, when all return, *except* the man whom you *are* seeking. All the people shall be in peace. ⁴And the thing *was* pleasing in Absalom's eyes, and in the eyes of all the elders of Israel. ⁵And Absalom said, Please call for Hushai the Archite also. And we shall hear what *is* in his mouth, also he. ⁶And Hushai came in to Absalom. And Absalom spoke to him, saying, Ahithophel has spoken according to this word. Shall we do this word? If not, you speak. ⁷And Hushai said to Absalom, The counsel Ahithophel counseled *is* not good at this time. ⁸And Hushai said, You have known your father and his men, that they *are* mighty men. And they *are* bitter of soul, like a bear bereaved of cubs

in the field. And your father *is* a man of war, and shall not stay the night with the people. ⁹Behold, now he is hidden in one of the pits, or in one of the places. And it shall be, at the falling among them at the beginning, that whoever hears even shall say, There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom. ¹⁰And also he, the son of valor, whose heart *is* as the heart of the lion, shall utterly melt. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those with him sons of valor.

¹¹So I counsel *this*: Let all Israel be diligently gathered to you, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude. And you yourself shall go into battle. ¹²And we shall come in to him in one of the places, there where he shall be found. And we shall fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And of all the men who *are* with him, not even one shall be left. ¹³And if he is taken into a city, then all Israel shall bear ropes to that city. And we shall draw it into the torrent bed, until there shall not be found even a pebble.

¹⁴And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the counsel of Ahithophel. And Jehovah had ordained to break down the good counsel of Ahithophel, for the sake of bringing the evil of Jehovah to Absalom.

¹⁵And Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar, the priests, Ahithophel has counseled this and this to Absalom and the elders of Israel. And I have counseled this and this. ¹⁶And now send quickly and tell David, saying, Do not stay in the fords of the wilderness tonight. And, also, be sure to pass over, that there not be a swallowing up of the king and of all the people with him. ¹⁷And Jonathan and Ahimaaz were standing at En-rogel, for they were not able to be seen going into the city. And a slave-girl went and told them. And they went and told *it* to king David. ¹⁸And a youth saw them, and told Absalom. And they went on, both of them in haste, and came into the house of a man in Bahurim. And he had a well in his court, and they went down there. ¹⁹And the woman took and spread the covering over the well, and spread ground grain on it. And the thing was not known. ²⁰And the servants of

Absalom came in to the woman, to the house, and said, Where *are* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They passed over the river of water. And they looked and did not find *them*. And *they* returned to Jerusalem. ²¹And it happened after they left, they came up out of the well and went and told king David. And *they* said to David, Rise up and quickly pass over the waters, for Ahithophel has counseled this against you. ²²And David and all the people with him rose up, and they passed over the Jordan until the light of the morning, until there was not one lacking who had not crossed the Jordan.

²³And Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not done. And he saddled the ass and rose up and went to his house, to his city. And *he* gave command to his household, then hanged himself, and died. And he was buried in the burying-place of his father.

²⁴And David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. ²⁵And Absalom had set Amasa over the army instead of Joab. And Amasa *was* the son of a man *whose* name *was* Ithra the Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail, the daughter of Nahash, the sister of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab. ²⁶And Israel camped with Absalom in the land of Gilead. ²⁷And it happened as David came into Mahanaim, Shobi the son of Nahash, from Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite, from Rogelim, ²⁸brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *grain*, and beans, and lentils, and parched *grain*, ²⁹and honey, and curds, and sheep, and cheese from the herd, for David, and for the people who *were* with him to eat. For they said, The people *are* hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.

CHAPTER 18

¹And David mustered the people who *were* with him, and *he* set over them commanders of hundreds. ²And David sent one third of the people by the hand of Joab, and one third by the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one third by Ittai the Gittite. And the king

said to the people, Going out I will go with you, I also. ³And the people said, You shall not go out, for if we flee they will not set *their* heart on us; for now *you are* like ten thousand to us. And now *it is* better that you be a helper for us from the city. ⁴And the king said to them, I will do that which *is* good in your eyes. And the king stood at the side of the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. ⁵And the king commanded Joab, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, For my sake *deal* gently with the young man, with Absalom. And all the people heard as the king commanded the commanders concerning Absalom.

⁶And the people went into the field to meet Israel. And the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷And the people of Israel were stricken before David's servants. And there was a great destruction on that day of twenty thousand. ⁸And the battle was scattered over the face of all the land, and the forests devoured among the people more than had the sword had devoured in that day.

⁹And Absalom came before David's servants. And Absalom was riding on a mule, and the mule came in under the thick branches of a great oak. And his head caught hold in the oak, and he was lifted up between the heaven and the earth. And the mule that *was* under him passed on. ¹⁰And a man saw and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in the oak; ¹¹and Joab said to the man who told him, And, behold, you have seen. And why did you not strike him to the earth there and *call* on me to give you ten silverlings and a girdle? ¹²And the man said to Joab, Yes, though I weighed a thousand silverlings in my hand, I would not put forth my hand to the king's son. For in our ears the king commanded you, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, Take heed, you going against the youth, against Absalom. ¹³Or I would have dealt falsely against my soul. For no matter is hidden from the king, and you, you yourself would have set against *me*. ¹⁴And Joab said, I will not wait this way before you. And he took three darts in his hand and struck them into Absalom's heart while he *was* alive, in the midst of the oak. ¹⁵And they went around, ten young

men bearing Joab's weapons, and struck Absalom, and killed him.

¹⁶And Joab blew the ram's horn, and the people returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab had held the people back. ¹⁷And they took Absalom and threw him into a great pit in the forest, and set up a very great heap of stones over him. And all Israel fled, each one to his tent.

¹⁸And during his lifetime Absalom had taken and set up for himself a standing-pillar, which *is* in the King's Valley. For he said, I have no son to cause my name to be remembered. And he called the standing-pillar by his name; and it is called Absalom's Monument to this day.

¹⁹And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, Please let me run, and I will bear news to the king. For Jehovah has vindicated him from the hand of his enemies. ²⁰And Joab said to him, You are not a man of tidings today. But you shall bear tidings another day. And today you shall not bear tidings, because the king's son is dead. ²¹And Joab said to Cushi, Go, tell the king that which you have seen. And Cushi bowed to Joab, and ran. ²²And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said yet again to Joab, Yet whatever may be, please let me run after the Cushite, I also. And Joab said, Why *is* this that you are running, my son? Also for you there are no tidings found. ²³And he said, Yet whatever it may be, let me run. And he said to him, Run. And Ahimaaz ran the way of the circuit and passed by the Cushite. ²⁴And David was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went to the roof of the gate and lifted up his eyes, and looked. And, behold, a man running by himself! ²⁵And the watchman called and told the king. And the king said, If *he is* by himself, tidings *are* in his mouth. And he came, coming on, and drawing near. ²⁶And the watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, Behold, a man running by himself! And the king said, Also this one is bearing tidings. ²⁷And the watchman said, I see the running of the first as the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, This *is* a good man and he comes with good news. ²⁸And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, Peace! And he

bowed on his face to the earth to the king and said, Blessed *be* Jehovah your God who has shut up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king. ²⁹And the king said, Peace to the young, to Absalom? And Ahimaaz said, I saw the great tumult, at the sending away of the servant of the king, even your servant *sent* by Joab, but I do not know what. ³⁰And the king said, Turn aside, stand here. And he turned aside and stood. ³¹And, behold, the Cushite had come. And the Cushite said, News is borne, my lord, O king! For Jehovah has vindicated you today out of the hand of those rising up against you. ³²And the king said to the Cushite, peace to the young man, to Absalom? And the Cushite said, Let them be as the young man, the enemies of my lord the king, and all who have risen up against you for evil. ³³And the king trembled. And *he* went up to the upper room of the gate and wept. And he said this as he went, My son! My son Absalom! My son Absalom! O that I had died instead of you, my son Absalom, my son!

CHAPTER 19

¹And it was announced to Joab, Behold, the king is weeping and mourning over Absalom. ²And the deliverance on that day became mourning to all the people, for the people had heard on that day, saying, The king is grieving for his son. ³And the people stole away on that day to go into the city, as the people steal away who are ashamed as they flee in battle. ⁴And the king had covered his face. Yea, the king cried *with* a loud voice, My son Absalom! Absalom my son, my son! ⁵And Joab came in to the king *to* the house, and said, You have put to shame today the faces of all your servants, those delivering your life today, and the life of your sons, and of your daughters, and the life of your wives, and the life of your concubines, ⁶by loving those who hate you, and by hating those who love you, for you have declared today that there is not to you leaders nor servants. For I know today that if Absalom *were* alive and all of us dead today, that it *would be* right in your eyes. ⁷And now rise up; go out and speak to the heart of your servants. For I have sworn by

Jehovah that *if* you do not go out, not a man shall remain with you tonight. And this *would be* worse for you than all the evil that has come on you from your youth until now.

⁸And the king rose up and sat in the gate. And they announced *it* to all the people, saying, Behold, the king is sitting in the gate. And all the people came in before the king. And Israel had fled, each one to his tents.

⁹And it happened, all the people were contending through all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies. Yea, he himself delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines. And now he has fled out of the land because of Absalom. ¹⁰And Absalom whom we anointed over us *is* dead in battle. And now why are you silent *as* to bringing back the king?

¹¹And king David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, Why are you the last to bring back the king to his house? For the word of all Israel had come to the king, to his house. ¹²You *are* my brother; you *are* my bone and my flesh. And why are you the last to bring back the king?

¹³And say to Amasa, Are you not my bone and my flesh? So shall God do to me, and more so He shall do, if you are not commander of the army before me all the days, instead of Joab. ¹⁴And he inclined the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, and they sent to the king, Return, you and all your servants. ¹⁵And the king returned and came in to the Jordan. And Judah had come to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over the Jordan.

¹⁶And Shimei, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim, hastened and came down with the men of Judah, to meet king David. ¹⁷And a thousand men *were* with him from Benjamin; also Ziba, the servant of the house of Saul, and his thirteen sons and his twenty servants with him. And they had rushed over the Jordan before the king. ¹⁸And *they* had crossed over the ford to carry over the king's household, and to do the good in his eyes. And Shimei the son of Gera had fallen before the face of the king as he crossed over the Jordan. ¹⁹And *he* said to the king,

Do not let my lord charge iniquity to me, nor shall you remember that which your servant perversely did in the day that my lord the king went out from Jerusalem, for the king to take it to his heart. ²⁰For your servant knows that I have sinned; and behold, I have come today, the first of the house of Joseph, to go down to meet my lord the king. ²¹And Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the anointed of Jehovah? ²²And David said, What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah, that you are as my foe today? For do I not know that today I am king over Israel? ²³And the king said to Shimei, You shall not die. And the king swore to him.

²⁴And Mephibosheth the son of Saul had come down to meet the king. And he had not dressed his feet, nor had shaved his upper lip. Yea, he had not washed his garment, even from the day that he went away till the day that he came in peace. ²⁵And it happened when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth? ²⁶And he said, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, I will saddle the ass for myself and ride on it and go with the king, for your servant *is* lame. ²⁷And he spoke slander against your servant to my lord the king. And my lord the king *is* as a messenger of God; yet you do that which is good in your eyes. ²⁸For all the house of my father would be nothing except men of death before my lord the king, and you have set your servant among those eating at your table. And what right do I have of any more, even to cry any more to the king? ²⁹And the king said to him, Why do you speak any more of your matters? I have said, You and Ziba share the land. ³⁰And Mephibosheth said to the king, yes, let him take all, since my lord the king has come in peace to his house.

³¹And Barzillai the Gileadite had gone down from Rogelim and had crossed over the Jordan with the king, to send him away over the Jordan. ³²And Barzillai *was* very old, a son of eighty years, and he had sustained the king as he abode in Mahanaim, for he *was* a very great man. ³³And

the king said to Barzillai, You pass over with me and I will sustain you with me in Jerusalem. ³⁴And Barzillai said to the king, How many *are* the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? ³⁵I am a son of eighty years today. Can I distinguish between good and evil? Can your servant taste that which I am eating, and that which I drink? Can I any more listen to the voice of singing men and singing women? And why should your servant be any more as a burden to my lord the king? ³⁶As a little thing your servant shall cross over the Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me *with* this reward? ³⁷Please let your servant return, and I shall die in my own city, near the burying-place of my father and my mother. And, behold your servant Chimham! Let him cross over with my lord the king, and you do to him the good in your eyes. ³⁸And the king said, Chimham shall go over with me, and I shall do to him that which *is* good in your eyes. Yea, all that you shall choose of me I will do for you. ³⁹And all the people crossed over the Jordan, and the king crossed over. And the king gave a kiss to Barzillai and blessed him. And he returned to his place. ⁴⁰And the king crossed over to Gilgal. And Chimham crossed over with him, and all the people of Judah. And they brought the king over, and also half of the people of Israel.

⁴¹And, behold, all the men of Israel were coming to the king. And they said to the king, Why have they, our brothers the men of Judah, stolen you away? For they brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all the men of David with him. ⁴²And, behold, all the men of Judah answered against the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near to us. And why *is* this that you are angry about this matter? Have we at all eaten from the king, or has he given a gift to us? ⁴³And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said, We have ten hands in the king, and we also have more in David than you. Why then did you despise us, that our word was not first to bring back our king? And the word of the men of Judah *was* more fierce than the word of the men of Israel.

CHAPTER 20

¹And a man of worthlessness happened to be there, and his name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a man of Benjamin. And he blew the ram's horn and said, We have no part in David, and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Each man to his tents, O Israel. ²And every man of Israel went up from following David, *going* after Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah clung to their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem. ³And David came into his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten women, the concubines whom he had left to guard the house, and fed them. But he did not go in to them, and they were shut up to the day of their death in widowhood.

⁴And the king said to Amasa, Call for me the men of Judah *within* three days; and you stand here. ⁵And Amasa went to call Judah, but delayed beyond the set time which he had set for him. ⁶And David said to Abishai, Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do more evil to us than Absalom. You take the servants of your lord and pursue him, that he not find fortified cities for himself, and deliver *himself* from our eye. ⁷And the men of Joab went out after him, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men. And they went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri. ⁸They were near the great stone in Gibeon, and Amasa had gone before them. And Joab was girded *with* his war coat as his clothing; and over it was a belt *with* a sword fastened on his loins in its sheath. And as he went out, it fell out. ⁹And Joab said to Amasa, *Is it well with you, my brother?* And Joab's right hand took hold of Amasa's beard to give a kiss to him. ¹⁰And Amasa was not on guard against the sword in Joab's hand. And he struck him with it to the belly, and poured out his bowels to the ground, and did not *strike* him again. And he died. And Joab and his brother Abishai pursued Sheba the son of Bichri. ¹¹And a man stood beside him, of the young men of Joab; and he said, Whoever delights in Joab, and whoever *is* for David *follow* after Joab! ¹²And Amasa was wallowing in blood in the middle of the highway. And the man saw

that all the people stood still. And he turned away Amasa from the highway *to* the field, and threw a garment over him when he saw that all who came beside him stood still. ¹³When he was taken from the highway, every man passed on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

¹⁴And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and to all the Berites. And they were gathered, and went after him also. ¹⁵And they went in and lay siege against him in Abel-Beth-maachah, and mounded up a siege-mound against the city. And it stood against the outermost wall, and all the people with Joab were undermining, to cause the wall to fall.

¹⁶Then a wise woman called out of the city, Hear! Hear! Please say to Joab, Come near here and I will speak to you. ¹⁷And he came near to her. And the woman said, Are you Joab? And he said, I am. And she said to him, Hear the words of your handmaid. And he said, I am listening. ¹⁸And she spoke, saying, They spoke often in days gone by, saying, Surely they will ask at Abel, and so they ended *all dispute*. ¹⁹I am of the peaceful, faithful ones of Israel. You are seeking to destroy a city, and a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the inheritance of Jehovah? ²⁰And Joab answered and said, Far be it! Far be it from me that I should swallow up or destroy. ²¹The case is not such. For a man of the hills of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri *is* his name, has lifted up his hand against the king, against David. *If* you will give him up by himself, then I shall go away from the city. And the woman said to Joab, Behold, his head will be thrown over the wall to you. ²²And the woman came to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it to Joab. And he blew the ram's horn, and they were dispersed from the city, each man to his tents. And Joab went back *to* Jerusalem to the king.

²³And Joab was over all the army of Israel, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites. ²⁴And Adoram was over the forced labor, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder. ²⁵And Sheva was the

scribe, and Zadok and Abiathar the priests. ²⁶And also, Ira the Jairite was a priest to David.

CHAPTER 21

¹And there was a famine in the days of David, three years, year after year. And David sought the face of Jehovah. And Jehovah said, *It is for Saul and for his bloody house, because he killed the Gibeonites.* ²And the king called for the Gibeonites and said to them — as to the Gibeonites, they *were* not of the sons of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the sons of Israel had sworn to them; and Saul sought to strike them in his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah — ³and David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, and you bless the inheritance of Jehovah? ⁴And the Gibeonites said to him, We will have neither silver nor gold by Saul and by his house. Also, we will have no man in Israel put to death. And he said, What you say, I will do for you. ⁵And they said to the king, The man who destroyed us and schemed against us *that* we be wasted from standing in all the border of Israel. ⁶Let be given to us seven men of his sons to us. And we will expose them to Jehovah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of Jehovah. And the king said, I will deliver them. ⁷But the king spared Jonathan's son Mephibosheth, the son of Saul, because of the oath of Jehovah that was between them, between David and Jonathan, the son of Saul. ⁸And the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth. And *he took* the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite. ⁹And *he gave* them into the hand of the Gibeonites. And they exposed them in the mountain before Jehovah. And the seven fell together. And they were executed in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

¹⁰And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and stretched it out for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water poured on them out of the

heavens. And *she* did not allow a bird of the heavens to rest on them by day, nor the beast of the field by night. ¹¹And that which Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, Saul's concubine, had done was told to David.

¹²And David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of his son Jonathan from the rulers of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the plaza of Beth-shan, there where the Philistines hanged them in the day the Philistines struck Saul in Gilboa. ¹³And he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan from there, and they gathered up the bones of those hanged. ¹⁴And *they* buried the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin, in Zelah, in the burying-place of his father Kish, and did all that the king had commanded. And afterward God heard prayer for the land.

¹⁵And again the Philistines warred with Israel. And David went down, and his servants with him. And they fought with the Philistines. And David was weary. ¹⁶And Ishbi-benob, who was of the sons of Rapha *the giant*, the weight of his spear *being* three hundred bronze shekels in weight, and was girded with a new *sword*, even he said to strike David. ¹⁷And Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, You shall not again go out with us to battle, that you not put out the lamp of Israel. ¹⁸And it happened after this that the battle was again in Gob of the Philistines. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite struck Saph, who *was* among the sons of Rapha. ¹⁹And again the battle was in Gob with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite struck Goliath the Gittite, and the wood of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam. ²⁰And again the battle was in Gath, and there was a man of stature, and the fingers of his hands *were* six, and the fingers of his feet six, twenty-four in number. And he also had been born to Rapha. ²¹And he cursed Israel; and Jonathan, the son of David's brother Shimeah, struck him. ²²These four were born to Rapha *the giant* in Gath. And they fell by the hand of David, by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 22

¹And David spoke to Jehovah the words of this song in the day Jehovah delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul. ²And he said: Jehovah *is* my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer. ³My God *is* my rock; I shall take refuge in Him; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge! My Savior, You shall save me from violence. ⁴I call on Jehovah, the One to be praised; and I shall be saved from my enemies. ⁵When the waves of death surround me, the floods of the ungodly terrify me, ⁶the cords of Sheol are round about me, the snares of death confronted me; ⁷in my distress I called on Jehovah, and I called to my God. And He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry *was* in His ears. ⁸And the earth shook and trembled, the foundations of the heavens were troubled, and were shaken; for He was angry. ⁹Smoke rose up in His nostrils, and fire devoured out of His mouth; coals were kindled by it. ¹⁰And He bowed the heavens and came down, and thick darkness *was* under His feet. ¹¹And He rode on a cherub, and did fly, and was seen on the wings of the wind. ¹²And He made darkness pavilions round about Him, the gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies. ¹³From the brightness before Him were brands of fire kindled! ¹⁴Jehovah thundered from the heavens, and the Most High gave forth His voice. ¹⁵And He sent forth arrows and scattered them; lightning, and troubled them; ¹⁶and the channels of the sea appeared; the world's foundations were revealed by the rebuke of Jehovah, from the blast of the breath of His nostrils. ¹⁷He sent from above; He took me; He drew me out of many waters. ¹⁸He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were stronger than I. ¹⁹They confronted me in the day of my calamity, and Jehovah was my support; ²⁰and He brought me out to a large place; He delivered me, for He delighted in me. ²¹Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands, He has repaid me. ²²For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, and have not acted wickedly against my God. ²³For all His judgments

were before me; as to His statutes, I did not turn away from them. ²⁴And I was blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity. ²⁵And Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His eyes. ²⁶With the kind You shall show Yourself kind; with the upright man, You will show Yourself upright. ²⁷With the pure, You will show Yourself pure, and with the perverse You will show Yourself contorted. ²⁸And You shall save the afflicted people, and Your eyes *are* on the haughty, *whom* You bring low. ²⁹For You *are* my lamp, O Jehovah; and Jehovah shall light up my darkness. ³⁰For by You I have run *through* a troop; by my God, I have leaped over a wall. ³¹*As for* God, His way *is* perfect; the word of Jehovah *is* tested; He is a shield to all those who trust in Him. ³²For who is God except Jehovah? And who *is* a rock except our God? ³³God *is* my strong fortress; and He sets the blameless free *in* his way, ³⁴making my feet like hinds' *feet*, and causing me to stand on my high places; ³⁵teaching my hands for battle, so that my arms may bend a bow of bronze. ³⁶And You give to me the shield of Your salvation; and Your condescension has made me great. ³⁷You have enlarged my steps under me, and my feet have not slipped. ³⁸I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; and I did not turn until they were consumed. ³⁹And I consumed them, and struck them, and they did not rise; but fell under my feet.

⁴⁰Yea, You girded me *with* might for battle; You caused those rising against me to bow under me. ⁴¹And You gave to me the necks of my enemies, those hating me; I silenced them. ⁴²They looked, and there was none to save; to Jehovah, and He did not answer them. ⁴³And I beat them as the dust of the earth; I crushed them small as the mire of the streets; I spread them out. ⁴⁴And You delivered me from the strivings of my people; You kept me as the head of the nations; a people I have not known served me. ⁴⁵The sons of strangers submit to me; at the hearing of the ear they listen to me. ⁴⁶The sons of strangers fade away, and shall come trembling out of their close places. ⁴⁷Jehovah lives! And

blessed is my rock, and exalted is my God, the rock of my salvation.

⁴⁸*He is God who is giving vengeance for me, and brings down peoples under me, and brings me forth from my enemies; yea, You raise me up above those rising up against me; You deliver me from the violent man.* ⁴⁹*On account of this I will confess You, Jehovah, among nations, and I will sing praise to Your name.* ⁵¹*A tower of salvation is He to His king; even doing mercy to His anointed, to David and to his seed, until forever!*

CHAPTER 23

¹*And these are the last words of David, the saying of David the son of Jesse, and the saying of the man raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet singer of Israel:*

²*The Spirit of Jehovah has spoken by me, and His word is on my tongue.* ³*The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me: One ruling over man righteously, who rules in the fear of God, is as the light of the morning, as the sun shines; a morning without clouds — through shining after rain the tender grass sprouts from the earth.* ⁴*For is not my house so with God? For He has made an everlasting covenant with me, ordered in all things, and sure; for all my salvation, and all my desire, will He not make it grow?* ⁵*As to the ungodly, all of them shall be as a thorn driven away; for they cannot be taken by the hand; but the man who shall touch them must be armed with iron and the shaft of a spear; they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place.*

⁶*These are the names of the mighty ones who were called to David: Joshebbasshebeth the Tachmonite, chief of the three—he was called Adino the Eznite, because of the eight hundred he killed at one time.*

⁹*And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the son of Ahohi. He was of the three mighty men with David when they taunted the Philistines when they were gathered there to battle; and the men of Israel went up; he rose up and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And*

Jehovah worked a great salvation on that day, and the people returned after him only to plunder. ¹¹*And next was Sham-mah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines had gathered into a company, and there was a piece of ground full of lentils, and the people had fled before the Philistines.* ¹²*And he set himself in the midst of the plot, and delivered it, and struck the Philistines. And Jehovah worked out a great salvation.*

¹³*And three of the thirty commanders went down and came to the harvest, to David, to the cave of Adullam. And the company of the Philistines was camping in the Valley of the Giants.* ¹⁴*And David was then in a stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.* ¹⁵*And David longed, and said, Who shall give me drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem beside the gate?* ¹⁶*And the three mighty ones cut through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem beside the gate, and took it up, and brought it to David. But he was not willing to drink it, and poured it out to Jehovah;* ¹⁷*and said, Far be it from me, O Jehovah, to do this; is it not the blood of the men who went with their lives? And he was not willing to drink it. The three mighty ones did these things.*

¹⁸*And Abishai the son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, was the commander of three. And he raised up his spear against three hundred, and killed them. And he had the name among the three.* ¹⁹*Surely he was honored more than the three? And he was the commander to them, but he did not come to the first three.* ²⁰*And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada from Kabzeel, a son of a mighty man, great in deeds; he killed two lion-like men of Moab. And he went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit in a day of snow.* ²¹*And he killed an Egyptian, a man of form; and a spear was in the Egyptian's hand; and he went down to him with a staff and tore away the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.* ²²*Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things, and had a name among three mighty ones.* ²³*He was more honored than the thirty, but he did not come to the first three. And David set him over his guard.*

²⁴Asahel the brother of Joab *was* of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem; ²⁵Shammah the Harodite; Elikah the Harodite; ²⁶Helez the Paltite; Ira the son of Ikesh, the Tekoite; ²⁷Abiezer the Anathothite; Mebunnai the Hushathite; ²⁸Zalmon the Ahohite; Maharai the Netophathite; ²⁹Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite; Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah, of the sons of Benjamin; ³⁰Benaiah the Pirathonite; Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash; ³¹Abialbon the Arbathite; Azmaveth the Barhumite; ³²Eliabha the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen; Jonathan; ³³Shammah the Hararite; Ahiam the son of Sharar, the Hararite; ³⁴Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite; Eliam the son of Ahithophel, the Gilonite; ³⁵Hezrai the Carmelite; Paarai the Arbite; ³⁶Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah; Bani the Gadite; ³⁷Zehek the Ammonite; Naharai the Beerothite, armor-bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah; ³⁸Ira, an Ithrite; Gareb, an Ithrite; ³⁹Uriah the Hittite — thirty-seven in all.

CHAPTER 24

¹And again the anger of Jehovah glowed against Israel, and moved David against them, to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. ²And the king said to Joab, the commander of the army that *was* with him, Go now to and fro through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people. ³And Joab said to the king, Yea, may Jehovah your God add to the people, however many they may be, a hundredfold. And may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king delight in this thing? ⁴But the word of the king prevailed against Joab, and against the army commanders. And Joab and the army commanders went out *from* the presence of the king to number the people *of* Israel. ⁵And they crossed over the Jordan and camped in Aroer, on the right of the city that is in the middle of the Valley of Gad, and to Jazer. ⁶And they came into Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi. And they came to Dan-jaan, and around to Sidon. ⁷And they came into the fortress

of Tyre, and all the cities of the Hivite, and *of* the Canaanite. And *they* went out to the south of Judah, to Beer-sheba. ⁸And they went to and fro through all the land, and came in to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. ⁹And Joab gave the count from the numbering of the people to the king. And Israel was eight hundred thousand mighty men drawing sword; and the men of Judah five hundred thousand men.

¹⁰And after he had numbered the people, the heart of David struck him. And David said to Jehovah, I have sinned greatly *in* that which I have done. And now, O Jehovah, I pray, take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly. ¹¹And David rose up in the morning; and the word of Jehovah came to Gad the prophet, David's seer, saying, ¹²Go, and you shall speak to David, So says Jehovah, I am setting up three *things* for you; you choose one of them, and I will do *it* for you. ¹³And Gad came in to David and told him, and said to him, Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee before your foes three months, and they pursue you? Or shall three days' plague *come* into your land? Now consider, and see what I shall take back to Him who sent word to me. ¹⁴And David said, Because of this *I am in* great distress. Let us fall now into the hand of Jehovah, for many *are* His mercies; and do not let me fall into the hand of man.

¹⁵And Jehovah sent a plague on Israel from the morning even to the time appointed. And from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand of the people died. ¹⁶And the angel put forth his hand *to* Jerusalem, to destroy it. And Jehovah repented as to the evil, and said to the angel who was destroying among the people, Enough! Now drop your hand. And the angel of Jehovah was near the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. ¹⁷And when he saw the angel who was striking among the people, David spoke to Jehovah and said, Behold, I have sinned. Yea, I have acted perversely. And these, the flock, what have they done? Now let your hand be on me, and on my father's house.

¹⁸And Gad came in to David on that day and said to him, Go up, raise up an altar to Jehovah in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. ¹⁹And David went up according to Gad's word, as Jehovah commanded. ²⁰And Araunah looked and saw the king and his servants crossing over to him. And Araunah went out and bowed himself to the king, his face to the earth.

²¹And Araunah said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor from you, in order to build an altar to Jehovah; and the plague will be stayed from the people.

²²And Araunah said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up that which is

good in his eyes. Behold, the oxen for a burnt offering, and the threshing instruments, and the yokes of the oxen for wood. ²³O king, all these Araunah gives to the king. And Araunah said to the king, May Jehovah your God accept you. ²⁴And the king said to Araunah, No, for I will surely buy from you for a price, and I will not offer to Jehovah my God burnt offerings for nothing. And David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵And David built an altar there to Jehovah, and offered burnt offering and peace offerings. And Jehovah was entreated for the land; and the plague was stayed from Israel.

THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

CHAPTER 1

¹And king David *was* old, going into days. And they covered him with garments, for he had no heat. ²And his servants said to him, Let them seek out a young woman for my lord the king, a virgin, and she shall stand before the king, and be a nurse to him, and lie in your bosom, and my lord the king shall have heat. ³And they sought out a beautiful young woman in all the border of Israel. And *they* found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her in to the king. ⁴And the young woman *was* exceedingly beautiful, and she *was* a nurse to the king, and served him. But the king did not know her.

⁵And Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will reign. And he prepared a chariot for himself, and horsemen, and fifty men running before his face. ⁶And his father had not troubled him *all* his days, saying, Why have you done so? And he also *was* very good of form, and *one* had borne him after Absalom. ⁷And his words were with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest. And they helped, *going* after Adonijah. ⁸But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men who *were* to David, were not with Adonijah. ⁹And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings near the Stone of Serpents which *is* near En-rogel. And *he* called all his brothers, the sons of the king, and all the men of Judah, the servants of the king. ¹⁰But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and his brother Solomon.

¹¹And Nathan spoke to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and our lord David does not know? ¹²And now, come, please let me counsel you with counsel, and save your life, and the life of your son Solomon. ¹³Go up and go in to king David. And you shall say to him, My lord, O king, have you not sworn to your handmaid, saying, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne? And why

does Adonijah reign? ¹⁴Behold, while you are speaking with the king, then I will come in after you and will confirm your words.

¹⁵And Bathsheba came in to the king, to the inner room. And the king *was* old, and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king. ¹⁶And Bathsheba bowed and fell down before the king. And the king said, What *shall I do* for you? ¹⁷And she said to him, My lord, you have sworn by Jehovah your God to your handmaid, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne. ¹⁸And now, behold, Adonijah reigns. And now, my lord O king, you have not known. ¹⁹And he sacrifices oxen, and fatlings, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army. But he has not called to your servant Solomon. ²⁰And you, my lord O king, the eyes of Israel *are* on you, to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. ²¹And it will be, when my lord the king lies with his fathers, that I, my son Solomon and I, shall be offenders.

²²And, behold, she *was* speaking with the king, and Nathan the prophet came in. ²³And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet! And he came in before the king and bowed to the king on his face to the earth. ²⁴And Nathan said, My lord O king, have you said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne? ²⁵For he has gone down today and sacrificed oxen, and fatlings, and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the army commanders, and Abiathar the priest. And, behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and they are saying, Let king Adonijah live! ²⁶But *as* for me, I, your servant, and for Zadok the priest, and for Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and for your servant Solomon, he has not called. ²⁷If *it is* to come about from my lord the king, then you have not caused your servant to know who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

²⁸And king David replied and said, Call Bathsheba for me. And she came in before the king, and stood before the king. ²⁹And the king swore and said, As Jehovah lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all distress, ³⁰surely as I swore to you by Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place; surely so I will do this day. ³¹And Bathsheba bowed *her face to the earth*, and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live forever.

³²And king David said, Call Zadok the priest for me, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came in before the king. ³³And the king said to them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and you shall cause my son Solomon to ride on my mule, and cause him to go down to Gihon. ³⁴And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him there as king over Israel. And you shall blow with the ram's horn and shout, Let king Solomon live! ³⁵And you shall come up after him, and he shall sit on my throne, and he shall reign in my place. For I have appointed him ruler over Israel, and over Judah. ³⁶And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, Amen! So says Jehovah the God of my lord the king. ³⁷As Jehovah has been with my lord the king, so shall He be with Solomon, and shall make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

³⁸And Zadok the priest went out, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites. And they caused Solomon to ride on king David's mule, and caused him to go to Gihon. ³⁹And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew with the ram's horn, and all the people shouted, Let king Solomon live! ⁴⁰And all the people came up after him. And the people were piping with pipes, and rejoicing *with great joy*. And the earth was torn with their sound.

⁴¹And Adonijah heard, and all those invited, who *were* with him. And they stopped eating. And Joab heard the sound of the ram's horn, and said, What *is* this

noise roaring from the city? ⁴²And he was still speaking, and, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came in. And Adonijah said, Come in, for you *are* a mighty man and bear good news. ⁴³And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord, king David, has caused Solomon to reign. ⁴⁴And the king sent Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet with him, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites. And they caused him to ride on the king's mule. ⁴⁵And they anointed him, Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, as king in Gihon. And they have come up from there rejoicing. And the city is moved. It is the noise that you heard. ⁴⁶And also Solomon has sat on the throne of the kingdom. ⁴⁷And also the king's servants have come in to bless our lord, king David, saying, Your God shall make the name of Solomon better than your name, and his throne greater than your throne. And the king bowed himself on the bed. ⁴⁸And also the king has said, Blessed is Jehovah the God of Israel who has today given *one* sitting on my throne, and my eyes seeing it. ⁴⁹And they trembled and rose up, all those who *were* invited by Adonijah, and left, each to his way.

⁵⁰And Adonijah was afraid because of Solomon, and *he* rose up and went and lay hold on the horns of the altar. ⁵¹And it was told to Solomon, saying, Adonijah is afraid of king Solomon. And, behold, he has laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me as of today that he will not put his servant to death by the sword. ⁵²And Solomon said, If he becomes a son of virtue, not a hair of his head shall fall to the earth. But if evil is found in him, then he shall die. ⁵³And king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came in and bowed to king Solomon. And Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

CHAPTER 2

¹And the days of David drew near, *for him* to die. And he commanded his son Solomon, saying, ²I am going in the way of all the earth. And you be strong, and be a man, ³and keep the charge of Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, to keep

His statutes, His commands and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, so that you may do wisely all that you do, and there wherever you may turn, 'so that Jehovah may establish His word which He spoke to me, saying, If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth, with all their heart, with all their soul, saying, There shall not be a man of yours cut off from the throne of Israel. ⁵And also, you know that which Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, that which he did to the two army commanders of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, that he murdered them, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war on his girdle, on his loins and in his sandals on his feet; ⁶and you shall do according to your wisdom, and shall not let his gray hair go down to Sheol in peace. ⁷You shall be merciful to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and they shall be among those eating at your table, for so they drew near to me when I fled from the face of your brother Absalom. ⁸And, behold, with you *is* Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite of Bahurim. And he cursed me *with* a grievous cursing in the day I went to Mahanaim. And he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by Jehovah, saying, I shall not put you to death by the sword. ⁹And now, do not acquit him, for you *are* a wise man, and you know that which you shall do to him, and shall bring his old age down with blood to Sheol.

¹⁰And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²And Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was firmly established.

¹³And Adonijah the son of Haggith came in to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come in peace? And he said, Peace. ¹⁴And he said, A word to you *and* to me? And she said, Speak. ¹⁵And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and all Israel had set their faces toward me to reign. Yet the kingdom has been turned around, and

is my brother's, because it was his from Jehovah. ¹⁶And now I am asking one petition of you. Do not turn away your face. And she said to him, Speak. ¹⁷And he said, Please speak to king Solomon, for he will not turn away your face, that he shall give to me Abishag the Shunammite for a wife. ¹⁸And Bathsheba said, Well! I will speak to the king for you.

¹⁹And Bathsheba came in to king Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed to her, and sat on his throne, and placed a throne for the king's mother. And she sat at his right hand. ²⁰And she said, I ask one small petition of you. Do not turn away my face. And the king said to her, Ask, my mother, for I will not turn away your face. ²¹And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to your brother Adonijah for a wife. ²²And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Also ask the kingdom for him, for he is my older brother; yea, for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. ²³And king Solomon swore by Jehovah, saying, So shall God do to me, and more He shall do *if* Adonijah has *not* spoken this word against his life. ²⁴And now, *as* Jehovah lives, who has established me and caused me to sit on the throne of my father David, and who has made a house for me, *as* He spoke, surely today Adonijah shall be put to death. ²⁵And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he fell on him, and he died.

²⁶And the king said to Abiathar the priest, Go to Anathoth, to your fields. For you *are* deserving of death. But I will not at this time put you to death, because you have borne the ark of the Lord Jehovah before my father David, and because you were afflicted in all *the things with* which my father was afflicted. ²⁷And Solomon drove Abiathar from being priest to Jehovah, to fulfill the word of Jehovah which He spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

²⁸And the report came to Joab, for Joab had turned aside after Adonijah, though he did not turn aside after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tabernacle of Jehovah, and

lay hold on the horns of the altar. ²⁹And it was announced to king Solomon that Joab had fled to the tabernacle of Jehovah, and, behold, *he was* by the altar. And Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall on him. ³⁰And Benaiah came into the tabernacle of Jehovah and said to him, So says the king, Come out. And he said, No, but I will die here. And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, So says Joab. Yea, so he answered me. ³¹And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and fall on him. And you shall bury him, and turn aside the innocent blood which Joab shed, off of me and off of my father's house. ³²And Jehovah shall turn back his blood on his own head, who has fallen on two men more righteous and better than he, and murdered them with the sword; and my father David not knowing it: Abner the son of Ner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, the commander of the army of Judah. ³³Yea, *He* shall turn back their blood on the head of Joab, and on the head of his seed forever. And *as* for David and for his seed, and for his house, and for his throne, there shall be peace forever from Jehovah. ³⁴And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and fell on him, and executed him. And he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. ³⁵And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army. And the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

³⁶And the king sent and called Shimei and said to him, Build a house for yourself in Jerusalem. And you shall live there, and shall not go out from there anywhere. ³⁷And it shall be, in the day you go out and cross the brook Kidron, you shall certainly know that dying you shall die; your blood shall be on your head. ³⁸And Shimei said to the king, The word *is* good. As my lord the king has spoken, so your servant shall do. And Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

³⁹And it happened at the end of three years, two of Shimei's servants fled to Achish the son of Maachah, the king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, your servants *are* in Gath. ⁴⁰And Shimei rose up and saddled his ass and went to Gath, to Achish, to seek his

servants. And Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath. ⁴¹And it was told to Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned. ⁴²And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not cause you to swear by Jehovah, and testify to you, saying, In the day you go out, and you have gone anywhere, you certainly shall know that you shall surely die. And you said to me, The word I have heard *is* good. ⁴³And why have you not kept the oath of Jehovah, and the charge that I commanded you? ⁴⁴And the king said to Shimei, You shall know all the evil that your heart has known, that which you did to my father David. Now Jehovah has turned back your evil on your head. ⁴⁵And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before Jehovah forever. ⁴⁶And the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell on him, and he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Solomon made an alliance by marriage with Pharaoh the king of Egypt. And *he* took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he finished building his own house, and the house of Jehovah, and the wall of Jerusalem all around. ²Only, the people were sacrificing in high places, for a house for the name of Jehovah had not been built until those days. ³And Solomon loved Jehovah, to walk in the statutes of his father David. Only, he was sacrificing in high places and burning incense. ⁴And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for it *was* the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

⁵Jehovah appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream of the night. And God said, Ask. What shall I give to you? ⁶And Solomon said, You have shown great kindness to Your servant, my father David, as he walked before You in truth and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You. And You have kept for him this great kindness, and have given to him a son sitting on his throne, as today. ⁷And now, O

Jehovah my God, You have caused Your servant to reign instead of my father David. And I *am* a little man-child; I do not know to go out and to come in. ⁸And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a numerous people that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Also give to Your servant an understanding heart, to judge Your people, to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this, Your great people? ¹⁰And the word was good in the eyes of the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹And God said to him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself many days, nor asked riches for yourself, nor asked the life of your enemies, and have asked for discernment for yourself, to understand judgment, ¹²behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given to you a wise and understanding heart, so that there was none like you before you, and after you none shall rise up like you. ¹³And also, I have given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, that there shall not be a man like you among the kings all your days. ¹⁴And if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commands, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days.

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream! And he came into Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and offered burnt offerings, and made peace offerings. And he made a banquet for all his servants.

¹⁶Then two women, harlots, came in to the king and stood before him. ¹⁷And the one woman said, O my lord, this woman and I were living in one house. And I gave birth, with her in the house. ¹⁸And it happened on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. And we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, only we two in the house. ¹⁹And the son of this woman died at night, because she laid on it. ²⁰And she rose up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me and laid it in her bosom; and your handmaid was asleep. And she laid her dead son in my bosom.

²¹And I rose up in the morning to suckle

my son; and, behold, *it was* dead. And I looked at it in the morning; and, behold, it was not my son whom I had borne. ²²And the other woman said, No, but my son is the living, and your son the dead. And this *one* said, No, but your son is dead, and my son the living. And they spoke before the king. ²³And the king said, This *one* says, This *is* my son, the living one, and your son the dead. And that *one* says, No, but your son *is* the dead, and my son the living. ²⁴And the king said, Bring a sword to me. And they brought the sword before the king. ²⁵And the king said, Divide the living child into two, and give the half to the one, and the half to the other. ²⁶And the woman whose son *was* the living one said to the king—for her womb yearned over her son—yea, she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and do not at all put it to death. And this *one* said, Let it be neither yours or mine, divide *it*. ²⁷And the king answered and said, Give to her the living child, and do not put it to death at all; she is its mother. ²⁸And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had judged, and feared from the face of the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him to do judgment.

CHAPTER 4

¹And king Solomon was king over all Israel. ²And these *were* the rulers he had: Azariah the son of Zadok *was* the priest. ³Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, *were* the scribes. Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud the recorder. ⁴And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the army. And Zadok and Abiathar *were* priests. ⁵And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers. And Zabud the son of Nathan *was* the minister and friend of the king. ⁶And Ahishar *was* over the household. And Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the forced labor.

⁷And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel. And they sustained the king and his household. Each man had one month in the year to provide. ⁸And these *are* their names: Ben-Hur in the hills of Ephraim; ⁹the son of Dekar in Makaz and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan; ¹⁰the son of Hessed, in Aruboth—to him *was* Sochoh and all the

land of Hepher; ¹¹the son of Abinadab in all the height of Dor, Taphath the daughter of Solomon was a wife to him; ¹²Baana the son of Ahilud to whom was Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah below Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, to the place that is beyond Jokneam; ¹³the son of Geber in Ramoth-gilead — to him were the towns of Jair, Manasseh's son, which are in Gilead; and to him was the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars; ¹⁴Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim; ¹⁵Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon for a wife; ¹⁶Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth; ¹⁷Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah was in Issachar; ¹⁸Shimei the son of Elah was in Benjamin; ¹⁹Geber the son of Uri was in the land of Gilead, the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer who was in the land; ²⁰Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude; eating and drinking and making merry.

²¹And Solomon reigned over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. They brought presents and served Solomon all the days of his life.

²²And Solomon's food for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of meal, ²³ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides deer and gazelles, and roebucks, and fattened fowl. ²⁴For he had the rule over all on this side of the River, from Tiphshah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side of the River. And he had peace on all sides from around him. ²⁵And Judah and Israel lived securely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; from Dan even to Beer-sheba all the days of Solomon.

²⁶And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. ²⁷And those officers provided food for king Solomon, and for all who came to king Solomon's table, a man in his month. they did not lack anything. ²⁸They also brought barley and straw for the horses and mules, to the place

where the officers were, each man according to his charge. ²⁹And God gave Solomon exceeding great wisdom and understanding, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the lip of the sea. ³⁰And Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the sons of the east, and than all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalco, and Darda, the sons of Mahol—and his name was in all nations round about. ³²And he spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five. ³³And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fish. ³⁴And there came some from all the people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

¹And Hiram the king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, for he heard that they had anointed him king instead of his father. For Hiram was a lover of David all his days. ²And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, ³You knew my father David, that he was not able to build a house to the name of Jehovah his God because of the wars that were all around him, until Jehovah had put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴And now Jehovah my God has given me rest all around; there is no adversary nor evil happening. ⁵And, behold, I am commanding a house to be built to the name of Jehovah my God, as Jehovah spoke to my father David, saying, You son whom I will appoint in your place on your throne, he shall build the house for My name. ⁶And now, command and they shall cut down for me cedars out of Lebanon. And my servants shall be with your servants. And I will give you hire for your servants according to all that you say. For you know that there is not a man among us knowing to cut timber like the Sidonians.

⁷And it happened, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced exceedingly, and said, Blessed be Jehovah today, who has given to David a wise son

over this great people. ⁸And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have heard that for which you have sent to me. I will do all your will as to cedar wood and juniper wood. ⁹My servants will bring *it* down from Lebanon to the sea. And I will make floats for them in the sea, to *go* to the place that you tell me. And I will spread them out there; and you shall take *them* up. And you shall *what* I desire, to give food for my house. ¹⁰And Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and juniper trees, all his desire. ¹¹And Solomon gave to Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat, food for his house; and twenty measures of beaten oil. This Solomon gave to Hiram year by year. ¹²And Jehovah gave wisdom to Solomon, as He had spoken to him. And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they cut a covenant, the two of them.

¹³And king Solomon caused a labor force to go out of all Israel; and the labor force *was* thirty thousand men. ¹⁴And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses. They were a month in Lebanon, two months in their own house. And Adoniram *was* over the labor force. ¹⁵And king Solomon had seventy thousand bearing burdens, and eighty thousand hewing in the mountain; ¹⁶besides the rulers of Solomon's officers, who *were* over the work, three thousand and three hundred, those ruling over the people who were working in the work. ¹⁷And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, quarried stones, to lay the foundation of the house. ¹⁸And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders, and the Giblites, cut and prepared the wood and the stones to build the house.

CHAPTER 6

¹And it happened in the four hundred and eightieth year from the exodus of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fourth year, in the month of Zif, *it is* the second month, in the reigning of Solomon over Israel, he built the house for Jehovah. ²As to the house that king Solomon built for Jehovah, its length *was* sixty cubits, and its breadth twenty, and its height thirty cubits. ³As to the porch on the front of the temple of the house, its length *was* twenty cubits according to the breadth of the

house; its breadth on the front of the house *was* ten cubits. ⁴And he made windows of narrowing frames for the house.

⁵And he built a side-structure on the wall of the house all around, against the walls of the house all around; to the temple and to the sanctuary. And he made side sections all around. ⁶The lowest side-structure *was* five cubits wide; and the middle *was* six cubits wide; and the third *story side-structure was* seven cubits wide. For outside of the house he made narrowed ledges for the house all around, so as not to lay hold of the walls of the house. ⁷And the house, when it was being built, was built of finished stone made ready beforehand. And there was not heard in the house a hammer or an axe, or any iron tool, while it was being built.

⁸The door for the middle side section *was* in the right side of the house. And they went up with winding stairs into the middle *one*; and from the middle *one* into the third. ⁹And he built the house and finished it, and covered the house *with* beams and rows of cedars. ¹⁰And he built the side-stories on all the house, *each* five cubits *in* height; and they held *to* the house with timbers of cedar.

¹¹And the word of Jehovah came to Solomon, saying, ¹²*As to* this house that you are building, if you shall walk in My statutes, and shall do My judgments; yea, shall do all My commandments, to walk in them, then I shall establish your word with you which I spoke to your father David. ¹³And I shall dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel, and shall not forsake My people Israel. ¹⁴And Solomon built the house, and finished it. ¹⁵And he built the walls of the house inside with beams of cedar, from the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling. He overlaid the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with boards of juniper. ¹⁶And he built the twenty cubits on the back part of the house with boards of cedar, from the floor to the walls. And he built for it inside, for the sanctuary, for the Holy of Holies. ¹⁷And the house was forty cubits, that *is*, the temple before *it*. ¹⁸And the cedar for the house inside *was with* carvings of gourds and flowers spread out; the whole

was cedar; not a stone was seen. ¹⁹And he prepared the holy of holies in the midst of the house, to place there the ark of the covenant of Jehovah. ²⁰And the face of the holy of holies was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in height. And he overlaid it with refined gold, and overlaid the altar with cedar. ²¹And Solomon overlaid the house inside with refined gold, and caused it to pass over in chains of gold to the face of the holy of holies, and overlaid it with gold. ²²And he overlaid all of the house with gold, until all of the house was completed. And he overlaid with gold all of the altar that *belonged* to the holy of holies. ²³And inside the holy of holies he made two cherubs, of the olive tree; their height ten cubits. ²⁴And one wing of the cherub was five cubits; and the second wing of the cherub five cubits; ten cubits from the ends of its wings even to the ends of its wings. ²⁵And the second cherub was ten cubits; one measure and one form to the two cherubs. ²⁶The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the second cherub. ²⁷And he set the cherubs in the middle of the inner house. And they spread out the wings of the cherubs. And the wing of the one touched the wall, and the wing of the second touched the second wall; and their wings were to the middle of the house, coming wing against wing. ²⁸And he overlaid the cherubs with gold. ²⁹And all the walls of the house round about he carved with figures of cherubs and palm trees, and spread out flowers, inside and out. ³⁰And he overlaid the floor of the house with gold, inside and out.

³¹As to the entrance of the holy of holies, he made doors of the olive tree; the lintel, the side posts, *being* a fifth part. ³²And the two doors were of the olive tree. And he carved on them carvings of cherubs, and palm trees, and spread out flowers; and he overlaid with gold. And he caused the gold to go down on the cherubs and on the palm trees. ³³So also he made side posts for the entrance of the temple from the olive tree, a fourth part. ³⁴And the two doors were of juniper wood; the two sides of the one door were folding; and the two leaves of the other door were folding. ³⁵And he carved cherubs, and palm trees,

and spread out flowers, and overlaid with gold fitted on the carved work. ³⁶And he built the inner court, three rows of hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams. ³⁷The house of Jehovah was founded in the fourth year, in the month of Zif. ³⁸And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, the eighth month, the house was finished as to all the parts of it, and according to all the fashion of it. So he built it for seven years.

CHAPTER 7

¹And Solomon built his own house for thirteen years. And he finished all his house. ²And he built the house of the forest of Lebanon. Its length was a hundred cubits, and its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars, and cedar beams on the pillars. ³And it was covered with cedar above, on the sides that lay on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row. ⁴And windows were in three rows, and light was against light in three rows. ⁵And all the doors and the side posts were square along with the windows; and the front of a window was against a window in three rows. ⁶And he made the porch of the pillars, its length fifty cubits, and its breadth thirty cubits. And the porch was before them; and the pillars and the roof were over them. ⁷And he made the porch of the throne where he judged, the porch of judgment. And it was covered with cedar from floor to floor. ⁸As to his house where he lived, the other court was within the porch, as this work was. Solomon also made a house for Pharaoh's daughter whom he had taken, like this porch.

⁹And these were of costly stone, according to the measures of hewn stones, sawed with a saw, inside and out, even from the foundation to the coping, and from the outside, to the great court. ¹⁰And the foundation was of costly stones, huge stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits. ¹¹And above were costly stones, according to the measures of hewn stone and cedar. ¹²And the great court round about was three rows of hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams, even for the inner court of the house of Jehovah, and for the porch of the house.

¹³And king Solomon sent and brought Hiram out of Tyre. ¹⁴He was the son of a widow woman of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father a man of Tyre, an engraver in bronze. And he was filled with the wisdom and understanding and knowledge to do all work in bronze. And he came to king Solomon and did all his work. ¹⁵And he formed the two pillars of bronze; eighteen cubits was the height of the one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits went around the second pillar. ¹⁶And he made two capitals to put on the tops of the pillars, cast in bronze; five cubits was the height of the one capital, and five cubits the height of the second capital. ¹⁷He made gratings, grating-work with twisted threads of chain-work, for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. ¹⁸And he made the pillars. And two rows were round about on the one grating, to cover the capitals that were on the top with the pomegranates. And so he did for the other capital. ¹⁹And the capitals that were on the top of the pillars in the porch were lily-work, four cubits. ²⁰And the capitals were on the two pillars, also above, over against the belly which was by the grating; and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about on the other capital. ²¹And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple. And he set up the right pillar and called the name of it Jachin. And he set up the left pillar, and called the name of it Boaz. ²²And on the top of the pillars was lily-work. So the work of the pillars was finished.

²³And he made a casted sea of ten cubits from brim to brim; it was round all about. And its height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits went around it all about. ²⁴And gourds were below its brim all around, going around it, ten by the cubit, circling the sea round about; the gourds were cast in two rows when it was cast. ²⁵It stood on twelve oxen: three facing the north, and three facing the west, and three facing the south, and three facing the east. And the sea was above on them; and all their hinder parts were inward. ²⁶And its thickness, one hand wide; and its brim was fashioned like the brim of a cup, with a bud of a lily. It contained two thousand baths.

²⁷And he made ten bases of bronze; four cubits the length of the one base, and four cubits the breadth, and three cubits the height. ²⁸And this was the work of the base: they had borders; and there were borders between the stays. ²⁹And on the borders that were between the stays were lions, oxen, and cherubs. And a pedestal was on the stays above. And below the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging-work. ³⁰And the one base had four wheels of bronze, and axles of bronze. And its four feet were supports to them; under the basin were casted supports with wreaths at each side. ³¹And its mouth within and above the capital was a cubit; and its mouth was round like the work of a pedestal, a cubit and half of the cubit. And also on its mouth were carvings; and their borders were square, not round. ³²And the four wheels were under the borders. And the axletrees of the wheels were in the base; and the height of the one wheel was a cubit and a half. ³³And the work of the wheels was as the work of a chariot wheel, their axletrees, and their rims, and their spokes, and their hubs were all casted. ³⁴And there were four supports to the four corners of one base; the supports were of the base itself. ³⁵And in the top of the base was a round compass of half a cubit high. And on the top of the base its sides and its borders were from it. ³⁶And he engraved cherubs, lions, and palm trees on the plates of its sides, and on its borders, as the place of each, with wreaths round about. ³⁷So he made the ten bases, one casting, one measure, one form was to them all.

³⁸And he made ten basins of bronze; the one basin contained forty baths. The one basin was four cubits, one basin on the one base, to the ten bases. ³⁹And he put the five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house. And he put the sea on the right side of the house, eastward, across from the south.

⁴⁰And Hiram made the basins, and the shovels, and the bowls. And Hiram finished all the work that he made for king Solomon for the house of Jehovah. ⁴¹two pillars, and two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; and the two gratings to cover the two bowls of the

capitals that *were* on the top of the pillars; ⁴²and the four hundred pomegranates for the two gratings; two rows of pomegranates for each grating, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that *were* on the pillars; ⁴³and ten bases, and ten basins on the bases; ⁴⁴and one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea; ⁴⁵and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And all these vessels which Hiram made for king Solomon for the house of Jehovah *were* of burnished bronze. ⁴⁶The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the thick soil of the ground between Succoth and Zarethan.

⁴⁷And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed* because *they were* very, very many; the weight of the bronze was not searched out. ⁴⁸And Solomon made all the vessels that *were* in the house of Jehovah: the altar of gold; and the table of gold on which *was* the bread of the presence; ⁴⁹and the lampstands, five on the right and five on the left before the sanctuary, of refined gold, and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *were* of gold; ⁵⁰and the basins, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the firepans *were* of refined gold; and the hinges for the doors of the inner house, for the Holy of Holies, for the doors of the house of the temple *were* of gold.

⁵¹And it was complete, all the work that king Solomon had made *for* the house of Jehovah. And Solomon brought in the sanctified things of his father David: the silver, and the gold, and the vessels he had put into the treasures of the house of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 8

¹Then Solomon gathered the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion. ²And all the men of Israel were gathered to king Solomon, in the month of Ethanim, at the feast, which is the seventh month. ³And all the elders of Israel came in, and the priests lifted up the ark, ⁴and brought up the ark of Jehovah, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the

holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those the priests and the Levites brought. ⁵And king Solomon and all the company of Israel who had assembled to him *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. ⁶And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah to its place, to the holy place of the house, into the Holy of Holies, to the place of the wings of the cherubs; ⁷for the cherubs were spreading forth *their* wings to the place of the ark, and the cherubs covered over the ark, and over its staves from above. ⁸And they lengthened the staves, and the heads of the staves were seen from the holy *place* on the front of the sanctuary, and were not seen outside; and they are there to this day. ⁹Nothing was in the ark, only the two tables of stone which Moses put there in Horeb, when Jehovah covenanted with the sons of Israel as they went out of the lands of Egypt. ¹⁰And it happened as the priests went out from the holy *place*, that the cloud filled the house of Jehovah, ¹¹and the priests were not able to stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Jehovah had filled the house of Jehovah.

¹²And Solomon said, Jehovah has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. ¹³I have surely built a house of loftiness for You, a settled place for You to abide in forever. ¹⁴And the king turned around his face and blessed the whole assembly of Israel; and all the assembly of Israel was standing. ¹⁵And he said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, God of Israel, who spoke by His mouth with my father David, and by his hand has fulfilled *it*, saying, ¹⁶From the day that I brought out My people, even Israel, from Egypt, I have not chosen a city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house for My name to be there; but I chose David to be over My people Israel. ¹⁷And it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of Jehovah, God of Israel; ¹⁸and Jehovah said to my father David, Because it has been in your heart to build a house for My name, you have done well that it has been in your heart; ¹⁹only, you shall not build the house, but your son who shall come out from your loins, he shall build the

house for My name. ²⁰And Jehovah has established His word that He spoke; for I have risen up instead of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah spoke, and have built the house for the name of Jehovah the God of Israel; ²¹and set there a place for the ark, in which *is* the covenant of Jehovah which He made with our fathers when He brought them out from the land of Egypt.

²²And Solomon stood before the altar of Jehovah, across from the assembly of Israel, and spread his palms toward the heavens; ²³and said, Jehovah, God of Israel, there is no God like You in the heavens above or on the earth beneath; who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants, that walk before You with all their heart; ²⁴who have kept for Your servant David, my father, that which You spoke to him; yea, You spoke with Your mouth, and with Your hand have fulfilled *it as it is* this day. ²⁵And now, Jehovah, God of Israel, keep for Your servant David, my father, that which You spoke to him, saying, There shall not be cut off from you a man from before Me, sitting on the throne of Israel; only, if your sons watch their way, to walk before Me as you have walked before Me. ²⁶And now, O God of Israel, let it be established, I beseech You, Your word which You have spoken to Your servant, my father David. ²⁷But will God in truth dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built! ²⁸Yet You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant, and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today; ²⁹for Your eyes are open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, My name shall be there; to listen to the prayer which Your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰And You shall listen to the supplication of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place; yea, You shall listen in Your dwelling-place, in Heaven; and *You shall* hear and shall forgive.

³¹If any man sins against his neighbor, and an oath be exacted of him to cause him

to swear, and the oath has come before Your altar in this house, ³²then You shall hear in Heaven, and shall act, and shall judge Your servants, to declare the wicked wicked, to put his way on his head, and to declare the righteous righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

³³When Your people Israel are stricken before the enemy, when they sin against You, if they turn again to You, and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this house; ³⁴then You shall hear in Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and shall bring them back to the land that You gave to their fathers.

³⁵When the heavens are restrained, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You, and they have prayed toward this place, and confess Your name, and have turned from their sin because You have afflicted them, ³⁶then You shall hear in Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, for You shall teach them the good way in which they shall go, and shall give rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

³⁷When there is famine in the land; when there is pestilence, blasting, mildew, locusts; when there is the stripping locust; when its enemy has distressed it in the land *in* its gates; any plague, any sickness, ³⁸any prayer, any supplication that *shall come* from any man of all of Your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and shall spread his palms toward this house, ³⁹then You shall hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and shall forgive, and shall act, and shall give to each according to all his ways, whose heart You know—for You have known, You alone, the heart of all the sons of Adam—⁴⁰so that they shall fear You all the days that they are living on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers. ⁴¹And also, to the stranger who is not of Your people Israel, and has come from a land afar off for Your name's sake—⁴²for they shall hear of Your great name, and of Your strong hand, and of Your stretched-out arm—and he shall have come in and prayed toward this house, ⁴³You shall hear in Heaven, Your

dwelling-place, and shall do according to all that the stranger calls to You for, so that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, to fear You like Your people Israel, and to know that Your name has been called on this house which I have built.

⁴⁴If Your people shall go out to battle against its enemy, in the way that You have sent them, and they have prayed to Jehovah the way of the city which You have chosen, and of the house which I have built for Your name, ⁴⁵then hear their prayer and their supplication in Heaven, and maintain their cause.

⁴⁶When they sin against You — for there is not a man who does not sin — and You have been angry with them, and have given them up before an enemy, and they have been led away into captivity to the land of the enemy, far off or near; ⁴⁷and they have turned their heart back in the land where they have been taken captive, and have repented, and made supplication to You in the land of their captors, saying, We have sinned and done perversely; we have done wickedly; ⁴⁸and, they have turned back to You with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies who have taken them captive, and have prayed to You the way of their land, which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name, ⁴⁹then You shall hear their prayer and their supplication in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and shall maintain their cause, ⁵⁰and shall forgive Your people who have sinned against You, even all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You, and shall give them mercy before their captors, and they shall have mercy on them. ⁵¹For they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out of Egypt, out of the midst of the furnace of iron — ⁵²for Your eyes shall be open to the supplication of Your servant, and to the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call to You for; ⁵³for You have separated them to Yourself for an inheritance out of all the peoples of the earth, as You spoke by the hand of Your servant Moses when You brought out our fathers from Egypt, O Lord Jehovah.

⁵⁴And it happened, as Solomon finished praying to Jehovah all this prayer and supplication, he arose from before the altar of Jehovah, from bending on his knees, and his palms spread out to Heaven; ⁵⁵and he stood and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, ⁵⁶Blessed be Jehovah who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He has spoken; not one word of all His good word has fallen, which He spoke by the hand of His servant Moses. ⁵⁷Jehovah our God is with us as He has been with our fathers; He shall not forsake us or leave us; ⁵⁸to incline our heart to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commands, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers; ⁵⁹and these words of mine which I have prayed before Jehovah be near to Jehovah our God by day and by night, to maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel, the matter of each day in its day; ⁶⁰for all the peoples of the earth know that Jehovah, He is God; there is no other; ⁶¹let your heart therefore be perfect with Jehovah our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

⁶²And the king and all Israel with him were offering a sacrifice before Jehovah; ⁶³and Solomon offered the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he had offered to Jehovah: twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep; and the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of Jehovah. ⁶⁴On that day the king sanctified the middle of the court that was before the house of Jehovah, for he had made the burnt offering there, and the food offering, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the bronze altar that was before Jehovah was too small to contain the burnt offering, and the food offering, and the fat of the peace offerings. ⁶⁵And at that time Solomon made a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt, before Jehovah our God, seven days and seven days, fourteen days. ⁶⁶On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king, and went to their tents, rejoicing and glad of heart for

all the good that Jehovah had done to His servant David, and to His people Israel.

CHAPTER 9

¹And it happened, as Solomon finished building the house of Jehovah, and the house of the king, and all the desire of Solomon that he delighted to do, ²that Jehovah appeared to Solomon a second time, as He appeared to him in Gibeon. ³And Jehovah said to him, I have heard your prayer and your supplication with which you have made supplication before Me; I have hallowed this house that you have built to put My name there forever; and My eyes and My heart shall be there forever. ⁴And you, if you walk before me as your father David walked, in singleness of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you — you shall keep My statutes and My judgments — ⁵then I shall establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I spoke to your father David, saying, There shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel. ⁶If you at all turn back, you and your sons, from following me, and do not keep My commands, My statutes which I have set before you, and you shall go and serve other gods and bow yourselves to them, ⁷then I shall cut off Israel from the face of the land that I have given to them, and the house that I have hallowed for My name I shall send away from My face, and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. ⁸As to this house, *which* is high, everyone passing by it shall be astonished and shall hiss, and they shall say, Why has Jehovah done this to this land and to this house? ⁹And they shall say, Because they have forsaken Jehovah their God, who brought their fathers out from the land of Egypt, and they laid hold on other gods and bowed themselves to them and served them. On account of this Jehovah has brought in upon them all this evil.

¹⁰And it happened, at the end of twenty years Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Jehovah and the house of the king. ¹¹Hiram the king of Tyre had lifted Solomon with cedar trees and with fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire; then king Solomon gave to Hiram

twenty cities in the land of Galilee. ¹²And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, and they were not right in his eyes. ¹³And he said, What *are* these cities that you have given to me, my brother? And one called them the land of Cabul to this day. ¹⁴And Hiram sent to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold.

¹⁵And this is the reason of the labor force that king Solomon raised, to build the house of Jehovah, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer — ¹⁶Pharaoh the king of Egypt had gone up and had captured Gezer, and had burned it with fire, and he killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and gave it as a dowry to his daughter, the wife of Solomon — ¹⁷and Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the lower, ¹⁸and Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land; ¹⁹and all the store-cities which Solomon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities of the horsemen, and the desire of Solomon that he desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. ²⁰All the people that were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who *were* not of the sons of Israel, ²¹their sons who were left behind them in the land, whom the sons of Israel had not been able to exterminate, Solomon even caused to go on them a burden of forced labor to this day. ²²But Solomon did not choose a slave out of the sons of Israel, for they *were* the men of war, and his servants, and his rulers, and his commanders, and the commanders of his chariots, and his horsemen. ²³These *were* the commanders of the officers who *were* over the work of Solomon: five hundred and fifty, those ruling among the people who were laboring in the work.

²⁴But the daughter of Pharaoh went up out of the city of David to her house that he built for her; then he built Millo.

²⁵And three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he built to Jehovah, and he burned incense on the altar that *was* before Jehovah, and finished the house.

²⁶And king Solomon built a navy in

Ezion-geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the lip of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. ²⁷And Hiram sent his servants in the navy, shipmen who knew the sea, with the servants of Solomon; ²⁸and they came to Ophir and took gold from there, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* in to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 10

¹And the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon as to the name of Jehovah, and she came to test him with hard questions. ²And she came to Jerusalem with a very great company, camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones. And she came to Solomon and spoke with him all that had been in her heart. ³And Solomon told her all her matters; there was not one thing hidden from the king that he did not declare to her. ⁴And the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he built, ⁵and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the standing of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cupbearers, and his burnt offering that he offered in the house of Jehovah; and there was no more breath in her. ⁶And she said to the king, The word that I heard in my land was true as to your matters and your wisdom. ⁷And I did not believe the words until I had come, and my eyes had seen; and behold, the half was not told to me; you have wisdom and prosperity exceeding the fame which I heard. ⁸O the happiness of your men! O the happiness of your servants, these who stand before you continually, who hear your wisdom! ⁹Blessed be Jehovah your God who delighted in you, to put you on the throne of Israel, because Jehovah loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do judgment and righteousness. ¹⁰And she gave to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and very many spices, and precious stones; no spice like that came any more for abundance, that the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. ¹¹And also, the navy of Hiram that bore gold from Ophir brought in from Ophir almug trees, a great many, and precious stones; ¹²and the king made the almug trees a support for the house of Jehovah,

and for the king's house, and harps and lyres for singers; no such almug trees have come, nor have there been seen *such* to this day. ¹³And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire that she asked, apart from that which he gave to her as a memorial of king Solomon. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

¹⁴And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, ¹⁵apart from the merchant men, and from the traffic of the spice merchants, and from all the dusky kings, and from the governors of the lands.

¹⁶And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred of gold went to one target; ¹⁷and three hundred shields of beaten gold: three minas of gold went to one shield; and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

¹⁸And the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with refined gold. ¹⁹The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round behind; and stays *were* on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays; ²⁰and twelve lions were standing on the six steps, on this *side* and on that; there was not the like made in any kingdom.

²¹And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were* of refined gold; there was none of silver — it was not counted for anything in the days of Solomon; ²²for the king had a navy of Tarshish at sea with a navy of Hiram; once in three years the navy of Tarshish would come bearing gold, and silver, and ivory, and apes, and peacocks. ²³And king Solomon was greater than any of the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom; ²⁴and all the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom that God had put into his heart; ²⁵and they were each one bringing his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

²⁶And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen, and he had a thousand, four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; and he placed them in the cities

of the chariots, and with the king in Jerusalem. ²⁷And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as the sycamores that *are* in the low country, for abundance. ²⁸And the horses that king Solomon had were brought from Egypt, and from Kue; the king's merchants received them from Kue at a price; ²⁹and a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria they brought *them* out by their means.

CHAPTER 11

¹And king Solomon loved many foreign women, even the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, Hittites; ²of the nations which Jehovah said to the sons of Israel, You shall not go in to them, and they shall not go in to you; surely they shall turn aside your heart after their gods; Solomon clung to these in love. ³And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. ⁴And it happened, at the time Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God, like the heart of his father David. ⁵And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites; ⁶and Solomon did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and did not *go* fully after Jehovah like his father David. ⁷Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon; ⁸and so he did for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods.

⁹And Jehovah *was* angry with Solomon, for his heart had bent away from Jehovah, God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, ¹⁰and had given a charge to him concerning this thing, not to go after other gods; and he did not keep that which Jehovah commanded. ¹¹And Jehovah said to Solomon, Because this has been done by you, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes that I charged

upon you, I shall surely tear the kingdom from you and shall give it to your servant. ¹²Only, I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I shall tear it out of the hand of your son. ¹³Only I will not tear away all the kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.

¹⁴And Jehovah raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he *was* of the seed of the king in Edom. ¹⁵And it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom — ¹⁶Joab remained there six months, and all Israel, until every male in Edom was cut off — ¹⁷and Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of the servants of his father with him, to go into Egypt; and Hadad *was* a little child. ¹⁸And they rose up out of Midian and came to Paran, and took men with them out of Paran and came into Egypt, to Pharaoh the king of Egypt; and he gave him a house and commanded bread for him, and gave land to him. ¹⁹And Hadad found much favor in the eyes of Pharaoh, and he gave him a wife, the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. ²⁰And the sister of Tahpenes bore him his son Genubath, and Tahpenes weaned him in Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's house, among Pharaoh's sons. ²¹And Hadad had heard in Egypt that David had slept with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead. And Hadad said to Pharaoh, Send me away and I will go to my land. ²²And Pharaoh said to him, But what are you lacking with me, that, lo, you are seeking to go to your land? And he said, Nothing. However, you shall certainly send me away.

²³And God raised up an adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord Hadadezer the king of Zobah. ²⁴And he gathered men to himself, and was head of a troop when David killed them. And they went to Damascus and lived in it, and reigned in Damascus. ²⁵And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon — besides the evil that

Hadad *did* — and he despised Israel, and reigned over Syria.

²⁶And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, a servant of Solomon — and his mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman—he also lifted up a hand against the king. ²⁷And this was the thing *for* which he lifted up *his* hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, repairing the breaks of the city of his father David. ²⁸And the man Jeroboam was a mighty warrior. And Solomon saw the young man, that he was doing work. And *he* appointed him to all the burden of the house of Joseph. ²⁹And at that time it happened that Jeroboam had gone out from Jerusalem, and Ahijah the Shilonite, the prophet, found him in the way. And he covered himself with a new garment, and both of them *were* by themselves in a field. ³⁰And Ahijah laid hold on the new garment on him, and tore it *into* twelve pieces. ³¹And *he* said to Jeroboam, Take ten pieces for yourself. For so says Jehovah, God of Israel, Behold, I am tearing the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and giving to you the ten tribes. ³²And he shall have the one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel. ³³Because they have forsaken Me, and bow themselves to Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians; to Chemosh the god of Moab; to Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and have not walked in My ways, to do the right in My eyes, and My statutes and My judgments, as his father David *did*. ³⁴But I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for My servant David's sake, whom I chose, because he kept My commands and My statutes. ³⁵But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, ten tribes. ³⁶And I will give one tribe to his son, that there may be a lamp to My servant David before Me all the days in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen to Myself, to put My name there. ³⁷And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel. ³⁸And it shall be, if you shall hear all that I command you, and shall walk in My ways, and do that

which is right in My eyes, to keep My statutes and My commands, as My servant David did, then I shall be with you and shall build a sure house for you, as I built for David, and shall give Israel to you. ³⁹And for this I will humble the seed of David; but not forever. ⁴⁰And Solomon sought to put Jeroboam to death, and Jeroboam rose up and fled to Egypt, to Shishak the king of Egypt; and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

⁴¹And the rest of the matters of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon? ⁴²And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel were forty years; ⁴³and Solomon lay with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ²And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard —and he was still in Egypt where he had fled from the face of Solomon the king, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt— ³that they sent and called for him; and they came, Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, "Your father made our yoke hard; and now you should lighten *some* of the hard service of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve you. ⁴And he said to them, Go; yet in three days come back to me. And the people went.

⁵And king Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had been standing before the face of his father Solomon while he was alive, saying, How do you advise in order to answer this people? ⁶And they spoke to him, saying, If you are servant to this people today, and will serve them, and answer them and speak to them good words, then they will be servants to you forever. ⁷But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they advised him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, who were standing before him. ⁸And he said to them, What do you advise, and we shall answer the people who have spoken to me, saying, Lighten

some of the yoke that your father put upon us? ¹⁰And they spoke to him, the young men who had grown up with him, saying, So you shall say to this people who have spoken to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, and you make it light on us; so you shall speak to them, My little finger is thicker than the loins of my father, ¹¹now my father laid a heavy yoke on you, and I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I will surely chastise you with scorpions. ¹²And they came, Jeroboam and all the people, to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had spoken, saying, Come back to me on the third day. ¹³And the king replied to the people harshly, and forsook the counsel of the elders which they advised him, ¹⁴and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I shall add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I will surely chastise you with scorpions. ¹⁵And the king did not listen to the people, for the revolution was from Jehovah, in order to establish His word that Jehovah spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

¹⁶And all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, and the people sent the king back word, saying, What portion do we have in David? Yea, there is no inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your tents, O Israel; now see to your house, O David! And Israel went to its tents. ¹⁷As to the sons of Israel, those living in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. ¹⁸And king Rehoboam sent Adoram who was over the tribute, and all Israel threw stones at him, and he died. And king Rehoboam made haste to go up into a chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day. ²⁰And it happened when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the company, and caused him to reign over all Israel; none followed after the house of David except the tribe of Judah only.

²¹And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, and gathered all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen makers of war to

fight with the house of Israel, to bring back the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, ²²then the word of God came to Shemaiah a man of God, saying, ²³Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, the king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah, and Benjamin, and the rest of the people, saying, ²⁴So says Jehovah, You shall not go up nor fight with your brothers the sons of Israel. Each turn back to his house, for this thing has been from Me. And they heard the word of Jehovah, and turned to go back, according to the word of Jehovah.

²⁵And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hills of Ephraim and lived in it, and went out from there and built Peniel. ²⁶And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now the kingdom shall turn back to the house of David; ²⁷if this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people shall turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam the king of Judah, and they will kill me and go again to Rehoboam the king of Judah. ²⁸And the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt! ²⁹And he set the one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. ³⁰And this thing became a sin, for the people went before the one, to Dan. ³¹And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of people, who were not of the sons of Levi. ³²And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, in the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah; and he offered on the altar, so he did in Bethel, to sacrifice to the calves which he made; and he made stand in Bethel the priests of the high places that he made. ³³And he offered up on the altar that he made in Bethel, on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month that he devised out of his own heart; and he made a feast for the sons of Israel, and offered on the altar, to burn incense.

CHAPTER 13

¹And, behold, a man of God had come from Judah to Bethel, by the word of Jehovah, and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. ²And he cried against the altar, by the word of Jehovah,

and said, Altar! Altar! So says Jehovah: Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, his name Josiah, and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who are burning incense on you, and they shall burn the bones of man on you. ³And on that day he gave a sign, saying, This *is* the sign that Jehovah has spoken, Behold, the altar is torn, and the ashes that *are* on it poured out. ⁴And it happened, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which he had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put out his hand from the altar, saying, Seize him. And his hand which he put out against him withered, and he was not able to bring it back to him. ⁵And the altar was torn, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of Jehovah. ⁶And the king answered and said to the man of God, Please entreat the face of Jehovah your God, and pray for me, and my hand shall come back to me. And the man of God entreated the face of Jehovah, and the hand of the king came back to him, and it was as at the beginning. ⁷And the king spoke to the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a gift. ⁸And the man of God said to the king, If you would give me the half of your house, I would not go in with you, nor will I eat bread, nor will I drink water in this place. ⁹For so He commanded me by the word of Jehovah, saying, You shall not eat bread nor drink water, nor turn back in the way that you have come. ¹⁰And he went on another way, and did not turn back in the way in which he came into Bethel.

¹¹And a certain aged prophet was living in Bethel, and his son came and told him all the deeds that the man of God had done that day in Bethel, the words that he had spoken to the king; yea, they told them to their father. ¹²And their father said to them, Where *is* this *man*, what way did he go? And his sons saw the way that the man of God from Judah had gone. ¹³And he said to his sons, Saddle the ass for me. And they saddled the ass for him, and he rode on it, ¹⁴and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak tree. And *he* said to him, Are you the man

of God who has come from Judah? And he said, *I am*. ¹⁵Then he said to him, Come home with me and eat bread. ¹⁶And he said, I am not able to go back with you, and to go in with you, nor may I eat bread or drink water with you in this place; ¹⁷for a word *came* to me by the word of Jehovah, You shall not eat bread nor drink water there; you shall not turn back to go in the way in which you came. ¹⁸And he said to him, I also *am* a prophet like yourself, and an angel spoke to me by the word of Jehovah, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, and he shall eat bread and water—he lied to him. ¹⁹And he turned back with him and ate bread in his house and drank water.

²⁰And it happened *as* they were sitting at the table, and a word of Jehovah came to the prophet who brought him back; ²¹and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, So says Jehovah, Because you have resisted the mouth of Jehovah, and have not kept the command that Jehovah your God charged you, ²²and turned back and ate bread and drank water in the place of which He said to you, You shall not eat bread nor drink water; your carcase shall not come to the burying-place of your fathers.

²³And after he ate bread and after he drank, it happened that he saddled the ass for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back. ²⁴And he left, and a lion found him in the way and killed him; and his carcase was thrown down in the way, and the ass was standing near it, and the lion was standing near the carcase. ²⁵And behold; men were passing by and saw the carcase thrown in the way, and the lion standing near the carcase; and they came and reported *it* in the city in which the old prophet lived. ²⁶And the prophet who brought him back out of the way heard and said, It *is* the man of God who provoked the mouth of Jehovah, and Jehovah gave him to the lion, and it tore him apart and killed him, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke to him. ²⁷And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle the ass for me. And they saddled. ²⁸And he went and found the carcase thrown down in the way, and the ass and the lion were standing near the carcase; the lion had not eaten

the carcase nor had he torn apart the ass. ²⁹And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God and placed it on the ass, and brought it back; and the old prophet came into the city to mourn and to bury him. ³⁰And he placed his carcase in his own grave, and they mourned for him, O, my brother! ³¹And it happened, after he buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, At my death, you shall bury me in the burying-place in which the man of God is buried; place my bones beside his bones; ³²for the word that he cried by the word of Jehovah concerning the altar which *is* in Bethel, and concerning all the houses of the high places that *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely occur.

³³After this thing Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but turned again and made from the lowest of the people priests of high places; he who desired, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places. ³⁴And in this thing is the sin of the house of Jeroboam, even to blot *it* from off the face of the earth.

CHAPTER 14

¹At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam was sick. ²And Jeroboam said to his wife, Please rise up and disguise yourself, that you may not be known to be the wife of Jeroboam. And you shall go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet *is* there. He spoke to me of *being* king over this people. ³And you shall take ten loaves in your hand, and biscuits, and a flask of honey, and shall go in to him. He will tell you what shall become of the boy. ⁴And Jeroboam's wife did so, and rose up and went to Shiloh and entered the house of Ahijah. And Ahijah was not able to see, for his eyes were set because of his age.

⁵And Jehovah said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to ask a thing of you for her son. For he is sick. You shall say this and this to her, and it shall be, when she comes in, she will act as a foreigner. ⁶And it happened, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet *as* she came in the door, he said, Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why are you acting as a foreigner? And I am sent to you *with* a hard thing. ⁷Go, say to Jeroboam, So says Jehovah, God of Israel, Because I have exalted you

from among the people, and have appointed you leader over My people Israel; ⁸and have torn the kingdom from the house of David, and have given it to you — and you have not been as My servant David who kept My commandments, and who walked after Me with all his heart, to do only that *which* is right in My eyes; ⁹and you did evil above all who have been before you, and went and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger; and you have cast Me behind your back—¹⁰therefore, behold, I am bringing evil to the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him who urinates against the wall, bound and free in Israel; and will sweep away the rest of the house of Jeroboam as a man sweeps away the dung, until it is all gone. ¹¹The dogs shall eat those of Jeroboam who die in the city. And the birds of the heavens shall eat those who die in a field; for Jehovah has spoken. ¹²And you, rise up, go to your house. When your feet enter the city, the boy shall die. ¹³And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him, for only this one of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because there has been found in him a good thing toward Jehovah, God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. ¹⁴And Jehovah shall raise up a king over Israel for Himself, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam this day. And what? Even now! ¹⁵And Jehovah shall strike Israel as the reed waves in the water, and shall pluck up Israel from off this good land that He gave to their fathers. And *He* shall scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking Jehovah to anger. ¹⁶And He shall give up Israel because of the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned, and that he caused Israel to sin.

¹⁷And Jeroboam's wife rose up and left, and came to Tirzah. She came in to the threshold of the house, and the boy died. ¹⁸And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet. ¹⁹And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he fought, and how he reigned, behold, *they* are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel. ²⁰And the

days that Jeroboam reigned *were* twenty-two years. And he lay with his fathers, and his son Nadab reigned in his place.

²¹And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he began to reign. And he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Jehovah chose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah the Ammonitess. ²²And Judah did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and they provoked Him to jealousy above all their fathers did by their sins that they had sinned. ²³And they built, they also, high places for themselves, and standing pillars, and Asherim on every high hill, and under every green tree. ²⁴And also the sodomite *was* in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations that Jehovah expelled before the sons of Israel.

²⁵And it happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt went up against Jerusalem. ²⁶And he took the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house; yea, he took all. And he took all the golden shields that Solomon had made. ²⁷And king Rehoboam made in their place bronze shields. And he gave *them* into the hand of the commander of the runners, who kept the door of the king's house. ²⁸And it happened, when the king went to the house of Jehovah, the runners bore them, and brought them back to the room of the runners. ²⁹And the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ³⁰And there *was* war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. ³¹And Rehoboam lay with his fathers, and *was* buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah the Ammonitess. And his son Abijam reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 15

¹And in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah. ²He reigned three years in Jerusalem, and his mother's name *was* Maachah the daughter of Abishalom. ³And he walked in all the sins of

his father, those that he did before him, and his heart *was* not perfect with Jehovah his God, *as was* the heart of his father David. ⁴But for David's sake Jehovah his God gave to him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem. ⁵*For* David did that which *is* right in the eyes of Jehovah, and did not turn aside from all that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. ⁶And there *was* war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. ⁷And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? And there *was* war between Abijam and Jeroboam. ⁸And Abijam lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Asa reigned in his place.

⁹And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam the king of Israel, Asa reigned over Judah. ¹⁰And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem, and his mother's name *was* Maachah the daughter of Abishalom. ¹¹And Asa did that which *was* right in the eyes of Jehovah, like his father David. ¹²And *he* removed the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers made. ¹³And he also removed his mother Maachah from being queen, in that she made a horrid thing for Asherah. And Asa cut down her horrid thing and burned it by the brook Kidron. ¹⁴But they did not remove the high places. Only the heart of Asa *was* perfect with Jehovah all the days. ¹⁵And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated and his holy things, into the house of Jehovah, silver and gold and vessels. ¹⁶And there *was* war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. ¹⁷And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, to keep anyone from going out and coming in to Asa the king of Judah. ¹⁸And Asa took all the silver and gold that remained in the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house, and gave them into his servants' hand; and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, the king of Syria, who lived at

Damascus, saying, ¹⁹A treaty between you and me, between my father and your father! Behold, I have sent you a present of silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha the king of Israel, that he go up from me. ²⁰And Ben-hadad listened to king Asa, and sent his army commanders against the cities of Israel. And *he* struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. ²¹And it happened, when Baasha heard, he ceased building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. ²²And king Asa proclaimed to all Judah—none was exempt — and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber with which Baasha had built. And king Asa built with it Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah. ²³And the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities he built, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? Only, at the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. ²⁴And Asa lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David. And his son Jehoshaphat reigned in his place.

²⁵And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years. ²⁶And *he* did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin. ²⁷And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him. And Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which *was* the Philistines'. For Nadab and all Israel had laid siege to Gibbethon. ²⁸And in the third year of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha killed him, and reigned in his place. ²⁹And it happened when he reigned, he struck all the house of Jeroboam; he did not leave Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of Jehovah which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the man of Shiloh; ³⁰because of the sins of Jeroboam which he had sinned, and that he caused Israel to sin by his provocation with which he provoked Jehovah the God of Israel to anger. ³¹And the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they

not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? ³²And there was war between Asa and Baasha the king of Israel all their days. ³³In the third year of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah reigned over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty-four years. ³⁴And he did that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the word of Jehovah came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, ²Since I have raised you up out of the dust, and made you ruler over My people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and caused My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins; ³behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. ⁴Him who dies of Baasha in the city, the dogs shall eat; and him who dies of his in the field, the birds of the heavens shall eat. ⁵And the rest of the acts of Baasha, and that which he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? ⁶And Baasha lay with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah. And his son Elah reigned in his place.

⁷And also by the hand of Jehu the son of Hanani the prophet, the word of Jehovah came against Baasha, and against his house, and against all the evil that he did in the eyes of Jehovah to provoke Him to anger with the work of his hands, to be like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed him.

⁸In the twenty-sixth year of Asa the king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. ⁹And his servant Zimri, the captain of half of the chariots, conspired against him. And he *was* in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who *was* over the house of Tirzah. ¹⁰And Zimri came in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa the king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

¹¹And it happened, when he began to reign, as he sat on his throne, that he

struck all the house of Baasha; he did not leave him a one who urinated against the wall, nor of his kinsmen, nor of his friends. ¹²And Zimri destroyed the whole house of Baasha, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke as to Baasha, by the hand of Jehu the prophet; ¹³concerning all the sins of Baasha and the sins of his son Elah, that they sinned, and that they caused Israel to sin, to provoke to anger Jehovah the God of Israel with their vanities. ¹⁴And the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel?

¹⁵In the twenty-seventh year of Asa the king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. And the people were camped against Gibbethon, which was the Philistines'. ¹⁶And the people who were encamped heard, saying, Zimri has conspired and has struck the king. And all Israel made Omri the commander of the army to rule over Israel on that day in the camp. ¹⁷And Omri went up, and all Israel with him, from Gibbethon, and they laid siege to Tirzah. ¹⁸And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city would be captured, that he came into a high place of the king and burned the house of the king with fire over him, and died, ¹⁹for his sins that he sinned, to do that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to walk in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin that he did, to cause Israel to sin. ²⁰And the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his conspiracy that he made, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel?

²¹Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath to cause him to reign, and the other half after Omri. ²²And the people that followed Omri were stronger than the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath; and Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

²³In the thirty-first year of Asa the king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel, twelve years. He reigned six years in Tirzah; ²⁴then he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer, with two talents of silver, and built the hill, and called the name of the city that he built by the name of

Shemer, the owner of the hill—Samaria.

²⁵And Omri did that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and did evil above all who *were* before him, ²⁶and walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin, to provoke to anger Jehovah the God of Israel with their vanities. ²⁷And the rest of the acts of Omri that he did, and his might that he attained, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? ²⁸And Omri laid down with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria. And his son Ahab reigned in his place.

²⁹And in the thirty-eighth year of Asa the king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel. And Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years; ³⁰and Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the eyes of Jehovah above all who *were* before him. ³¹And it happened, as if it were a light thing that he walked in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took a wife, Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and bowed himself to it. ³²And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. ³³And Ahab made a shrine, and Ahab did still more to provoke to anger Jehovah the God of Israel than all the kings of Israel that were before him. ³⁴In his days Hiel the man of Bethel built Jericho; he laid its foundation in his firstborn Abiram, and he set up its doors in Segub his youngest, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 17

¹And Elijah the Tishbite, of the sojourners of Gilead, said to Ahab, *As Jehovah the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be no dew nor rain these years, except according to my word.* ²And the word of Jehovah came to him, saying, ³*Go away from here; and you shall turn eastward and shall hide by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.* ⁴*And it shall be, you shall drink of the brook; and I shall command the ravens to feed you there.* ⁵And he went and did according to the word of Jehovah; for he

went and lived by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. ⁶And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. ⁷And it happened after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸And the word of Jehovah came to him, saying, ⁹Rise up, go to Zarephath that *belongs* to Sidon; and you shall live there. Behold, I have commanded a widow-woman there to sustain you. ¹⁰And he rose up and went to Zarephath, and came in to the entrance of the city; and, behold, a widow-woman was gathering sticks. And he called to her, and said, Please bring to me a little water in a vessel, and I shall drink. ¹¹And she went to bring *it*. And he called to her and said, Please bring me a bit of bread in your hand. ¹²And she said, *As* Jehovah your God lives, I do not have a cake, only a handful of meal in a pitcher, and a little oil in a jar; and behold, I am gathering two sticks and will go in and prepare for myself and for my son; and we shall eat it, and die. ¹³And Elijah said to her, Do not fear, go, do according to your word, only first make me a little cake of it, and bring to me; and afterward prepare for you and for your son. ¹⁴For so says Jehovah the God of Israel, The pitcher of meal shall not be consumed, and the jar of oil shall not fail, until the day that Jehovah sends rain on the land. ¹⁵And she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she ate, she and he and her household, *many* days; ¹⁶the pitcher of meal was not consumed, and the jar of oil did not fail, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of Elijah.

¹⁷And it happened after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his illness was very severe until he had no breath left to him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to cause my iniquity to be remembered, and to put my son to death? ¹⁹And he said to her, Give me your son; and he took him out of her bosom, and caused him to go up into the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to Jehovah and said, Jehovah my God, have You also

brought evil on the widow with whom I am staying, by slaying her son? ²¹And he stretched himself on the child three times, and called to Jehovah and said, O Jehovah my God, I beg You, let the soul of this boy return to him. ²²And Jehovah listened to the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the boy returned to him, and he lived. ²³And Elijah took the boy and brought him down from the upper room of the house, and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, See your son lives! ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know this, that you *are* a man of God, and the word of Jehovah in your mouth *is* truth.

CHAPTER 18

¹And it happened after many days the word of Jehovah came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will give rain on the face of the earth. ²And Elijah went to be seen by Ahab. And the famine in Samaria was severe. ³And Ahab called to Obadiah, who *was* over the house — and Obadiah greatly feared Jehovah — ⁴and it happened, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Jehovah, that Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and had hidden them, fifty men in a cave, and had fed them with bread and water — and Ahab said to Obadiah, Go through the land to all the fountains of water, and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass and keep alive horse and mule, and will not cut off any of the livestock. ⁶And they divided the land to themselves, to pass over into it; Ahab went in one way by himself, and Obadiah went in another way by himself.

⁷And Obadiah *was* in the highway; and behold, Elijah *came* to meet him. And he recognized him, and *he* fell on his face, and said, Are you this one, my lord Elijah? ⁸And he said to him, I *am*; Go, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah. ⁹And he said, What have I sinned, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? ¹⁰*As* Jehovah your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you; and when they said, He is not *here*, then he caused the kingdom and the nation to swear that it did not find you. ¹¹And now, you are saying, Go, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah. ¹²And it shall

be, I will go away from you, and the Spirit of Jehovah will lift you up, where I do not know, and I will come to tell Ahab, and he will not find you, and he will kill me. And your servant has feared Jehovah from my youth. ¹³Was it not told to my lord that which I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of Jehovah, but I hid a hundred men of the prophets, fifty by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? ¹⁴And now you are saying, Go, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah —and he will kill me! ¹⁵And Elijah said, As Jehovah of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely today I will be seen by him.

¹⁶And Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

¹⁷And it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, Are you he, the disturber of Israel? ¹⁸And he answered, I have not disturbed Israel, but you and the house of your father, in that you have forsaken the commands of Jehovah, and you have gone after the Baals. ¹⁹And now send, gather all Israel to me, to Mount Carmel, and four hundred and fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets of Asherah, who eat at the table of Jezebel. ²⁰And Ahab sent among all the sons of Israel and gathered the prophets of Mount Carmel.

²¹And Elijah came near all the people and said, Until when are you limping over two opinions? If Jehovah *is* God, follow Him; and if Baal, follow him. But the people did not answer him a word. ²²Then Elijah said to the people, I, I alone, remain a prophet of Jehovah; but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men. ²³Then let them give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and place *it* on the wood, and place no fire. And I, I will prepare the other bullock and will put it on the wood, and I will not place fire. ²⁴And you shall call on the name of your god; and I, I will call on the name of Jehovah; and it shall be, the god who answers by fire, he *is* the God. And all the people answered and said, The word *is* good.

²⁵And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose the one bullock for yourself, and prepare first, for you *are* many; and you call on the name of your god, but place

no fire. ²⁶And they took the bullock that was given to them, and prepared, and called on the name of Baal from the morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, answer us! And there was no sound, and there was no one answering; and they leaped about the altar that one had made. ²⁷And it happened, at noon, that Elijah taunted them and said, Call with a loud voice, for he *is* a god; for he is meditating, or pursuing, or on a journey; it may be he is asleep and must be awakened. ²⁸And they called with a loud voice, and cut themselves, according to their way, with swords and with spears, until blood gushed out on them. ²⁹And it happened, as noon passed by, that they prophesied madly until the offering up of the offering; and there was no sound, and there was no one answering, and there was no one paying attention.

³⁰And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him; and he healed the altar of Jehovah that had been broken down.

³¹And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of Jehovah came, saying, Israel shall be your name. ³²And he built an altar with the stones, in the name of Jehovah, and made a trench around the altar large as two seahs of seed in space. ³³And he arranged the wood, and cut the bullock in pieces, and placed *it* on the wood, and said, Fill four water-jars of water and pour on the burnt offering and on the wood. ³⁴And he said, Do *it* a second time; and they did *it* a second time; and he said, Do *it* a third time; and they did *it* a third time. ³⁵And the water went around the altar, and also he filled the trench with water.

³⁶And it happened, at the offering of the sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that you *are* God in Israel, and I Your servant, that by Your word I have done all things. ³⁷Answer me, O Jehovah, answer me; and this people shall know that You *are* Jehovah God; and You shall turn their hearts back again. ³⁸And fire fell from Jehovah and burned up the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and the water that

was in the trench was licked up by it. ³⁹And all the people saw, and fell on their faces and said, Jehovah, *He is* the God; Jehovah, *He is* the God! ⁴⁰And Elijah said to them, Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let a man of them escape. And they caught them, and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and killed them there.

⁴¹And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink, because of the sound of abundance of rain. ⁴²And Ahab went up to eat, and to drink; and Elijah went up to the top of Carmel, and he stretched himself out on the earth, and he placed his face between his knees; ⁴³and said to his young man, Now go up, look closely to the way of the sea. And he went up and looked closely, and said, There is nothing; and he said, Go back seven times. ⁴⁴And it happened, at the seventh, that he said, Behold, a little cloud like the palm of a man is coming up out of the sea. And he said, Go up and say to Ahab, Bind up and go down, that the rain may not stop you. ⁴⁵And until this and this, it happened that the heavens became black *with* thick clouds and wind, and the rain was heavy; and Ahab rode and went to Jezreel; ⁴⁶and the hand of Jehovah was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and ran before Ahab until you enter Jezreel.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah did, and all how he killed all the prophets by the sword. ²And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do, and more so; if not at this time tomorrow I will cause your life to be as the life of one of them. ³And he was afraid, and rose up and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba of Judah, and left his young man there; ⁴and he himself went into the wilderness a day's journey, and came and sat under a certain broom tree. And he begged for his life, that he might die, and said, Enough, now, O Jehovah; take my life, for I *am* no better than my fathers. ⁵And he lay down and slept under a certain broom tree; and behold, an angel touched him and said to him, Get up, eat! ⁶And he looked, and behold, at his head *was* a cake on burning stones, and a jar of water; and he ate and drank, and turned and lay

down. ⁷And the angel of Jehovah returned a second time, and touched him, and said, Get up, eat, for the way is too great for you. ⁸And he rose up and ate and drank, and went in the power of that food forty days and forty nights, to the mount of God, Horeb.

⁹And he came there to the cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of Jehovah *came* to him, and said to him, What *are* you *doing* here, Elijah? ¹⁰And he said, I have been very zealous for Jehovah the God of Hosts, for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant; they have thrown down Your altars, and they have killed Your prophets with the sword, and I am left, I alone, and they seek to take my life. ¹¹And he said, Go out and stand on the mountain before Jehovah. And, behold, Jehovah passed by, and a great and strong wind tearing the mountains and breaking the rocks in bits before Jehovah! Jehovah was not in the wind. And after the wind was an earthquake, *but* Jehovah was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake was a fire, *but* Jehovah was not in the fire; and after the fire *came* a still, small voice. ¹³And it happened, when Elijah heard, that he wrapped his face in his robe and went out and stood at the cave opening; and, behold, a voice *came* to him, and it said, What are you doing here, Elijah? ¹⁴And he said, I have been very zealous for Jehovah, God of Hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant; they have thrown down Your altars, and they have slain Your prophets by the sword; and I, I alone, am left; and they seek to take my life. ¹⁵And Jehovah said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and you shall go in and anoint Hazael as king over Syria; ¹⁶and you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat, of Abelmeholah, as prophet in your place. ¹⁷And it shall be, he who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸And I have left in Israel seven thousand, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

¹⁹And he left there and found Elisha the

son of Shaphat; and he was plowing; twelve pairs *were* before him, and he *was* with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him, and threw his mantle upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back; for what have I done to you? ²¹And he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen, and sacrificed them, and boiled their flesh with the yoke of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and ministered to him.

CHAPTER 20

¹And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together; and there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it. ²And he sent messengers to Ahab the king of Israel, to the city, and said to him, So says Ben-hadad, ³Your silver and your gold are mine, and your wives and your sons, the best, are mine. ⁴And the king of Israel answered and said, According to your word, my lord, O king, I *am* yours, and all that I have. ⁵And the messengers came again and said, So says Ben-hadad, saying, Surely I sent to you, saying, Your silver and your gold and your wives and your sons you shall give to me; ⁶yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house, and your servants' houses; and it shall be that whatever is pleasing in your eyes, they will put it in their hand and take it away. ⁷And the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Please note, and see the evil this one is seeking, for he sent to me for my wives, and for my sons, and for my silver, and for my gold, and I did not withhold from him. ⁸And all the elders and all the people said to him, Do not listen nor consent. ⁹And he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, Say to my lord the king, All that you sent for to your servant at the first, I will do; but this thing I am not able to do; and the messengers went and took word back to him. ¹⁰And Ben-hadad sent to him, and said, So shall the gods do to me and more also, if the dust

of Samaria shall be enough for handfuls for all the people that follow me. ¹¹And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Do not let him that girds on boast himself like one who loosens *his armor*. ¹²And it happened when this word *was* heard, and he was drinking, he and the kings, in the booths, that he said to his servants, Set in order; and they set in order against the city.

¹³And behold, a certain prophet came near to Ahab the king of Israel, and said, So says Jehovah, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I am going to give it into your hand today, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. ¹⁴And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, So says Jehovah, by the young men of the rulers of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall begin the battle? And he answered, You. ¹⁵Then he numbered the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two; and after them he numbered all the people, even all the sons of Israel, being seven thousand. ¹⁶And they went out at noon, and Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the booths, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings helping him. ¹⁷And the young men of the rulers of the provinces went out at first; and Ben-hadad sent, and they told him, saying, Men have come out of Samaria. ¹⁸And he said, If they have come out for peace, seize them alive; and if they have come to battle, seize them alive. ¹⁹And these went out of the city, the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and the army which followed them. ²⁰And each struck his man, and Syria fled, and Israel pursued them; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse, and the horsemen. ²¹And the king of Israel went out and struck the horses, and the chariots, and struck the Syrians with a great blow.

²²And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said to him, Go, make yourself strong, and look and see what you do; for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.

²³And the king of Syria's servants said to him, Their god is a god of the hills; on account of this they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely, we shall be stronger

than they. ²⁴And do this thing: take away the kings, each out of his place, and set commanders in their place. ²⁵And number to yourself an army like the army that was lost from you, even horse for horse and chariot for chariot; and we shall fight with them in the plain. Are we not stronger than they? And he listened to their voice and did so. ²⁶And it happened, at the turn of the year, that Ben-hadad called up the Syrians, and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel.

²⁷And the sons of Israel were called up, and were fed. And *they* went to meet them. And the sons of Israel camped before them, like two flocks of goats. And the Syrians filled the land. ²⁸And a man of God came near to the king of Israel and said, So says Jehovah, Because the Syrians have said, Jehovah *is* God of the hills, and not God of the valleys, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. ²⁹And they pitched, these against those, seven days. And it happened in the seventh day, the battle came up. And the sons of Israel struck Syria, a hundred thousand footmen in one day. ³⁰And those remaining fled to Aphek, to the city. And the wall fell on twenty-seven thousand of those left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner room. ³¹And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings. Please let us put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes on our heads, and we shall go to the king of Israel. It may be he will keep alive your life. ³²And they girded sackcloth on their loins, and ropes on their heads. And they came in to the king of Israel and said, Your servant Ben-hadad has said, Please let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? He *is* my brother. ³³And the men keenly observed, and quickly caught *it* from him, and said, Your brother Ben-hadad. And he said, Go, bring him. And Ben-hadad came out to him. And he took him up on the chariot. ³⁴And he said to him, The cities that my father took from your father, I give back. And you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria. Then I will let

you go with a covenant. And he cut a covenant with him and sent him away.

³⁵And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor, By the word of Jehovah, please strike me. And the man refused to strike him. ³⁶And he said to him, Because you have not listened to the voice of Jehovah, behold, you shall go from me, and a lion shall kill you. And he left him, and a lion found him and killed him. ³⁷And he found another man and said, Please strike me. And the man struck him, striking and wounding. ³⁸And the prophet went and stood for the king on the highway, and disguised himself with ashes on his eyes. ³⁹And as the king passed by, it happened that he cried to the king, and said, Your servant went out into the middle of the battle, and behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me, and said, Keep this man. If he is at all missing, then your life shall be for his life; or you shall weigh out a talent of silver. ⁴⁰And it happened, your servant was working here and there, and he was not *there*. And the king of Israel said to him, Your judgment *is* right. You have decided *it*. ⁴¹And he hurried and took the ashes from his eyes. And the king of Israel saw him, that he *was* of the prophets. ⁴²And he said to him, So says Jehovah, Because you have sent away the man I had devoted from your hand, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people. ⁴³And the king of Israel went to his house sullen and angry, and came to Samaria.

CHAPTER 21

¹And it happened after these things, Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, near the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria. ²And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, and it shall be a garden of green herbs for me; for it *is* near my house. And I will give to you in its place a better vineyard than it. If *it is* good in your eyes, I will give silver to you, the price of this one. ³And Naboth said to Ahab, Far be it from me, by Jehovah, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you. ⁴And Ahab came into his house sullen and angry over the word

which Naboth the Jezreelite spoke to him. For he had said, I will not give the inheritance of my fathers to you. And he lay on his bed and turned away his face, and would not eat food. ⁵And his wife Jezebel came in to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit sullen, that you are not eating food? ⁶And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, Give me your vineyard for silver, or if you desire, I will give you a vineyard in its place. And he said, I will not give you my vineyard. ⁷And his wife Jezebel said to him, Do you now rule over Israel? Rise up, eat food and let your heart be good. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. ⁸And she wrote letters in the name of Ahab, and sealed with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles in his city, dwelling with Naboth. ⁹And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. ¹⁰And set two men, sons of worthlessness, across from him; and they shall testify of him, saying, You have cursed God and the king. And they shall bring him out and stone him; and he shall die. ¹¹And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as was written in the letters that she sent to them. ¹²They proclaimed a fast, and made Naboth to sit at the head of the people. ¹³And two men, sons of worthlessness, came in and sat across from him. And the men of worthlessness testified of him before the people, even Naboth, saying, Naboth has cursed God and the king. And they took him out to the outside of the city, and stoned him with stones. And he died. ¹⁴And they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth has been stoned, and is dead.

¹⁵And it happened, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned, and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, Rise up, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, that he refused to give to you for silver. For Naboth is not alive, but dead.

¹⁶And it happened, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab rose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. ¹⁷And the

word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ¹⁸Rise up, Go down to meet Ahab the king of Israel, who is in Samaria. Behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to possess it. ¹⁹And you shall speak to him, saying, So says Jehovah, Have you murdered, and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him, saying, So says Jehovah, In the place where the dogs lick the blood of Naboth, so the dogs shall lick your blood, even yours. ²⁰And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he said, I have found *you*, because you have sold yourself to do that which is evil in the eyes of Jehovah. ²¹Behold, I shall bring evil on you, and shall take away your posterity, and cut off to Ahab him who urinates against a wall, both bond and free in Israel. ²²And I shall give up your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked to anger, and have caused Israel to sin. ²³And also Jehovah has spoken of Jezebel, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. ²⁴He who dies of Ahab in the city, the dogs shall eat. And the birds of the heaven shall eat him who dies in a field. ²⁵Surely, none has been like Ahab, who sold himself to do that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, whom his wife Jezebel incited. ²⁶And he did abominably, to go after idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom Jehovah expelled from before the sons of Israel. ²⁷And it happened, when Ahab heard these words, he tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. ²⁸And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ²⁹Have you seen that Ahab has been humbled before Me? Because he was humbled before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days. I will bring the evil on his house in the days of his son.

CHAPTER 22

¹And they continued three years; there was no war between Syria and Israel.

²And it happened in the third year, Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. ³And the king of Israel

said to his servants, Have you known that Ramoth-gilead is ours? And we remain still from taking it from the king of Syria's hand. ⁴And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go to battle with me, to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as you, my people as your people; my horses as your horses. ⁵And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Please inquire at the word of Jehovah today. ⁶And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, that the Lord may give it into the hand of the king. ⁷And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we might inquire of him? ⁸And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Yet one man, to seek Jehovah by him. But I hate him, for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil — Micaiah the son of Imlah. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. ⁹And the king of Israel called to a certain eunuch and said, Cause Micaiah the son of Imlah to hurry.

¹⁰And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah each was sitting on his throne, having put on their robes, in a grain-floor in the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets prophesied before them. ¹¹And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself. And he said, So says Jehovah, With these you shall push the Syrians until you have consumed them. ¹²And all the prophets were prophesying so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper. For Jehovah shall give it into the king's hand. ¹³And the messenger that had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets with one mouth are good to the king. Please let your word be as the word of one of them, and speak good. ¹⁴And Micaiah said, As Jehovah lives, Surely that which Jehovah says to me, that I will speak.

¹⁵And he came in to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to battle to Ramoth-gilead, or shall we forbear? And he said to him, Go up, and prosper, and Jehovah shall give it into the king's hand. ¹⁶And the king said to him,

How many times have I adjured you that you shall speak nothing to me but truth in the name of Jehovah? ¹⁷And he said, I have seen all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep that have no shepherd. And Jehovah said, These have no ruler; they shall each return to his house in peace. ¹⁸And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not say to you, He will not prophesy good of me, but evil? ¹⁹And he said, Therefore, hear the word of Jehovah: I saw Jehovah sitting on His throne, and all the host of Heaven were standing by Him, on His right and on His left. ²⁰And Jehovah said, Who shall entice Ahab, and he shall go up and fall in Ramoth-gilead? And this one said this, and this one said that. ²¹And a spirit came forth and stood before Jehovah, and said, I surely will entice him. ²²And Jehovah said to him, By what means? And he said, I will go out and shall be a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, You shall entice him, and also you are able. Go out and do so. ²³And now, behold, Jehovah has put a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all these prophets of yours; and Jehovah has spoken evil as to you! ²⁴And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Where did the Spirit of Jehovah pass over from me to speak with you? ²⁵And Micaiah said, Behold, You shall see on that day when you go into the innermost room to be hidden. ²⁶And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the ruler of the city, and to Joash the king's son. ²⁷And you shall say, So says the king, Put this one in the house of restraint, and cause him to eat the bread of oppression, and the water of oppression, until I come in peace. ²⁸And Micaiah said, If you at all return in peace, Jehovah has not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, O people, all of them.

²⁹And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. ³⁰And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself and enter into the battle. But you put on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle. ³¹And the king of Syria commanded the thirty-two commanders of the chariots, saying,

You shall not fight with small or great, but with the king of Israel. ³²And it happened, when the commanders of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, Surely he *is* the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight with him. And Jehoshaphat cried out. ³³And it happened, when the commanders of the chariots saw that he *was* not the king of Israel, they turned back from following him. ³⁴And a man drew a bow in his simplicity, and *he* struck the king of Israel between the joints and the breast-plate. And he said to his charioteer, Turn your hand and take me out from the battle, for I have been wounded. ³⁵And on that day the battle went on, and the king was caused to stand up in the chariot against Syria. And he died in the evening, and the blood of the wound poured out into the middle of the chariot. ³⁶And the cry passed through the camp when the sun went *down*, saying, Each to his city, and each to his land.

³⁷And the king died, and came to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. ³⁸And *they* rinsed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood when they had washed the armor, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke.

³⁹And the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the house of ivory that he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? ⁴⁰And Ahab lay with his fathers. And his son Ahaziah reigned in his place.

⁴¹And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab the king of Israel. ⁴²Jehoshaphat *was* a son of thirty-five years when he

began to reign. And he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. ⁴³And he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from it, doing right in the eyes of Jehovah. But the high places were not taken away; the people offered and burned incense yet in the high places. ⁴⁴And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel. ⁴⁵And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ⁴⁶And he took out of the land the rest of the sodomites which remained in the days of his father Asa. ⁴⁷No king *was* in Edom; a deputy *was* king. ⁴⁸Jehoshaphat *had* ten ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold. But they did not go, for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber. ⁴⁹Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat was not willing. ⁵⁰And Jehoshaphat lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David. And his son Jehoram reigned in his place.

⁵¹Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel. ⁵²And *he* did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. ⁵³For he served Baal, and bowed to it, and provoked to anger Jehovah the God of Israel, according to all his father had done.

THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS

CHAPTER 1

¹And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. ²And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper room in Samaria, and was sick. And *he* sent messengers and said to them, Go, ask of Baalzebub the god of Ekron if I will recover from this sickness. ³And an angel of Jehovah spoke to Elijah the Tishbite, Rise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, *Is it* because there is not a God in Israel *that* you are going to ask of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? ⁴And so Jehovah says this: You shall not come down from that bed on which you have gone up, but you shall surely die. And Elijah departed.

⁵And the messengers returned to him. And he said to them, What is this, that you have turned back? ⁶And they said to him, A man came up to meet us, and said to us, Go, return to the king who sent you. And you shall say to him, So says Jehovah, *Is it* because there is not a God in Israel *that* you are sending to ask of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? Therefore, you shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up, for you shall certainly die. ⁷And he said to them, What *was* the fashion of the man who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you? ⁸And they said to him, A hairy man, and a girdle of leather was girded about his loins. And he said, He is Elijah the Tishbite. ⁹And *the king* sent to him the commander of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him. And behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he spoke to him, O man of God, the king has said, Come down. ¹⁰And Elijah answered and said to the commander of fifty, And if I *am* a man of God, fire will come down from the heavens and consume you and your fifty. And fire came down from the heavens and consumed him and his fifty. ¹¹And he turned and sent another commander of fifty and his fifty to him. And he answered and said to him, O man of God, so says the king, Hurry, come down. ¹²And Elijah answered and said to them, If I *am* a man of God, fire will come down from the

heavens and will consume you and your fifty. And fire from God came down from the heavens and consumed him and his fifty.

¹³And he turned and sent a third commander of fifty and his fifty. And the third commander of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, O man of God, please let my life and the life of your servants, these fifty, be precious in your eyes. ¹⁴Behold, fire has come down from the heavens and has consumed the two commanders of the former fifties, and their fifties. And now let my life be precious in your eyes. ¹⁵And the Angel of Jehovah spoke to Elijah, Go down with him. Do not be afraid of him. And he rose up and went down with him to the king. ¹⁶And *he* said to him, So says Jehovah, Because you have sent messengers to ask of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, *is it* because there is not a God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore, you shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up, for you shall certainly die.

¹⁷And he died, according to the word of Jehovah that Elijah spoke. And Jehoram reigned in his place, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, for he had no sons. ¹⁸And the rest of the acts of Ahaziah that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel?

CHAPTER 2

¹And it happened, when Jehovah was to take up Elijah to Heaven in a tempest, Elijah and Elisha went from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, Please stay here, for Jehovah has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said, As Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that today Jehovah will take your lord from your head? And he said, Yes, I know. Keep silent. ⁴And Elijah said to him, Elisha, please stay here, for Jehovah has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As Jehovah lives,

and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they came into Jericho. ⁵And the sons of the prophets in Jericho came near to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that today Jehovah will take away your lord from your head? And he said, Yes, I know. Keep silent. ⁶And Elijah said to him, Please stay here, for Jehovah has sent me to the Jordan. And he said, As Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they went on, both of them. ⁷And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went on and stood afar off, across *from* them. And they both stood by the Jordan. ⁸And Elijah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the waters. And they were divided here and there, so that they both went over on dry ground.

⁹And it happened, when they were crossing, Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you. And Elisha said, Then let there now be a double mouth of your spirit on me. ¹⁰And he said, You have asked a hard thing. If you shall see me taken from you, it shall be so to you. And if not, it shall not be. ¹¹And it happened, as they were going on and speaking, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire *came*. And they separated between them both, and Elijah went up in a tempest to Heaven. ¹²And Elisha was watching, and he was crying, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen! And he did not see him again. And he took hold on his garments and tore them into two pieces.

¹³And he lifted up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and turned back and stood on the lip of the Jordan. ¹⁴And he took Elijah's mantle that had fallen from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where is Jehovah, the God of Elijah, even He? And he struck the waters; and they were split in two here and there, and Elisha crossed over. ¹⁵And when they saw him, the sons of the prophets across in Jericho, then they said, The spirit of Elijah has rested on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed to the earth to him. ¹⁶And they said to him, Behold, now, there are with your servants fifty men, mighty sons. Please let them go, and they shall seek your lord, lest the Spirit of Jehovah has taken him up and has cast

him on one of the mountains, or into one of the valleys. And he said, You shall not send. ¹⁷And they pressed on him until he was ashamed. And he said, Send. And they sent fifty men, and they sought three days and did not find him. ¹⁸And they returned to him, and he was staying in Jericho. And he said to them, did I not say to you, Do not go?

¹⁹And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, now, the site of the city is good, as my lord sees, but the waters *are* bad; and the ground causes barrenness. ²⁰And he said, Bring a new dish to me, and put salt there. And they took it to him. ²¹And he went out to the source of the waters and threw salt there, and said, So says Jehovah, I have given healing to these waters; there shall not be death and sterility there any more. ²²And the waters were healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha that he spoke.

²³And he went up from there to Bethel. And he was going up in the highway. And little boys came out from the city and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, bald head! Go up, bald head! ²⁴And he turned behind him and saw them, and declared them vile in the name of Jehovah. And two bears came out of the forest and tore forty-two boys of them. ²⁵And he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Jehoram the son of Ahab reigned over Israel in Samaria, in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah; and he reigned twelve years. ²And *he* did that *which* was evil in the eyes of Jehovah; only not like his father and his mother. For he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made. ³But he clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. He did not turn aside from it.

⁴And Mesha the king of Moab was a sheepmaster. And he paid a hundred thousand lambs to the king of Israel, and a hundred thousand rams *with* wool. ⁵And it happened, when Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. ⁶And king Jehoram went out in that day from Samaria, and called up all Israel.

7And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up. I *am* as you; my people as your people; my horses as your horses. 8And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom. 9And the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom. And they made a circuit of seven days' journey. And there was no water for the army, and for the livestock that *were* at their feet. 10And the king of Israel said, Alas, that Jehovah has called these three kings to deliver them into the hand of Moab! 11And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of Jehovah, that we may inquire of Jehovah by him? And one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, Here *is* Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah. 12And Jehoshaphat said, The word of Jehovah is with him. And the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went down to him. 13And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, No, for Jehovah has called these three kings in order to give them into the hand of Moab. 14And Elisha said, *As* Jehovah of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely, if I did not regard the face of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah I would not look toward you, nor see you. 15And now, bring a minstrel to me. And it happened, when the minstrel played, the hand of Jehovah was on him. 16And he said, So says Jehovah, Make this valley full of ditches. 17For so says Jehovah, You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain. Yet that stream-bed shall be filled *with* water, so that you may drink, both you and your livestock, and your animals. 18But this is a light thing in the eyes of Jehovah; He also has given Moab into your hand. 19And you shall strike every fortified city, and every choice city. And you shall fell every good tree, and you shall stop all the fountains of water. And you shall mar every good lot with

stones. 20And it happened in the morning, when the food offering was caused to go up, behold, water came by the way of Edom; and the country was filled with water.

21And all Moab had heard that the kings had come up to fight against them. And they were called together, every one *able* to gird on a girdle, and upward. And they stood by the border. 22And they rose up early in the morning. And the sun was shining on the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the opposite side *as* red as blood. 23And they said, This *is* blood. The kings surely have fought one another, and they each man struck his neighbor. And now to the plunder, Moab! 24And they came to the camp of Israel. And the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites. And they fled from before them. And striking they struck Moab. 25And they broke down the cities; and they each man cast his stone on every good piece of *land*, and filled it. And they stopped every fountain of water. And they felled every good tree, until there was left *only* Kirharaseth with its stones. But the slingers surrounded it and struck it.

26And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too strong for him, then he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords to break through to the king of Edom. And they were not able. 27And he took his son, the firstborn who would reign in his place, and caused him to go up *for* a burnt offering on the wall. And there was great wrath against Israel. And they left him and returned to the land.

CHAPTER 4

1And a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets had cried to Elisha, saying, My husband, your servant, is dead. And you know that your servant has seen Jehovah. And the lender has come to take my two children to himself for slaves. 2And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? Tell me. What do you have in the house? And she said, Your handmaid has nothing in the house except a pot of oil. 3And he said, Go, beg vessels for yourself from outside, from your neighbors, empty vessels. Do

not let *them* be few. ⁴And you shall go in and shut the door on you, and on your sons, and shall pour out into all these vessels. And you shall set aside the full ones. ⁵And she left him, and shut the door on her and on her sons. They carried to her, and she poured out. ⁶And it happened, when the vessels were full, she said to her son, Bring another vessel to me. And he said to her, There is no other vessel; and the oil stopped. ⁷And she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and repay your loan. And you and your sons shall live from the rest.

⁸And the day came that Elisha crossed over to Shunem. And a great woman *was* there. And she lay hold on him to eat bread. And it happened, as often as he passed by, he turned aside there to eat bread. ⁹And she said to her husband, Behold now, I know that he *is* a holy man of God who passes by us continually. ¹⁰Now let us make a little walled roof room, and let us set a bed for him there, and a table, and a chair, and a lampstand. And it shall be, when he comes to us, he shall turn in there. ¹¹And the day came when he came in there, and turned into the roof room, and lay there. ¹²And he said to his young man Gehazi, Call this Shunammite. And he called her, and she stood before him. ¹³And he said to him, Now say to her, Behold, you have trembled with all this care for us. What *shall I* do for you? Shall I speak to the king for you, or to the army commander? And she said, I live among my people. ¹⁴And he said, What then *shall I* do for her? And Gehazi said, Truly there is no son to her. And her husband *is* old. ¹⁵And he said, Call for her. And he called for her. And she stood at the door. ¹⁶And he said, At this season, according to the time of life, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, O man of God, do not lie to your handmaid. ¹⁷And the woman conceived and bore a son, at this season, according to the time of life that Elisha spoke of to her.

¹⁸And the boy grew, and the day came that he went out to his father, to the reapers. ¹⁹And he said to his father, My head! My head! And he said to the young

man, Carry him to his mother. ²⁰And he carried him, and brought him to his mother. And he sat on her knees until noon, and died. ²¹And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* on him, and went out. ²²And *she* called to her husband, and said, Please send to me one of the young men, and one of the asses, and I shall run to the man of God, and return. ²³And he said, Why are you going to him today; *it is* neither new moon nor sabbath? And she said, Peace. ²⁴And she saddled the ass and said to her young man, Lead on, and go. Do not hold back riding for me, except I speak to you. ²⁵And she went, and came to the man of God, to Mount Carmel. ²⁶And it happened, when the man of God saw her from afar, he said to his young man Gehazi, Behold, The Shunammite! ²⁷Now, please run to meet her, and say to her, *Is it* well with you? *Is it* well with your husband? *Is it* well with the boy? And she said, Well. ²⁸And she came to the mountain to the man of God, and lay hold on his feet. And Gehazi came near to thrust her away. But the man of God said, Let her alone, for her soul *is* bitter in her, and Jehovah has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me. ²⁹And she said, Did I ask a son from my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?

³⁰And he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand, and go. When you meet a man, you shall not greet him. And when a man shall greet you, you shall not answer him. And you shall lay my staff on the face of the boy. ³¹And the mother of the boy said, As Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he rose up and went after her. ³²And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff on the face of the boy. But there was no voice, and there was no hearing. And he turned back to meet him, and told him, saying, The boy has not awakened. ³³And Elisha came into the house. And, behold, the boy was dead, laid out on his bed. ³⁴And he went in and shut the door on both of them, and prayed to Jehovah. ³⁵And he went up and lay down on the boy, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and

his hands on his hands, and stretched himself on him. And the flesh of the boy became warm.³⁵ And he returned, and walked in the house, once here and once there. And *he* went up and stretched himself on him. And the boy sneezed seven times, and the boy opened his eyes.³⁶ And he called Gehazi and said, Call this Shunammite. And he called her, and she came in to him. And he said, Take up your son.³⁷ And she went in and fell at his feet, and bowed to the earth, and took up her son, and went out.

³⁸And Elisha returned to Gilgal. And the famine was in the land. And the sons of the prophets were sitting before him. And he said to his young man, Set on the big pot and boil soup for the sons of the prophets.³⁹ And one went out to the field to gather herbs, and found a vine of the field, and gathered gourds from it in the field. And *with* the lap of his garment full, *he* came in and shredded *them* into the pot of soup; for they did not know.⁴⁰ And they poured out for the men to eat. And it happened, when they were eating the soup, they cried out and said, Death *is* in the pot, O man of God! And they were not able to eat.⁴¹ And he said, Then bring meal. And he threw into the pot, and said, Pour out for the people, and they shall eat. And there was no evil thing in the pot.

⁴²And a man came from Baal-shalisha and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and ripe ears of grain in its husk. And he said, Give to the people, and they ate.⁴³ And his servant said, What? Should I set this before a hundred men? And he said, Give to the people, and they shall eat. For so says Jehovah, Eat and have *some* left.⁴⁴ And he set before them, and they ate, and left *some* of it, according to the word of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 5

¹And Naaman the commander of the army of the king of Syria was a great and exalted man before his lord, for Jehovah had given deliverance to Syria by him. And he was a brave warrior, *but* leprous.² And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and they seized from the land of Israel a little girl. And she was before Naaman's

wife.³ And she said to her mistress, O that my lord *were* before the prophet who *is* in Samaria! Then he would recover him from his leprosy.⁴ And *one* went in and told his lord, saying, This and this she said, the girl who *is* from the land of Israel.⁵ And the king of Syria said, Go, go in, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he went and took in his hand ten talents of silver, and six thousand of gold, and ten changes of garments.⁶ And he came to the king of Israel *with* the letter, saying, And now when this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent to you my servant Naaman. And you shall recover him from his leprosy.⁷ And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his garments and said, Am I God, to kill and to keep alive, that this *one* is sending to me to recover a man from his leprosy? For consider now, and see, for he is coiling himself toward me.

⁸And it happened, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his garments, he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your garments? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.⁹ And Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go, and you shall wash seven times in the Jordan. And your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be clean.¹¹ And Naaman was angry, and went on, and said, Behold, I said, He will certainly come out to me and will stand and call on the name of Jehovah his God, and will wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper.¹² Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Shall I not wash in them and be clean? And he turned and went on in fury.¹³ And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, My father, if the prophet had spoken a great thing to you, would you not do *it*? How much rather then when he says to you, Wash, and be clean? ¹⁴And he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God. And his flesh returned like the flesh of a little boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵And he went back to the man of God, he and all his company, and came in and stood before him, and said, Behold, now I know that there is not a God in all the earth except in Israel. And now, please take a blessing from your servant. ¹⁶And he said, *As Jehovah lives, before whom I stand, I shall not take.* And he pressed on him to take, but he refused. ¹⁷And Naaman said, If not, please let a couple of mules' burden of earth be given to your servant. For your servant shall not make any more burnt offering and sacrifice to other gods, only to Jehovah. ¹⁸May Jehovah pardon your servant for this thing, when my lord goes to the house of Rimmon to bow there, and he is supported by my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon; when I bow myself *in* the house of Rimmon, may Jehovah pardon your servant in this thing. ¹⁹And he said to him, Go in peace. And he went away a little way from him.

²⁰And Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my lord has spared this Syrian, Naaman, not to receive from his hand that which he has brought. *As Jehovah lives, surely I will run after him, then I shall take something from him.* ²¹And Gehazi ran after Naaman. And Naaman saw one running after him, and got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Peace? ²²And he said, Peace. My lord has sent me, saying, Behold this now, two young men from the hills of Ephraim have come to me, of the sons of the prophets. Please give to them a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. ²³And Naaman said, Be pleased, take two talents. And he urged on him, and bound two talents of silver and two purses, and two changes of garments, and gave to two of his young men, and they carried before him. ²⁴And he came into the hill, and took out of their hand, and put away in the house, and sent away the men. And they went. ²⁵And he went in and stood by his lord. And Elisha said to him, Where from, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant did not go here or there. ²⁶And he said to him, Did not my heart go out when the man turned from his chariot to meet you. Is it a time to take silver, and to take garments, and olives, and vineyards, and flock, and herd, and male slaves, and slavegirls?

²⁷Yea, the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you, and to your seed forever. And he went out from him as leprosy as snow.

CHAPTER 6

¹And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, See, now, the place where we are living with you *is* too narrow for us. ²Please let us go to the Jordan, and we shall take each one a beam from there. And we shall make for ourselves a place there, to live there. And he said, Go. ³And the one said, Please be willing, and go with your servants. And he said, I will surely go. ⁴And he went with them. And they came to the Jordan, and cut down trees. ⁵And it happened that one was felling the log, and the iron fell into the water. And he cried out and said, Alas, my lord! For it was asked. ⁶And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he showed him the place. And he cut a stick and threw *it* in there, and caused the iron to float. ⁷And he said, Take it up to you. And he put out his hand and took it.

⁸And the king of Syria was fighting against Israel, and rose up with his servants, saying, At such and such a place *shall be* my camp. ⁹And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Be on guard in passing by this place, for the Syrians are coming down there. ¹⁰And the king of Israel sent to the place of which the man of God spoke to him and warned him. And he protected himself there not once nor twice. ¹¹And the heart of the king of Syria was enraged over this thing. And he called his servants and said to them, Will you not tell me who of us *is* for the king of Israel? ¹²And one of his servants said, No, my lord O king, For Elisha the prophet who *is* in Israel tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your sleeping room. ¹³And he said, Go and see where he *is*, and I will send and seize him. And it was told him, Behold, *he is* in Dothan. ¹⁴And he sent horses and chariots there, and a heavy army. And they came in by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵And the servant of the man of God rose up early and went out. And, behold, an army was surrounding the city, and horses and chariots. And his young man said to him, Alas, my lord! What shall we do? ¹⁶And

he said, Do not fear, for those with us *are* more than those with them. ¹⁷And Elisha prayed and said, I beg You, O Jehovah, open his eyes so that he may see. And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man. And he looked, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸And they came down to it, and Elisha prayed to Jehovah and said, I beg You, strike this nation with blindness. And he struck them with blindness, according to the word of Elisha.

¹⁹And Elisha said to them, This *is* not the way, nor *is* this the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you seek. And he led them to Samaria. ²⁰And it happened, when they came to Samaria, Elisha said, Open the eyes of these, O Jehovah, and they will see. And Jehovah opened their eyes, and they looked; and, behold, *they were* in the middle of Samaria! ²¹And when he saw them, the king of Israel said to Elisha, Shall I strike? Shall I strike, my father? ²²And he said, You shall not strike. Would you strike those whom you have captured with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them that they may eat and drink and go to their master. ²³And he prepared a great banquet for them, and they ate and drank. And he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the companies of Syria did not come into the land of Israel any more.

²⁴And afterwards it happened that Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army and went up and laid siege to Samaria. ²⁵And there was a great famine in Samaria. And, behold, they were laying siege to it until the head of an ass was at eighty silver *pieces*, and a fourth of a cab of dove's dung at five silver *pieces*. ²⁶And it happened that the king of Israel was passing by on the wall. And a woman cried to him, saying, Save, my lord, O king. ²⁷And he said, If Jehovah does not save you, from where shall I save you? Out of the threshing floor, or out of the winevat? ²⁸And the king said to her, What *ails* you? And she said, This woman said to me, Give your son and we will eat him today; and tomorrow we will eat my son. ²⁹And we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, and we

will eat him. But she hid her son. ³⁰And it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his garments. And he was passing by on the wall, and the people looked. And, behold, the sackcloth *was* inside on his flesh. ³¹And he said, So may God do to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall remain on him today.

³²And Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And *the king* sent a man from before him. Before the messenger came to him, even he himself said to the elders, Do you see that this son of the murderer has sent to take away my head? Behold, when the messenger comes in, shut the door, and you shall hold him fast at the door. Is not the sound of the feet of his lord behind him? ³³While he was speaking with them, then, behold, the messenger came down to him. And he said, Behold, this *is* the evil from Jehovah. Why should I wait for Jehovah any more?

CHAPTER 7

¹And Elisha said, Hear the word of Jehovah: So says Jehovah, About this time tomorrow a measure of fine flour *will be* at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. ²And the third officer on whose hand the king leaned replied to the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* Jehovah would make windows in the heavens, this thing might be. And he said, Behold, you shall see with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it.

³And four men, lepers, were at the gate entrance. And they said to one another, Why should we sit here until we die? ⁴If we say, We shall go into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there. If we sit here, then we shall die. Therefore now, come and we will fall into the camp of Syria. If they keep us alive, we shall live. And if they kill us, then we die. ⁵And they rose up in the twilight to go to the Syrian camp. And they came to the edge of the Syrian camp. And, behold, there was not a man there! ⁶For the Lord had caused the Syrian army to hear a sound of chariots, and a sound of horses, and a sound of a great army. And they said to one another, Behold, the king of Israel has

hired the kings of the Hittites against us, and the kings of Egypt, to come against us. ⁷And they rose up and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, the camp as it was. And *they* fled for their life.

⁸And these lepers came to the edge of the camp, and came into one tent, and ate and drank, and took up from there silver and gold and garments, and went and hid *them*. And they returned and went into another tent, and took from there, and went and hid *them*. ⁹And they said to one another, We are not doing right this day. It is a day of good news, and we are keeping silent. And if we wait until the morning light, then punishment will find us. And now come and we will go and tell the house of the king. ¹⁰And they came in and called to the gatekeeper of the city, and spoke for themselves, saying, We have come to the camp of Syria. And, behold, there is not a man there, nor voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*. ¹¹And he called the gatekeepers, and they told the house of the king inside.

¹²And the king rose up by night, and said to his servants, Let me show you now that which the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are famished, and they have gone out from the camp to hide in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, then we will catch them alive, and we shall come into the city. ¹³And one of his servants answered and said, Let them take now five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city. Behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel who have been left in it. Behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel who have perished. And we will send and see. ¹⁴And they took two chariots *with* horses, and the king sent after the Syrian army, saying, Go and see. ¹⁵And they went after them to the Jordan. And, behold, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels that the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. And the messengers returned and told the king. ¹⁶And the people went out and plundered the Syrian camp. And it happened, a measure of fine flour *sold* at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel, according to the word of Jehovah.

¹⁷And the king appointed the third officer over the gate, *he* on whose hand he leaned. And the people trod him down in the gate, and he died, as the man of God spoke, which he spoke when the king came down to him. ¹⁸And it happened according to the saying of the man of God to the king, saying, Two measures of barley at a shekel, and a measure of fine flour at a shekel; *this* shall be at this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria. ¹⁹And the third officer had answered the man of God, and said, And behold, if Jehovah should make windows in the heavens, it shall be according to this word. And he said, Behold, you shall see with your eyes, but you shall not eat from there. ²⁰And it happened to him in this way; yea, the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had revived, saying, Rise up and go, you and your household. And stay where you can stay, for Jehovah has called for a famine. And also, it shall come on the land seven years. ²And the woman rose up and did according to the word of the man of God. And she and her household went and stayed in the land of the Philistines seven years. ³And it happened at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines, and went to cry to the king for her house, and for her field. ⁴And the king was speaking to Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, Please tell me all of the great things that Elisha has done. ⁵And it happened as he was telling the king how he had revived the dead, then, behold, the woman whose son he had revived was crying to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, *this is* the woman, and *this is* her son whom Elisha revived. ⁶And the king asked the woman, and she told him. And the king appointed to her a certain eunuch, saying, Give back all that she has, and all the increase of the field from the day she left the land even until now.

⁷And Elisha came to Damascus. And Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick. And

he was told, saying, The man of God has come here. ⁸And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand and go to meet the man of God. And you shall seek Jehovah by him, saying, Shall I revive from this sickness? ⁹And Hazael went to meet him, and took a present in his hand, even of every good thing from Damascus, a burden of forty camels. And he came in and stood before him, and said, Your son Ben-hadad, the king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, Shall I revive from this sickness? ¹⁰And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, You shall surely revive. But Jehovah has shown me that he will surely die. ¹¹And he fixed his face; yea, he settled *it* until he was ashamed. And the man of God wept. ¹²And Hazael said, Why is my lord weeping? And he said, Because I know the evil that you will do to the sons of Israel. You will send their fortified places into fire, and you will slay their young men with the sword. And you will dash their sucklings to pieces; and you will rip up their pregnant women. ¹³And Hazael said, But what! *Is* your servant a dog that he should do this great thing? And Elisha said, Jehovah has shown me that you *will* be king over Syria. ¹⁴And he left Elisha and came to his lord, and he said to him, What did Elisha say to you. And he said, He said to me, You shall surely recover. ¹⁵And it happened on the next day, he took a plaited cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, and he died. And Hazael reigned in his place.

¹⁶And in the fifth year of Jehoram the son of Ahab the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat was king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, reigned. ¹⁷And he was a son of thirty-two years when he began his reign. And he reigned eight years in Jerusalem ¹⁸And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done, for a daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did *that which* was evil in the eyes of Jehovah. ¹⁹And Jehovah was not willing to destroy Judah, for His servant David's sake, as He had said to give him a lamp to his sons forever.

²⁰In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and they caused a king to reign over them. ²¹And Jehoram passed over to Zair, and all the chariots with him. And it happened, he rose up *by* night and struck Edom, who had encircled him and the commanders of the chariots. And the people fled to their tents. ²²Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. ²³And the rest of the acts of Jehoram, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ²⁴And Jehoram lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Ahaziah began to reign in his place.

²⁵In the twelfth year of Jehoram the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, began to reign. ²⁶Ahaziah was a son of twenty-two years when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri, the king of Israel. ²⁷And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, like the house of Ahab, for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab. ²⁸And he went with Jehoram the son of Ahab to battle with Hazael the king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead. And the Syrians struck Jehoram. ²⁹And Jehoram the king returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds with which the Syrians had struck him in Ramah, as he fought with Hazael the king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram the king of Judah had gone down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, for he was sick.

CHAPTER 9

¹And Elisha the prophet called to one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, Gird up your loins and take this vial of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. ²And you shall go there, and you shall see there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. And you shall go in and cause

him to rise up out from among his brothers. And *you* shall bring him *to* an inner room. ³And take the vial of oil and pour on his head, and say, So says Jehovah, I have anointed you as king to Israel. And you shall open the door and flee, and shall not wait.

⁴And the young man went, the servant of the prophet, *to* Ramoth-gilead. ⁵And *he* came in; and, behold, the army commanders were sitting. And he said, I have a word to you, O commander. And Jehu said, To which of all of us? And he said, To you, O commander. ⁶And he rose up and came into the house, and poured the oil on his head, and said to him, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I have anointed you as king to the people of Jehovah, to Israel. ⁷And you shall strike the house of your lord Ahab, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Jehovah from the hand of Jezebel. ⁸And all the house of Ahab shall perish. Yea, I have cut off to Ahab those who urinate against the wall, both bound and free in Israel. ⁹And I have given up the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. ¹⁰And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel. And there shall be none to bury *her*. And he opened the door and fled.

¹¹And Jehu went out to the servants of his lord. And *one* said to him, Is there peace? Why did this madman come to you? And he said to them, You know the man, and his message. ¹²And they said, A lie! Tell us now. And he said, This and this he said to me, saying, So says Jehovah, I have anointed you king over Israel. ¹³And they hurried, and each man took his garment and put *it* under him on the bare steps, and blew with the ram's horn, and said, Jehu reigns! ¹⁴And Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Jehoram — and Jehoram was keeping *watch* at Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel before Hazael the king of Syria; ¹⁵and king Jehoram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds with which the Syrians had smitten him as he fought with Hazael the king of Syria — and Jehu said, If it is in your mind, do not let one leave the

city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel. ¹⁶And Jehu rode and went to Jezreel, for Jehoram lay there. And Ahaziah the king of Judah had gone down to see Jehoram.

¹⁷And the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel. And *he* saw the troop of Jehu as he came. And *he* said, I see a troop. And Jehoram said, Take a rider, and send to meet them, and let him say, Peace? ¹⁸And the rider on the horse went to meet him, and said, So says the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What *have* you *to do* with peace? Turn behind me. And the watchman spoke, saying, The messenger came to them, and he has not returned. ¹⁹And he sent a second rider on a horse. And he came to them, and said, So says the king, Peace? And Jehu said, What *have* you *to do* with peace? Turn behind me. ²⁰And the watchman spoke, saying, He came to them, and he has not returned. And the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives madly. ²¹And Jehoram said, Harness up! And his chariot was harnessed. And Jehoram the king of Israel went out, and Ahaziah the king of Judah, each in his chariot. And they went out to meet Jehu, and found him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. ²²And it happened, when Jehoram saw Jehu, he said, Peace, Jehu? And he said, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of your mother Jezebel and her sorceries *are* so many? ²³And Jehoram turned his hands and fled, and said to Ahaziah, Treachery, O Ahaziah! ²⁴And Jehu filled his hand with a bow and struck Jehoram between his arms. And the arrow went out from his heart. And he sank down in his chariot. ²⁵And *Jehu* said to his third officer Bidkar, Take up, throw him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. For, remember, you and I were riding together after his father Ahab, and Jehovah laid this burden on him: ²⁶Surely yesterday I have seen the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, says Jehovah. And I will repay you in this portion, says Jehovah. Now, then, take *him* up, throw him into the portion, according to the word of Jehovah. ²⁷And Ahaziah the king of Judah saw, and fled the way of the garden-house. And Jehu pursued him, and said, Strike him, him also, in the chariot, in the ascent

to Gur, that *is*, Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo and died there. ²⁸And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his burying-place, with his fathers in the city of David. ²⁹And in the eleventh year of Jehoram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah reigned over Judah.

³⁰And Jehu came to Jezreel. And Jezebel had heard, and had painted her eyes and adorned her head, and looked down through the window. ³¹And Jehu came to the gate. And she said, *Was it peace to Zimri the slayer of his lord?* ³²And he lifted his face to the window, and said, *Who is with me? Who?* And two *or* three eunuchs looked down to him. ³³And he said, *Throw her down!* And they threw her down. And *some* of her blood was splashed on the wall, and on the horses. And he trampled her. ³⁴And he came in and ate and drank, and said, *Now look after this cursed woman, and bury her, for she is a king's daughter.* ³⁵And they went to bury her, but did not find *any* of her except the skull, and the feet, and the palms of the hands. ³⁶And they came back and told him. And he said, *It is the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel, the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel.* ³⁷And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, *This is Jezebel.*

CHAPTER 10

¹And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, the elders, and to the supporters of Ahab, saying, ²And now when this letter comes to you, and *you have* with you the sons of your lord, and chariots and horses *are* with you, and a fortified city, and armor; ³and you shall look out the best and the most upright of the sons of your lord, and *you* shall set *him* on the throne of his father. And you shall fight for the house of your lord. ⁴And they were greatly afraid, and said, *Behold, the two kings have not stood before him, and how shall we stand?* ⁵And he who *was* over the house, and he who *was* over the city, and the elders, and the

supporters, sent to Jehu, saying, *We are* your servants, and all that you say to us we will do. We will not make anyone king. Do what *is* good in your eyes. ⁶And he wrote a letter to them a second time, saying, *If you are* for me, and are listening to my voice, take the heads of the men, the sons of your lord, and come to me about this time tomorrow, to Jezreel. And the king's sons, seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, who reared them. ⁷And it happened, when the letter came to them, they took the sons of the king and killed them, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent to him in Jezreel.

⁸And the messenger came and told him, saying, *They have brought the heads of the king's sons.* And he said, *Make them two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning.* ⁹And it happened in the morning, he went out and stood, and said to all the people, *You are* righteous. *Behold, I have conspired against my lord, and have killed him. But who struck all these?*

¹⁰Then know that nothing of the word of Jehovah shall fall to the earth, that which Jehovah spoke against the house of Ahab. For Jehovah has done that which He spoke by the hand of His servant Elijah. ¹¹And Jehu killed all those left to the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and his great men, and his friends, and his priests, until he did not leave a survivor to him.

¹²And he rose up and came in, and went to Samaria, He *was at* the shepherds' shearing-house in the way. ¹³And Jehu met the brothers of Ahaziah the king of Judah, and said, *Who are* you? And they said, *We are* brothers of Ahaziah, and we are going down to *ask* the welfare of the sons of the king, and the sons of the queen. ¹⁴And he said, *Capture them alive!* And they captured them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing-house, forty-two men. And he did not leave a man of them.

¹⁵And he left there and found Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him, and blessed him. And he said to him, *Is your heart right, as my heart is* with your heart? And Jehonadab said, *It is.* If it is, give your hand. And he gave his hand, and he made him come up to him into the chariot. ¹⁶And he said, *come with me and see my zeal for Jehovah.* And they made

him ride in his chariot. ¹⁷And he came to Samaria, and killed all those left of Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke to Elijah.

¹⁸And Jehu gathered all the people, and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu shall serve him much. ¹⁹And now call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Do not let a man be lacking, for I shall have a great sacrifice to Baal. Anyone who is lacking, he shall not live. And Jehu was acting with cunning, in order to destroy the servants of Baal. ²⁰And Jehu said, Consecrate an assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it. ²¹And Jehu sent to all Israel, and all the servants of Baal came in. And there was not a man left who did not come in. And they came into the house of Baal, and the house of Baal was full from mouth to mouth. ²²And he said to him who *was* over the wardrobe, Bring out garments to all the servants of Baal. And he brought out the garments to them.

²³And Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab went in to the house of Baal, and said to the servants of Baal, Search and see that there *are* none of the servants of Jehovah here with you; but only the servants of Baal. ²⁴And they came in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. And Jehu had set for himself eighty men on the outside. And *he* said, The man who lets *any* of the men escape whom I am bringing into your hands, his life for the life of him. ²⁵And it happened, when he finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the runners and the third officers, Go in, strike them. Do not let any man come out. And they struck them by the edge of the sword. And the runners and the third officers threw *them* out. And they went into the city to the house of Baal, ²⁶and brought out the pillars of the house of Baal, and burned them. ²⁷And *they* broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it an outhouse to this day. ²⁸And Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

²⁹Only, from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, Jehu did not turn from following them, the calves of gold that *were* at Bethel, and in Dan. ³⁰And Jehovah said to Jehu,

because you have done well, to do that which *is* right in my eyes, and you have done to the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in My heart, the sons of the fourth generation shall sit for you on the throne of Israel. ³¹And Jehu did not take heed to walk in the law of Jehovah, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn from the sins of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin.

³²In those days Jehovah began to cut off in Israel, and Hazael struck them in all the border of Israel, ³³from the Jordan eastward, the whole land of Gilead, of the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer by the Arnon river, even Gilead and Bashan. ³⁴And the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? ³⁵And Jehu lay with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And his son Jehoahaz reigned in his place. ³⁶And the days that Jehu reigned over Israel *were* twenty-eight years, in Samaria.

CHAPTER 11

¹And Athaliah *was* the mother of Ahaziah. And when she saw that her son *was* dead, then she rose up and destroyed all the seed of the kingdom. ²But Jehosheba the daughter of king Jehoram, the sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons who were put to death, him and his nurse, in the room of sleeping. And they hid him from the face of Athaliah, and he was not killed. ³And he was with her in the house of Jehovah, hiding himself six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land.

⁴And in the seventh year, Jehoiada sent and called the rulers of the hundreds, with the Carites and the runners. And *he* brought them to him into the house of Jehovah, and cut a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of Jehovah. And *he* revealed the king's son to them. ⁵And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that you shall do. A third of you *shall* go in *on* the sabbath for keepers of the watch of the king's house.

⁶And a third *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third at the gate behind the runners. And you shall keep the watch of the house, alternately. ⁷And two parts of you, all who go out *on* the sabbath, they shall keep the watch of the house of Jehovah about the king. ⁸And you shall fully surround the king, each with his weapons in his hand. And he that comes within the ranks shall be put to death. And they shall be with the king as he goes in and comes out. ⁹And the rulers of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men, going in *on* the sabbath, with those going out *on* the sabbath, and came in to Jehoiada the priest. ¹⁰And the priest gave to the rulers of the hundreds the spears and the shield that *were* to king David, that *were* in the house of Jehovah. ¹¹And the runners stood, each with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, beside the altar and beside the house, by the king all around. ¹²And he brought out the son of the king, and put the crown on him, and the testimony. And they made him king, and anointed him, and clapped their hands, and said, Let the king live!

¹³And Athaliah heard the sound of the runners of the people. And she came to the people, *to* the house of Jehovah. ¹⁴And *she* looked, and, behold, the king was standing by the pillar, according to the custom. And the rulers and the trumpeters *were* beside the king. And all the people of the land were rejoicing, and blowing with trumpets. And Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, Treason! Treason! ¹⁵And Jehoiada the priest commanded the commanders of the hundreds who were set *over* the army, and said to them, Bring her out to the outside of the ranks; and he who comes after her put to death by the sword. For the priest had said, Do not let her be killed in the house of Jehovah. ¹⁶And they laid hands on her, and she entered the way of the horse-gate to the house of the king, and was executed there.

¹⁷And Jehoiada cut a covenant between Jehovah and the king and the people, to be for a people to Jehovah, and between the

king and the people. ¹⁸And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal and broke it down. They completely smashed its altars and its images. And they killed Matran the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest set guards over the house of Jehovah. ¹⁹And he took the commanders over the hundreds, and the Carites, and the runners, and all the people of the land. And they brought the king down from the house of Jehovah, and came by the way of the Runners' Gate to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. ²⁰And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city *was* quiet. And they had slain Athaliah by the sword in the king's house. ²¹Joash was a son of seven years when he began to reign.

CHAPTER 12

¹Joash reigned in the seventh year of Jehu, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. ²And Joash did that which was good in the eyes of Jehovah all his days in which Jehoiada the priest guided him; ³only, the high places were not destroyed; the people still sacrificed and offered incense in high places.

⁴And Joash said to the priests, All the silver of the sanctified things that is brought into the house of Jehovah, the silver coming over, each man the silver of his valuation, all the silver that comes upon any man's heart to bring into the house of Jehovah, ⁵and the priests shall take to themselves, each from his friend; and they shall repair the breach of the house, in all *places* where a breach may be found. ⁶And it happened, in the twenty-third year of King Joash, that the priests had not repaired the breach of the house. ⁷And king Joash called to Jehoiada the priest, and the priests, and said to them, Why have you not repaired the breach of the house? And now, do not receive any silver from your friends, but give it for the breach of the house. ⁸And the priests consented not to receive silver from the people, nor to strengthen the breach of the house. ⁹And Jehoiada the priest took a chest and cut a hole in its lid, and put it near the altar, on the right side, as one

comes into the house of Jehovah; and the priests who kept the door put in it all the silver that was brought into the house of Jehovah. ¹⁰And it happened, when they saw that the silver in the chest *was* plentiful, that a scribe of the king, and the high priest went up, and they bound *it* up, and counted the silver that was found *in* the house of Jehovah. ¹¹And they weighed silver into the hands of those doing the work, those overseeing the house of Jehovah; and they brought it out to the craftsmen in wood, and to the builders who were working on the house of Jehovah, ¹²and to the masons, and the stone cutters, and to buy wood and cut stone to strengthen the breach of the house of Jehovah; and for all that went out on the house, to make it strong. ¹³However, there were not made for the house of Jehovah basins of silver, snuffers, bowls, trumpets, any vessels of gold or vessels of silver, of the silver that was brought into the house of Jehovah; ¹⁴for they gave it to those doing the work, and they made strong the house of Jehovah with it. ¹⁵And they did not reckon with the men into whose hand they gave the silver, to give to those doing the work, for they were dealing with faithfulness. ¹⁶And the guilt-offering silver and the sin-offering silver was not brought into the house of Jehovah, for it was the priests'.

¹⁷Then Hazael the king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and captured it; and Hazael set his face to up against Jerusalem. ¹⁸And Joash the king of Judah took all the dedicated things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, the kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own dedicated things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and of the house of the king, and sent to Hazael the king of Syria; and he went away from Jerusalem.

¹⁹And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ²⁰And his servants rose up and made a conspiracy, and killed Joash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla. ²¹For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, killed him; and he died,

and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Amaziah reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 13

¹In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, the king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu reigned over Israel, in Samaria, seventeen years. ²And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and went after the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not turn aside from it. ³And the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hand of Hazael the king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all the days. ⁴And Jehoahaz sought the face of Jehovah, and Jehovah listened to him, for He saw the oppression of Israel; for the king of Syria had oppressed them. ⁵And Jehovah gave a deliverer to Israel, and they went out from under the hand of Syria, and the sons of Israel lived in their tents as before. ⁶Only, they did not turn aside from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin; he walked in it, and also the Asherah remained in Samaria. ⁷For he did not leave to Jehoahaz *any* of the people except fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like dust by threshing.

⁸And the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? ⁹And Jehoahaz lay with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And his son Joash reigned in his place.

¹⁰In the thirty-seventh year of Joash the king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz reigned over Israel, in Samaria, sixteen years. ¹¹And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he walked in it. ¹²And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought with Amaziah the king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of

Israel? ¹³And Joash lay with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat on his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

¹⁴And Elisha had become sick with his illness in which he died; and Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept on his face, and said, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen!

¹⁵And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took bow and arrows to himself. ¹⁶And he said to the king of Israel, Cause your hand to ride on the bow. And he caused his hand to ride. And Elisha placed his hand on the hands of the king, ¹⁷and said, Open the window eastward. And he opened. And Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of deliverance of Jehovah, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you shall strike the Syrians in Aphek, until it is finished. ¹⁸And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them* up. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike the earth. And he struck three times, and stopped. ¹⁹And the man of God was angry with him, and said, By striking five or six times, then you would have stricken Syria until it was finished; but now, you shall strike Syria three times.

²⁰And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of Moab came into the land, at the beginning of the year; ²¹and it happened, they were burying a man; and, behold, they saw the band, and threw the man into the grave of Elisha. And the man fell and touched the bones of Elisha, and came alive, and rose on his feet.

²²And Hazael the king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

²³And Jehovah was gracious to them, and pitied them, and turned toward them, for the sake of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and was not willing to destroy them, nor to cast them out from His presence as yet. ²⁴And Hazael the king of Syria died, and his son Ben-hadad reigned in his place. ²⁵And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz returned and took the cities out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael that he had taken out of the hand of his father Jehoahaz in battle. Jehoash struck him three times, and he brought back the cities of Israel.

CHAPTER 14

¹In the second year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz the king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash the king of Judah reigned.

²He was a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. ³And he did right in the eyes of Jehovah, but not like his father David; he did according to all that his father Joash did; ⁴however, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and offered in the high places.

⁵And it happened, when the kingdom was strong in his hand, that he put to death his servants, those who had put to death his father the king. ⁶But he did not put to death the sons of those who struck, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses that Jehovah commanded, saying, The fathers are not to be put to death for the sons, and the sons are not to be put to death for the fathers; but each shall be put to death for his own sin. ⁷He struck Edom, in the Valley of Salt, ten thousand, and captured the Rock by war, and called its name Joktheel to this day. ⁸Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, Come, we shall look one another in the face. ⁹And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah the king of Judah, saying, The thorn that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son as wife; and a beast of the field that *was* in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thorn. ¹⁰You have certainly stricken Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Glory *in it* and stay in your house; and why should you stir yourself up to evil so that you may fall, you and Judah with you? ¹¹But Amaziah would not listen, and Jehoash the king of Israel went up; and they looked one another in the face, he and Amaziah the king of Judah, in Beth-shemesh of Judah. ¹²And Judah was stricken before Israel, and they each fled to his tent. ¹³And Amaziah the king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of Ahaziah, Jehoash the king of Israel caught in Beth-shemesh. And they came in to Jerusalem, and he broke through the wall of

Jerusalem, at the gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. ¹⁴And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, and the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

¹⁵And the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah the king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? ¹⁶And Jehoash lay with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. And his son Jeroboam reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 15

¹In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam the king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah the king of Judah began to reign. ²He was a son of sixteen years when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. ³And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah did; however, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.

⁵And Jehovah touched the king, and he was a leper to the day of his death; and he lived in a separate house, and Jotham the son of the king was over the house, judging the people of the land. ⁶And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ⁷And Azariah lay with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Jotham reigned in his place.

⁸In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah the king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel, in Samaria, six months. ⁹And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, as his fathers did; he did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. ¹⁰And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against and struck him before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place.

¹¹And the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel.

¹²This was the word of Jehovah that He spoke to Jehu, saying, Your son of the fourth generation shall sit to you on the throne of Israel; and it was so.

¹³Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uziah the king of Judah, and he reigned a full month in Samaria. ¹⁴And Menahem the son of Gadi from Tirzah went up and came into Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in his place. ¹⁵And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy that he conspired, behold, they are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel.

¹⁶Then Menahem struck Tiphseh, and all who were in it, and its borders from Tirzah, for it did not open; and he struck it; he ripped up all its pregnant women. ¹⁷In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah the king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel, ten years in Samaria. ¹⁸And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, all his days. ¹⁹Pul the king of Assyria came against the land, and Menahem gave a thousand talents of silver to Pul, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. ²⁰And Menahem brought out the silver from Israel, on all the mighty men of wealth, to give to the king of Assyria, fifty shekels of silver for each one; and the king of Assyria turned back and did not stay there in the land. ²¹And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel? ²²And Menahem lay with his fathers. And his son Pekahiah reigned in his place.

²³In the fiftieth year of Azariah the king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem reigned over Israel, two years in Samaria. ²⁴And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. ²⁵And Pekah the son of Remaliah, his general, conspired against him and

struck him in Samaria, in the high place of the house of the king, with Argob and Arieah, and fifty men of the sons of the Gileadites with him; and he killed him and reigned in his place. ²⁶And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel.

²⁷In the fifty-second year of Azariah the king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel, twenty years in Samaria. ²⁸And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. ²⁹In the days of Pekah the king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and removed them to Assyria. ³⁰And Hoshea the son of Elah conspired a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. ³¹And the rest of the acts of Pekah and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Israel.

³²In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah, the king of Judah, began to reign. ³³He was a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. ³⁴And he did good in the eyes of Jehovah; according to all that his father Uzziah did, he did. ³⁵Only, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in high places; he built the Upper Gate of the house of Jehovah.

³⁶And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ³⁷In those days Jehovah began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah. ³⁸And Jotham lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David. And his son Ahaz reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 16

¹In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham the king of Judah began to reign. ²Ahaz was a son of twenty years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do good in the eyes of Jehovah his God, like his father David. ³But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and also he caused his son to pass through the fire, according to the idolatries of the nations, whom Jehovah had cast out from before the sons of Israel. ⁴And he sacrificed and offered incense in the high places, and on the heights, and under every green tree.

⁵Then Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to do battle; and they lay siege to Ahaz, but they were not able to fight.

⁶At that time Rezin the king of Syria brought Elath back to Syria, and threw the Jews out of Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath and lived there to this day. ⁷And Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria, saying, I *am* your servant and your son; come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who have risen up against me. ⁸And Ahaz took the silver and the gold which was found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent to the king of Assyria a bribe. ⁹And the king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up to Damascus and captured it, and removed it to Kir, and he killed Rezin.

¹⁰And king Ahaz went to meet Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria at Damascus, and saw the altar that *was* in Damascus. And king Ahaz sent the form of the altar to Urijah the priest, and its pattern, according to all its work. ¹¹And Urijah the priest built the altar according to all the king Ahaz had sent from Damascus; so Urijah the priest did until king Ahaz came in from Damascus. ¹²And the king came in from Damascus, and the king saw the altar; and the king drew near to the altar and offered on it; ¹³and offered his burnt offering, and his food offering, and poured out his drink

offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar. ¹⁴But as to the bronze altar that was before Jehovah, he brought near from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of Jehovah, and put it on the north side of his altar. ¹⁵And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, On the great altar offer the burnt offering of the morning, and the evening food offering, and the king's burnt offering and his food offering with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their food offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; but the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by. ¹⁶And Urijah the priest did according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

¹⁷And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from them; and took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it on a pavement of stones. ¹⁸And the covered way that they had built in the house for the Sabbath, and the king's entry outside, he turned from the house of Jehovah, because of the king of Assyria. ¹⁹And the rest of the acts of Ahaz that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ²⁰And Ahaz lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 17

¹In the twelfth year of Ahaz the king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah reigned in Samaria, nine years over Israel. ²And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, only not as the kings of Israel who were before him. ³Shalmaneser the king of Assyria came against him, and Hoshea was a servant to him, and paid him tribute. ⁴And the king of Assyria found a conspiracy in Hoshea, in that he had sent messengers to So the king of Egypt, and had not offered tribute up to the king of Assyria, as year by year; and the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in a prison.

⁵And the king of Assyria went up in to all the land, and he went up to Samaria and

lay siege against it three years. ⁶In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and removed Israel to Assyria, and made them live in Halah, and in Habor, by the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. ⁷And it was so because the sons of Israel had sinned against Jehovah their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and feared other gods, ⁸and walked in the statutes of the nations that Jehovah had driven out from the face of the sons of Israel, and of the kings of Israel that they made. ⁹And the sons of Israel secretly did that which was not right against Jehovah their God, and built high places for themselves in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city, ¹⁰and set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high height, and under every green tree; ¹¹and burned incense there in all high places, like the nations that Jehovah had removed from their face; and did evil things to provoke Jehovah, ¹²and served the idols, of which Jehovah had said to them, You shall not do this thing. ¹³And Jehovah testified against Israel, and against Judah, by the hand of all His prophets, and every seer, saying, Turn back from your evil ways, and keep My commands, My statutes, according to all the law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by the hand of My servants the prophets. ¹⁴And they did not listen, and hardened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not remain faithful to Jehovah their God; ¹⁵and rejected His statutes and His covenant that He made with their fathers, and His testimonies that He testified against them, and went after the vain thing, and became vain, and after the nations that were around them, of whom Jehovah had commanded them not to act like them.

¹⁶And they left all the commands of Jehovah their God and made for themselves molten images, two calves, and made an Asherah, and bowed to all the host of the heavens, and served Baal, ¹⁷and caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire and divined, and used incantations, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah,

to provoke Him; ¹⁸so that Jehovah was very angry against Israel, and turned them away from His face — not one was left, only the tribe of Judah by itself. ¹⁹Also Judah did not keep the commands of Jehovah their God, and they walked in the statutes of Israel that they had made. ²⁰And Jehovah rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and gave them into the hand of the plunderers, until He had cast them out from His presence. ²¹For He tore Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam lured Israel from following Jehovah, and caused them to sin a great sin. ²²And the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam that he did; they did not turn aside from them; ²³until Jehovah turned away Israel from His face, as He spoke by the hand of all His servants the prophets; and Israel was exiled from off its land to Assyria to this day.

²⁴And the king of Assyria brought *men* in from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and made *them* live in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel; and they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities. ²⁵And it happened, at the beginning of their habitation there, that they did not fear Jehovah, and Jehovah sent lions among them, and they were striking among them. ²⁶And they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations that you have exiled and have made to live in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the God of the land, and He has sent the lions into their midst; and, behold, they are killing them, since they do not know the custom of the God of the land. ²⁷And the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Cause one of the priests whom you removed from there to go there, and they shall go and live there; and he shall teach them the custom of the God of the land. ²⁸And one of the priests whom they exiled from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and he taught them how they should fear Jehovah. ²⁹And nation *to* nation was making gods of their own, and putting them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, nation *to* nation in their cities where they lived.

³⁰And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth; and the men of Cuth made Nergal; and the men of Hamath made Ashima; ³¹and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their sons with fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of Sepharvaim. ³²So it was that they feared Jehovah, and made for themselves, of the lowest of them, priests of the high places and they sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. ³³They feared Jehovah, and served their own gods, according to the custom of the nations from where they exiled them. ³⁴To this day they do according to the former custom; they do not fear Jehovah, and do not do according to their statutes, and according to their ordinances, and according to the law, and according to the commandment that Jehovah commanded the sons of Jacob, whose name He made Israel.

³⁵And Jehovah made a covenant with them, and commanded them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them; ³⁶but Jehovah who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a stretched out arm, you shall fear Him, and you shall bow yourselves to Him, and you shall sacrifice to Him; ³⁷and the statutes, and the judgments, and the law, and the commandments that He wrote for you, you shall observe to do forever, and you shall not fear other gods; ³⁸and the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget, and you shall not fear other gods; ³⁹but you shall fear Jehovah you God, and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. ⁴⁰But they did not listen, but did according to their former custom; ⁴¹and it happened, these nations feared Jehovah, and they served their graven images, both their sons and their sons' sons; as their fathers did, they are doing to this day.

CHAPTER 18

¹And it happened, in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah the king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz the king of Judah began to reign. ²He was a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign,

and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years; and the name of his mother *was* Abi the daughter of Zechariah. ³And he did right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father David did; ⁴he took away the high places, and broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherah, and beat to bits the bronze serpent that Moses made — for in those days it was that the sons of Israel burned sacrifices to it and called it Nehushtan. ⁵He trusted in Jehovah the God of Israel, and after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him; ⁶and he clung to Jehovah; he did not turn aside from following Him, and kept His commands that Jehovah commanded Moses. ⁷And Jehovah was with him; He acted prudently every place he went, and he rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him. ⁸He struck the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from the watchtower to the fortified city.

⁹And it happened, in the fourth year of king Hezekiah — it *was* the seventh year of Hoshea the son of Elah the king of Israel — Shalmaneser the king of Assyria came up against Samaria and lay siege to it. ¹⁰And they captured it at the end of three years; in the sixth year of Hezekiah — it *was* the ninth year of Hoshea the the king of Israel — Samaria was conquered; ¹¹and the king of Assyria carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and in Habor *by* the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, ¹²because they did not listen to the voice of Jehovah their God, and transgressed His covenant, all that Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded; yea, they did not listen nor obey.

¹³And in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib the king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and captured them. ¹⁴And Hezekiah the king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria, to Lachish, saying, I have offended, turn back from me; that which you put on me I will bear. And the king of Assyria laid on Hezekiah the king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold; ¹⁵and Hezekiah gave all the silver that was found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of

the house of the king—¹⁶at that time Hezekiah cut off the doors of the temple of Jehovah, and the pillars that Hezekiah the king of Judah had overlaid, and gave them to the king of Assyria.

¹⁷And the king of Assyria sent Tartan, and the chief of the eunuchs, and the chief of the cupbearers from Lachish, to king Hezekiah, with a heavy force, to Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem, and they went up and came in and stood by the conduit of the upper pool that *was* in the highway of the Fuller's Field. ¹⁸And they called to the king, and Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the house of Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder went out to them. ¹⁹And the chief of the cupbearers said to them, Now say to Hezekiah, So says the great king, the king of Assyria, What *is* this hope in which you have trusted? ²⁰Do you say that a mere word of the lips *is* counsel and strength for battle; now, on whom have you trusted that you have rebelled against me? ²¹Now, behold, you have trusted for yourself on the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; which if a man lean on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it! So *is* Pharaoh the king of Egypt to all those who trust in him. ²²And when you say to me, We have trusted to Jehovah our God, *is* it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has removed, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Before this altar you shall bow yourselves in Jerusalem? ²³And, now, exchange pledges for yourself, I ask you, to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will give to you two thousand horses, if you are able to give for yourself riders on them. ²⁴And how will you turn back the face of one prefect of the least of the servants of my lord, that you trust for yourself upon Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? ²⁵Now, have I come up against this place to destroy it without Jehovah? Jehovah said to me, Go up against this land, and you shall destroy it. ²⁶And Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah said to the chief of the cupbearers, Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand; and do not speak with us in Jewish, in the ears of the people who *are* on the wall. ²⁷And the

chief of the cupbearers said to them, Has my master sent me to speak these words to your master, and to you? Has *he* not sent me to the men that sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink the water of their own feet with you? ²⁸And the chief of the cupbearers stood and called with a great voice in Jewish, and spoke and said, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria; ²⁹So says the king, Do not let Hezekiah delude you, for he is not able to deliver you out of his hand; ³⁰and do not let Hezekiah make you trust to Jehovah, saying, Jehovah shall surely deliver us; and, This city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ³¹Do not listen to Hezekiah, for so says the king of Assyria, Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and you each shall eat of his vine, and each of his fig tree, and you each shall drink of the waters of his own well, ³²until I come; and I will take you to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil, and honey; and live, and do not die; and do not listen to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, Jehovah shall deliver us. ³³Have the gods of the nations at all delivered each his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ³⁴Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah, that they have delivered Samaria out of my hand? ³⁵Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their land out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? ³⁶But the people kept silent and did not answer him a word, for the command of the king was, saying, Do not answer him. ³⁷And Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the house, came in, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah, having torn their garments; and they told him the words of the chief of the cupbearers.

CHAPTER 19

¹And it happened, when king Hezekiah heard, that he tore his garments and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jehovah; ²and *he* sent Eliakim, who *was* over the house, and

Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covering themselves with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. ³And they said to him, So says Hezekiah, *it is* a day of distress, and of rebuke, and of contempt today; for the sons have come to the birth, and there is no power to bring forth. ⁴It may be that Jehovah your God will hear all the words of the chief cupbearer, with which his master the king of Assyria has sent him to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which Jehovah your God has heard; and you shall lift up prayer for the remnant that is found. ⁵And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

⁶And Isaiah said to them, You shall say this to your lord: Thus says Jehovah, Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled Me. ⁷Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall turn back to his land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his land.

⁸And the chief cupbearer returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had traveled from Lachish. ⁹And when he heard it said of Tirhakah the king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is coming out to fight against you, he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, ¹⁰So you shall speak to Hezekiah the king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in whom you trust delude you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹¹Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered? ¹²Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the sons of Eden who *were* in Telassar? ¹³Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

¹⁴And Hezekiah took the letters out of the hand of the messengers, and read them, and went up to the house of Jehovah; and Hezekiah spread it before the face of Jehovah. ¹⁵And Hezekiah prayed before Jehovah, and said, O

Jehovah, the God of Israel, who sits *above* the cherubs, You *are* God Himself, You alone, to all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made the heavens and the earth. ¹⁶O Jehovah, incline Your ear and hear; O Jehovah, open Your eyes and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib with which he has sent him to reproach the living God. ¹⁷Truly, O Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations, and their lands; ¹⁸and have put their gods into the fire, for they *were* no gods, but the work of the hands of man, wood and stone, and have destroyed them. ¹⁹And now, O Jehovah our God, we pray to You, save us out of his hand, and all the kingdoms of the earth shall know that You *are* Jehovah God, You alone.

²⁰And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I have heard that which you have prayed to Me as to Sennacherib the king of Assyria; ²¹this *is* the word that Jehovah spoke concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you *and* laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head behind you. ²²Whom have you reproached and reviled? Against whom have you lifted up a voice? Yea, you have lifted up your eyes on high, even against the Holy One of Israel! ²³By the hand of your messengers, you have reproached the Lord, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and I will cut down the height of its cedars, the best of its firs, and I will enter into the furthest dwelling, its densest forest ²⁴I have dug and drunk strange waters, and I dried up with the sole of my feet all the rivers of Egypt. ²⁵Have you not heard from afar, I made it; from days of old I formed it? Now I have caused it to come; that you should make fortified cities desolate ruin-heaps. ²⁶And their inhabitants *were* short in hand; *they were* terrified and *were* ashamed; they were as the grass of the field, and the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops and blasted grain before it was grown! ²⁷But I have known your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against Me.

²⁸Because of your raging against Me, and because your arrogance has come up into My ears, even I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way which you came.

²⁹And this shall be the sign for you: you shall eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year you shall sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. ³⁰And those that have escaped of the house of Judah that is left shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. ³¹For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion they that shall escape; the zeal of Jehovah of Hosts shall do this. ³²So Jehovah says this concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor shall he pour out a bank against it. ³³By the way that he came in, in it he shall return; and he shall not come into this city, says Jehovah. ³⁴For I will defend this city, to save it, for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.

³⁵And it happened in that night, that the Angel of Jehovah went out and struck a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of Assyria; and they rose up early in the morning, and behold, all of them *were* dead bodies. ³⁶And Sennacherib the king of Assyria moved, and went and returned, and lived in Nineveh. ³⁷And it happened, as he was bowing himself in the house of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And his son Esarhaddon reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 20

¹In those days Hezekiah was sick to death, and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him and said to him, So says Jehovah, Order your house, for you are dying, and shall not live. ²And he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to Jehovah, saying, ³I pray to You, O Jehovah, please remember how I have walked always before your face in truth, and with a perfect heart, and I have done that which is good in Your eyes. And

Hezekiah wept with a great weeping. ⁴And it happened — Isaiah had not gone out to the middle court — that the word of Jehovah was to him, saying, ⁵Return, and you shall say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, So says Jehovah, the God of your father David, I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you; you shall go up to the house of Jehovah the third day. ⁶And I have added fifteen years to your days; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and shall defend this city for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake. ⁷And Isaiah said, Take a cake of figs; and they took and laid *it* on the boil; and he recovered.

⁸And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What *will be* the sign that Jehovah will heal me, that I will go up on the third day to the house of Jehovah? ⁹And Isaiah said, This *will be* the sign to you from Jehovah, that Jehovah will do the thing that He has spoken: Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it turn back ten steps? ¹⁰And Hezekiah said, It would be a light thing for the shadow to go down ten steps; no, but let the shadow go back ten steps. ¹¹And Isaiah the prophet cried to Jehovah; and He brought back the shadow by the steps it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz, ten steps backward.

¹²At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan the king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been ill. ¹³And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his treasury, the silver and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his weapons, and all that was found in his treasure-house, there was not a thing that Hezekiah did not show them in his house and in all his dominion.

¹⁴And Isaiah the prophet came in to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did these men say? And where did they come from to you? and Hezekiah said, They have come from a land afar off, from Babylon. ¹⁵And he said, What did they see in your house? And Hezekiah said, They saw all that *is* in my house; there was not a thing that I did not show them among my treasures. ¹⁶And Isaiah said to Hezekiah,

Hear the word of Jehovah: ¹⁷Behold, the days are coming when all that *is* in your house, and all that your fathers have treasured up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; there shall not a thing be left, says Jehovah; ¹⁸and of your sons that shall issue from you, whom you shall father, they shall take away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. ¹⁹And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, The word of Jehovah that you have spoken *is* good. And he said, Is it not *good* if peace and truth are in my days?

²⁰And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought in the waters to the city, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ²¹And Hezekiah lay with his fathers. And his son Manasseh reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 21

¹Manasseh was a son of twelve years when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Hephzibah. ²And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to the idolatries of the nations that Jehovah expelled from before the sons of Israel. ³And he built again the high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed, and raised up altars for Baal, and made a shrine, as did Ahab the king of Israel, and worshiped all the host of the heavens, and served them. ⁴And he built altars in the house of Jehovah, of which Jehovah had said, In Jerusalem I will put My name. ⁵And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of Jehovah's house. ⁶And he made his son to pass through the fire, used magic, and used divination, and dealt with mediums and soothsayers; he expanded to work the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to provoke *Him* to anger. ⁷And he set a graven image of the Asherah that he made in the house of which Jehovah had said to David and to his son Solomon, In this house, and in Jerusalem, that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever. ⁸And I will not again make the feet of Israel wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they

observe to do according to all that I commanded them, and to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them. ⁹But they did not listen, and Manasseh caused them to do evil above the nations that Jehovah had destroyed from before the sons of Israel.

¹⁰And Jehovah spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, ¹¹Because Manasseh the king of Judah has done these abominations, doing more wickedly than all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols — ¹²therefore so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing evil on Jerusalem and Judah, so that whoever hears of it, his two ears shall tingle. ¹³And I will stretch out over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab, and shall wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish — he wipes and turns *it* on its face. ¹⁴And I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance, and give them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall be for a prey and for a spoil to all their enemies, ¹⁵because they have done evil in My eyes, and have provoked Me to anger from the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day. ¹⁶And also Manasseh has shed very much innocent blood, till he has filled Jerusalem from mouth to mouth; apart from his sin that he caused Judah to sin, to do evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

¹⁷And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ¹⁸And Manasseh lay with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his house, in the Garden of Uzza. And his son Amon reigned in his place.

¹⁹Amon was a son of twenty-two years when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. ²⁰And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, as his father Manasseh did, ²¹and walked in all the way that his father walked, and served the idols that his father served, and bowed himself to them, ²²and forsook Jehovah, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of Jehovah. ²³And the servants of Amon

conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house. ²⁴And the people of the land killed all those who conspired against king Amon, and the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place. ²⁵And the rest of the acts of Amon that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ²⁶And *they* buried him in his burying-place in the garden of Uzza. And his son Josiah reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 22

¹Josiah was a son of eight years when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Jedidah the daughter of Adiah of Boscath. ²And he did good in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in all the way of his father David, and did not turn aside to the right or the left.

³And it happened, in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of Jehovah, saying, ⁴Go to Hilkiah the high priest, and he shall count the silver that is brought into the house of Jehovah, that the keepers of the door have gathered from the people. ⁵And they will give into the hand of the workers, those who oversee in the house of Jehovah; and they shall give it to the doers of the work who *are* in the house of Jehovah, to strengthen the breaks of the house; ⁶to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and to buy wood and cut stone to strengthen the house; ⁷only, the silver that is given into their hand shall not be reckoned with them, for they are dealing in faithfulness.

⁸And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Law in the house of Jehovah; and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. ⁹And Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word *to* the king, and said, Your servants have poured out the silver that has been found in the house, and have given it into the hand of the doers of the work, those who oversee in the house of Jehovah. ¹⁰And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the

priest has given a book to me; and Shaphan read it before the king. ¹¹And it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his garments. ¹²And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah the servant of the king, saying, ¹³Go, inquire of Jehovah for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, as to the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of Jehovah that has been kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us. ¹⁴And Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shalum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the wardrobe — and she lived in Jerusalem, in the second quarter — and they spoke with her. ¹⁵And she said to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, ¹⁶So says Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on the inhabitants of it, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read; ¹⁷because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. ¹⁸And to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of Jehovah, you shall say this to him, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, the words that you have heard — ¹⁹because your heart was tender, and you have bowed before Jehovah when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against the its inhabitants, to become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes, and have wept before Me; even also I have heard, says Jehovah. ²⁰Behold, even so I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered into your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place. And they brought back *this* word to the king.

CHAPTER 23

¹And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ²And the king went up to the house of Jehovah, and every man of Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, from small to great; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of Jehovah.

³And the king stood by the pillar, and made the covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all *his* heart, and with all *his* soul, to lift up the words of this covenant that were written in this Book. And all the people stood to the covenant. ⁴And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring out from the temple of Jehovah all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for Asherah, and for all the host of the heavens. And he burned them at the outside of Jerusalem, in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. ⁵And he caused to cease the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn *incense* in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places around Jerusalem, and those burning *incense* to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to constellations, and to all the host of the heavens. ⁶And he brought out the Asherah from the house of Jehovah to the outside of Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and ground it to powder, and threw the powder of it on the graves of the sons of the people. ⁷And he broke down the houses of the male prostitutes that *were* in the house of Jehovah, where the women were weaving houses for Asherah. ⁸And he made come in all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests burned *incense*, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and broke down the high places of the gates that *were* at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at

the gate of the city. ⁹However the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of Jehovah in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers. ¹⁰And he defiled Topheth, that *was* in the valley of the sons of Hinnom, so that no man could cause his son and his daughter to pass through the fire of Molech. ¹¹And he caused to cease the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of Jehovah, by the room of Nathan-melech the eunuch, that *was* in the suburbs; and he burned with fire the chariots of the sun. ¹²And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper room of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of Jehovah, the king broke down, and ran from there, and threw the dust of them into the brook Kidron. ¹³And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the idol of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the idol of the Moabites, and for Milcom the idol of the sons of Ammon, the king defiled. ¹⁴And he broke the images in pieces, and cut down the Asherim, and filled their place with the bones of men.

¹⁵And also the altar that *was* in Bethel, the high place that Jeroboam the son of Nebat had made, by which he made Israel to sin, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place; he ground it into powder, and burned the Asherah. ¹⁶And Josiah turned and saw the graves that *were* there in the mount, and sent and took the bones out of the graves, and burned *them* on the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of Jehovah that the man of God had proclaimed, who had proclaimed these things. ¹⁷And he said, What *is* this monument that I see? And the men of the city said to him, The grave of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things that you have done concerning the altar of Bethel. ¹⁸And he said, Let him alone, let no one touch his bones. And they let his bones escape with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria. ¹⁹And also all the houses of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, that the kings of Israel had made

to provoke to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel. ²⁰And he slaughtered all the priests of the high places who *were* there by the altars, and burned the bones of man upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

²¹And the king commanded all the people, saying, Prepare a Passover to Jehovah your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant. ²²Surely none has been prepared like this Passover from the days of the Judges who judged Israel even to all the days of the kings of Israel, and of the kings of Judah; ²³but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, this Passover was prepared to Jehovah in Jerusalem.

²⁴And also, the mediums and the soothsayers, and the family gods, and the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, Josiah put away in order to fulfill the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had found in the house of Jehovah. ²⁵And there was no king before him like him, who turned to Jehovah with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; and after him none rose up like him.

²⁶However, Jehovah did not turn away from the fury of His great anger with which His anger glowed against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him. ²⁷And Jehovah said, I will also turn away Judah from My face, as I turned away Israel, and I will reject this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I have said, My name shall be there. ²⁸And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah?

²⁹In his days Pharaoh-necho the king of Egypt came up against the king of Assyria, by the river Euphrates; and king Josiah went out to meet him, and he killed him in Megiddo, when he saw him. ³⁰And his servants made him ride dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own grave. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and anointed him, and made him king in place of his father.

³¹Jehoahaz was a son of twenty-three years when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ³²And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his fathers did. ³³And Pharaoh-necho bound him in Riblah, in the land of Hamath, from reigning in Jerusalem, and he put a fine on the land, a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. ³⁴And Pharaoh-necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah to reign instead of Josiah his father, and turned his name into Jehoiakim; and he took away Jehoahaz, and he came to Egypt and died there. ³⁵And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the silver by the mouth of Pharaoh; from each, according to his valuation, he exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, to give to Pharaoh-necho.

³⁶Jehoiakim was a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years; and the name of his mother was Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah; ³⁷and he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his fathers did.

CHAPTER 24

¹In his days Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim was a servant to him three years; and he turned and rebelled against him. ²And Jehovah sent against him the troops of the Chaldeans, and the troops of Syria, and the troops of Moab, and the troops of the Ammonites; and He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of His servants the prophets. ³Only, at the mouth of Jehovah, *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His presence, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all he did, ⁴and also the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and Jehovah was not willing to forgive.

⁵And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the kings of Judah? ⁶And Jehoiakim lay with

his fathers. And his son Jehoiachin reigned in his place. ⁷And the king of Egypt did not come again out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates all that was to the king of Egypt. ⁸Jehoiachin was a son of eighteen years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months; and the name of his mother was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. ⁹And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his fathers did.

¹⁰At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege. ¹¹And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants lay siege to it. ¹²And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother, and his servants, and his leaders, and his eunuchs; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. ¹³And *he* brought out from there all the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the house of the king, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold that Solomon the king of Israel had made in the temple of Jehovah, as Jehovah had spoken. ¹⁴And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the leaders, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained except the poorest sort of the people of the land. ¹⁵And he exiled Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his eunuchs, and the mighty ones of the land; he caused a captivity to go from Jerusalem to Babylon. ¹⁶And all the men of valor *were* seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand; all *were* mighty men, warriors; and the king of Babylon brought them in a captivity to Babylon.

¹⁷And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, the brother of his father, to reign in his place, and turned his name into Zedekiah. ¹⁸Zedekiah was a son of twenty-one years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years; and the name of his mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ¹⁹And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah according to all that Jehoiakim did; ²⁰for through the anger of Jehovah it happened in Jerusalem

and Judah, until He had cast them out from His face, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAPTER 25

¹And it happened, in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth of the month, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and camped against it, and built a siege-mound all around it. ²And the city entered into siege until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah, ³on the ninth of the month, when the famine was severe in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. ⁴Then the city was broken up, and by night all the men of war went by way of the gate, between the two walls that were by the king's garden; and the Chaldeans were against the city all around; and the king went the way toward the Arabah. ⁵And the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. ⁶And they seized the king and brought him to the king of Babylon, to Riblah; and they gave judgment on him. ⁷And they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and blinded Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with bronze fetters and caused him to go to Babylon.

⁸And in the fifth month, on the seventh of the month — it was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon — Nebuzaradan the chief of the executioners, the servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. ⁹And he burned the house of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; yea, he burned every great house with fire. ¹⁰And all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the chief of the executioners broke down the wall of Jerusalem all around. ¹¹And the rest of the people, those left in the city, and those that had fallen away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the chief of the executioners exiled. ¹²But the chief of the executioners left of the poorest of the land for vine-dressers and farmers.

¹³And the bronze pillars that were in the house of Jehovah, and the bases, and the

bronze sea that was in the house of Jehovah, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and lifted up their bronze to Babylon.

¹⁴And they took the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered. ¹⁵And the chief of the executioners took the fire-pans, and the bowls that were all of gold and silver. ¹⁶There was no weighing of the bronze of all these vessels, the two pillars, the one sea, and the bases that Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah; ¹⁷eighteen cubits was the height of the one pillar, and the capital on it was of bronze, and the height of the capital was three cubits, and the grating and the pomegranates were on the capital all around — all was of bronze; and the second pillar was like these with the grating.

¹⁸And the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the head priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the gate; ¹⁹and he took out of the city a certain eunuch who was appointed over the men of war, and five men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city, and the chief scribe of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city. ²⁰And Nebuzaradan chief of the executioners took them and made them go to the king of Babylon, to Riblah. ²¹And the king of Babylon struck them, and killed them in Riblah, in the land of Hamath; and he exiled Judah from its land.

²²And the people that were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had left, he appointed over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan. ²³And all the commanders of the army heard, they and the men, that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah. And they came to Gedaliah, to Mizpeh, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. ²⁴And Gedaliah swore to them, and to their men, and said to them, Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans; live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well

with you. ²⁵And it happened, in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama of the seed of the kingdom, and ten men with him came, and they struck Gedaliah, and he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans who were with him in Mizpah. ²⁶And all the people rose up, from the small even to the great, and commanders of the army, and came into Egypt, for they were afraid of the face of the Chaldeans.

²⁷And it happened, in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin the king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the

twenty-seventh of the month, Evil-merodach the king of Babylon, in the year he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin the king of Judah out of the prison, ²⁸and spoke good things with him, and put his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

²⁹And he changed his prison garments, and he ate bread continually before him all the days of his life. ³⁰And his allowance, a continual allowance, was given to him from the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

CHAPTER 1

¹Adam, Seth, Enosh, ²Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, ³Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, ⁴Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ⁵The sons of Japheth were Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. ⁶And the sons of Gomer were Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁷And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. ⁸The sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan, ⁹and the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtechah. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. ¹⁰And Cush fathered Nimrod: he began to be mighty on the earth. ¹¹And Mizraim fathered Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim. ¹²And Pathrusim, and Casluhim — from *whom* came the Philistines and the Caphthorim. ¹³And Canaan fathered Zidon his first-born, and Heth, ¹⁴the Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, ¹⁵and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, ¹⁶and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

¹⁷The sons of Shem were Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. ¹⁸And Arphaxad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber. ¹⁹And to Eber were born two sons. The name of the one was Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. ²⁰And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, ²¹and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, ²²and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, ²³and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. ²⁴Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, ²⁵Eber, Peleg, Reu, ²⁶Serug, Nahor, Terah, ²⁷Abram — he was Abraham — ²⁸the sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.

²⁹These are their generations. The first-born of Ishmael was Nabaioth, then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ³⁰Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, ³¹Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are they, the sons of Ishmael.

³²And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's

concubine: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan. ³³And the sons of Midian were Ephah and Ephraim, and Hephzai, and Shimi, and Jether, and Gether, and On, and Chabash, and Shubai. All these are the sons of Keturah. ³⁴And Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.

³⁵The sons of Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. ³⁶The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Getam; Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. ³⁷The sons of Reuel were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizah.

³⁸And the sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. ³⁹And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Homam. And Timna was Lotan's sister. ⁴⁰The sons of Shobal were Alian and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon were Aiah and Anah. ⁴¹The son of Anah was Dishon. And the sons of Dishon were Hamran, and Eshban and Ithran, and Cheran. ⁴²The sons of Ezer were Bilhan and Zaavan and Jakan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.

⁴³Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any kings reigned over the sons of Israel: Bela the son of Beor, and his city's name: Dinhabah. ⁴⁴And Bela died; and Jobab the son of Zerah reigned in his place, from Bozrah. ⁴⁵And Jobab died; and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. ⁴⁶And Husham died; and Hadad the son of Bedad reigned in his place, who struck Midian in the field of Moab; and the name of his city was Avith. ⁴⁷And Hadad died; and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place. ⁴⁸And Samlah died; and Shaul from Rehoboth by the river reigned in his place. ⁴⁹And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan, the son of Achbor, reigned in his place. ⁵⁰And Baal-hanan died; and Hadad reigned in his place; and his city's name: Pai; and his wife's name: Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

⁵¹And Hadad died; and the chiefs of Edom were: chief Timnah; chief Aliah; chief Jetheth; ⁵²chief Aholibamah; chief Elah; chief Pinon, ⁵³chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, ⁵⁴chief Magdiel and chief Iram. These *are* the princes of Edom.

CHAPTER 2

¹These *are* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, ²Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

³The sons of Judah *were* Er, and Onan, and Shelah. These three *were* born to him from the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, *was* evil in Jehovah's sight, and He killed him. ⁴And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Pharez and Zerah. All Judah's sons *were* five. ⁵The sons of Pharez *were* Hezron and Hamul. ⁶And the sons of Zerah *were* Zimri and Ethan and Heman, and Calcol and Dara—all of them *were* five. ⁷And the sons of Carmi *were* Achan, the troubler of Israel, who sinned in the cursed thing. ⁸And the son of Ethan *was* Azariah, ⁹and the sons of Hezron, who *were* born to him, *were* Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. ¹⁰And Ram fathered Amminadab; and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, chief of the sons of Judah. ¹¹And Nahshon fathered Salma, and Salma fathered Boaz, ¹²and Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse. ¹³And Jesse fathered his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third, ¹⁴Nethaneel the fourth, and Raddai the fifth, ¹⁵Ozem the sixth, David the seventh. ¹⁶Their sisters *were* Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah *were* Abishai, and Joab and Asahel, three. ¹⁷And Abigail bore Amasa: And the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ishmaelite.

¹⁸And Caleb the son of Hezron fathered sons by his wife Azubah, and by Jerioth—and these *are* her sons: Jeshar, and Shobab and Ardon. ¹⁹And Azubah died; and Caleb took to himself Ephrath and she bore to him Hur. ²⁰And Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezaleel.

²¹And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, and he took her when he *was* sixty years.

And she bore him Segub. ²²And Segub fathered Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead. ²³And he took Geshur and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath and its towns, sixty cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. ²⁴And after the death of Hezron in Calebephraiah then Abiah, Hezron's wife, bore to him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

²⁵And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron: Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah. ²⁶Jerahmeel also had another wife, and her name *was* Atarah. She *was* the mother of Onam. ²⁷And the sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel: Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. ²⁸And the sons of Onam *were* Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur. ²⁹And the name of Abishur's wife *was* Abihail; and she bore to him Ahban and Molid. ³⁰And Nadab's sons *were* Seled and Appaim. But Seled died without sons. ³¹And the son of Appaim *was* Ishi. And the son of Ishi *was* Sheshan. And the son of Sheshan: Ahlai. ³²And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai *were* Jether and Jonathan; and Jether died without sons. ³³And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These *were* the sons of Jerahmeel.

³⁴And Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant, and his name *was* Jarha. ³⁵And Sheshan gave his daughter to his servant Jarha for a wife, and she bore him Attai. ³⁶And Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad. ³⁷And Zabad fathered Ephlal, and Ephlal fathered Obed. ³⁸And Obed fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Azariah. ³⁹And Azariah fathered Helez, and Helez fathered Eleasah. ⁴⁰And Eleasah fathered Sismai, and Sismai fathered Shallum. ⁴¹And Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.

⁴²And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were* his firstborn Mesha, who *was* the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. ⁴³And the sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. ⁴⁴And Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkoam. And Rekem fathered Shammai. ⁴⁵And the son of Shammai *was* Maon; and Maon

was the father of Beth-zur. ⁴⁶And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez. And Haran fathered Gazez. ⁴⁷And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. ⁴⁸Caleb's concubine Maachah bore Sheber and Tirhanah. ⁴⁹She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeaz. And Caleb's daughter was Achsah.

⁵⁰These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur: the firstborn of Ephratah was Shobal, the father of Kirjath-jearim; ⁵¹Salma the father of Bethlehem; Hareph the father of Beth-gader. ⁵²And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, and half of the Manahethites. ⁵³And the families of Kirjath-jearim were the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites. From them came the Zareathites, and the Esh-aulites. ⁵⁴The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, and the Netophathites; Ataroth; the house of Joab; and half the Manahethites; the Zorites. ⁵⁵And the families of the scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites; the Shimeathites; the Suchathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

CHAPTER 3

¹And these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, born to Ahinoam the Jezreelitess. The second, Daniel, to Abigail of Carmel. ²The third, Absalom, the son of Maachah, the daughter of Talmi, king of Geshur. The fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith. ³The fifth, Shephatiah, to Abital. The sixth was Ithream, to his wife Eglah. ⁴These six were born to him in Hebron. And he reigned there seven years and six months. And he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-three years. ⁵And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four to Bathsheba the daughter of Ammiel; ⁶also Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet — ⁷also Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ⁸and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. ⁹These were the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

¹⁰And Solomon's son was Rehoboam; Abijah his son; Asa his son; Jehoshaphat his son; ¹¹Joram his son; Ahaziah his son; Joash his son; ¹²Amaziah his son; Azariah his son; Jotham his son; ¹³Ahaz his son; Hezekiah his son; Manasseh his son; ¹⁴Amon his son; Josiah his son. ¹⁵And the sons of Josiah were the firstborn Johanan; the second, Jehoiakim; the third, Zedekiah; the fourth, Shallum. ¹⁶And the sons of Jehoiakim were his son Jeconiah, and his son Zedekiah.

¹⁷And the sons of Jeconiah were Assir, and Shealtiel his son, ¹⁸and Malchiram, and Pedaiiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedeabiah. ¹⁹And the sons of Pedaiiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and Hananiah, and their sister Shelomith; ²⁰and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five. ²¹And the sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jesaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah. ²²And the sons of Shechaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. ²³And the sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three. ²⁴And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelatiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

CHAPTER 4

¹The sons of Judah were Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. ²And Reaiah the son of Shobal fathered Jahath. And Jahath fathered Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites. ³And these were of the father of Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and their sister's name was Hazeleponi; ⁴and Penuel the father of Gedor; and Ezer the father of Hushah—these are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem. ⁵And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. ⁶And Naarah bore to him Ahuzam, and Hopher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. ⁷And the sons of Helah were Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan. ⁸And Coz fathered Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel, the son of Harum.

⁹And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. And his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore with sorrow. ¹⁰And Jabez called to the God of Israel, saying, If indeed You would bless me, and make my border larger, and Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, so that it may not grieve me! And God gave him what he asked.

¹¹And Chelub the brother of Shuah fathered Maher; he was the father of Eshton. ¹²And Eshton fathered Bethrapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Imhash. These *are* the men of Rechah. ¹³And the sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. And the son of Othniel was Hathath. ¹⁴And Meonothai fathered Ophrah. And Seraiah fathered Joab, the father of the Valley of the Craftsmen; for they were craftsmen. ¹⁵And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naan. And Elah's son was Kenaz. ¹⁶And the sons of Jehaleleel were Ziph and Ziphah; Tiria and Asareel. ¹⁷And the sons of Ezra: Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon. And she conceived Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah, Eshtemoa's father. ¹⁸And his wife Jehudijah bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took. ¹⁹And the sons of *his* wife were Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite. ²⁰And the sons of Shimon were Amnon, and Rinnah, Benhanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

²¹The sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er, the father of Lecah; and Laadah the father of Mareshah; and the families of the house of those who worked fine linen, from the house of Ashbea; ²²and Jokim; and the men of Chozeba; and Joash, and Saraph; who ruled over Moab; and Jeshubi-lehem. And these *are* ancient things. ²³These the potters, and those who lived among plants and hedges. They lived there with the king for his work.

²⁴The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul; ²⁵Shallum was his son; Mihsam, his son; Mishma, his son. ²⁶And the sons of Mishma:

Hamuel, his son; Zacchur, his son; Shimei, his son. ²⁷And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters. But his brothers did not have many sons, nor did all their family multiply like the sons of Judah. ²⁸And they lived at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, ²⁹and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, ³⁰and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, ³¹and at Bethmarcaboth, and at Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities until the reign of David. ³²And their villages *were* Etam, and Ain, Rimon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities. ³³And all their villages *were* all around these cities, to Baal. This *is* their family line and their dwellings. ³⁴And Meshobab; and Jamlech; and Joshah, the son of Amaziah; ³⁵and Joel; and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel; ³⁶and Elioenai; and Jaakobah; and Jeshohaiah; and Asaiah; and Adiel; and Jesimiel; and Benaiah; ³⁷and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah — ³⁸these going by name were rulers in their families. And the house of their fathers increased to a multitude.

³⁹And they went to the entrance of Gedor, to the east side of the valley, to look for pasture for their flocks. ⁴⁰And they found pasture, fertile and good, for the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *the* Hamites who lived there *were* of old. ⁴¹And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and struck their tents, and the homes that were found there, and completely destroyed them until this day. And *they* lived in their places, because there *was* pasture there for their flocks. ⁴²And *some* of them, five hundred men of the sons of Simeon went to Mount Seir. And *they had* as their commanders, Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the son of Ishi. ⁴³And they struck the rest which escaped to Amalek, and lived there until this day.

CHAPTER 5

¹And the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel — for he was the firstborn; but since he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be counted according to the birthright — ²for

Judah prevailed among his brothers, and from him was the chief ruler, but the birth-right was Joseph's—the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. ⁴The sons of Joel: Shemaiah, his son; Gog, his son; Shimei, his son; ⁵Micah, his son; Reaiah, his son; Baal, his son; ⁶Beerah, his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria exiled. He was ruler of the men of Reuben. ⁷And his brothers by their families, in the genealogy of their generations: Jeiel the chief; also Zechariah; ⁸and Bela, the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal-meon. ⁹And he lived as far to the east as to the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates, because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. ¹⁰And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, and they fell by their hand. And they lived in their tents, to all the face of the east of Gilead.

¹¹And the sons of Gad lived across from them, in the land of Bashan, to Salchah: ¹²Joel the chief; and Shapham, the next; and Jaanai; and Shaphat in Bashan. ¹³And their brothers from the house of their fathers were Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven. ¹⁴These are the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; ¹⁵Ahi, the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers. ¹⁶And they lived in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the open lands of Sharon, on their borders. ¹⁷All these were enrolled by genealogy in the days of king Jotham of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

¹⁸The sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, even sons of valor, men lifting up shield and sword, and shooting with bow, and able in war were forty-four thousand, seven hundred and sixty, going out to war. ¹⁹And they made war with the Hagarites, and Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab. ²⁰And they were helped against them. And the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them. For they cried to God in the battle, and He was entreated for them, because they trusted in Him.

²¹And they took away their livestock: their camels, fifty thousand; and sheep, two hundred and fifty thousand; and asses, two thousand; and souls of men, a hundred thousand. ²²For many fell down slain, because the war was of God. And they lived in their places until the captivity.

²³And the sons of the half tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They increased from Bashan to Baal-hermon, and Senir, and Mount Hermon. ²⁴And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of war, famous men, heads of their fathers' house.

²⁵And they sinned against the God of their fathers, and went lusting after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them. ²⁶And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-Pilneser, king of Assyria, and he exiled them; even the Reubenites; and the Gadites; and the half-tribe of Manasseh. And he brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, to this day.

CHAPTER 6

¹The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

²And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. ³And Amram's sons: Aaron and Moses; also Miriam. And the sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

⁴Eleazar fathered Phinehas; Phinehas fathered Abishua; ⁵and Abishua fathered Bukki; and Bukki fathered Uzzi; ⁶and Uzzi fathered Zerachiah; and Zerachiah fathered Meraioth; ⁷Meraioth fathered Amariah; and Amariah fathered Ahitub; ⁸and Ahitub fathered Zadok; and Zadok fathered Ahimaaz; ⁹and Ahimaaz fathered Azariah; and Azariah fathered Johanan; ¹⁰and Johanan fathered Azariah—he who acted in the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem. ¹¹And Azariah fathered Amariah; and Amariah fathered Ahitub; ¹²and Ahitub fathered Zadok; and Zadok fathered Shallum; ¹³and Shallum fathered Hilkiah; and Hilkiah fathered Azariah; ¹⁴and Azariah fathered Seraiah; and Seraiah fathered Jehozadak; ¹⁵and Jehozadak went away when Jehovah

exiled Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

¹⁶The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ¹⁷And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei. ¹⁸And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. ¹⁹The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. And these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers: ²⁰to Gershon: his son Libni; Jahath, his son; Zimmah, his son; ²¹Joah, his son; Iddo, his son; Zerah, his son; Jeaterai, his son. ²²The sons of Kohath: his son Amminadab; Korah, his son; Assir, his son; ²³Elkanah, his son; Ebiasaph, his son; and Assir, his son; ²⁴Tahath, his son; Uriel, his son; Uzziab, his son; Shaul, his son. ²⁵And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth. ²⁶Elkanah; the sons of Elkanah: Zophi, his son; and Nahath, his son; ²⁷Eliab, his son; Jeroham, his son; Elkanah, his son; ²⁸and the sons of Samuel: Joel, the firstborn; and the second, even Abijah.

²⁹The sons of Merari *were* Mahli; Libni, his son; Shimei, his son; Uzza, his son; ³⁰Shimea, his son; Haggiah, his son; Asaiah, his son. ³¹And these *are* they whom David set over the service of song in the house of Jehovah, after the ark had rested. ³²And they ministered with singing before the resting-place of the tabernacle of the congregation, until Solomon had built the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem. And they waited on their office according to their ordinance. ³³And these *are* those who stood, and their sons: Of the sons of the Kohathites, Heman, a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel, ³⁴the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, ³⁵the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, ³⁶the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, ³⁷the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, ³⁸the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. ³⁹And his brother Asaph who stood on his right hand: Asaph, the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea, ⁴⁰the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah, ⁴¹the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, ⁴²the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, ⁴³the son of Jahath, the son of

Gershom, the son of Levi. ⁴⁴And their brothers, the sons of Merari *stood* on the left: Ethan, the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, ⁴⁵the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, ⁴⁶the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer, ⁴⁷the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. ⁴⁸Also their brothers, the Levites, were appointed for every service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

⁴⁹But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. ⁵⁰And these *were* the sons of Aaron: Eleazar, his son; Phinehas, his son; Abishua, his son; ⁵¹Bukki, his son; Uzzi, his son; Zerahiah, his son; ⁵²Meraioth, his son; Amariah, his son; Ahitub, his son; ⁵³Zadok, his son; Ahimaaz, his son.

⁵⁴And these *are* their dwelling-places by their camps, within their borders, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, for the lot was theirs. ⁵⁵And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and its open lands all around it. ⁵⁶But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. ⁵⁷And to the sons of Aaron, they gave the cities of refuge: Hebron, and Libnah and its open lands; and Jattir, and Eshtemoa and its open lands; ⁵⁸and Hilen and its open lands; Debir and its open lands; ⁵⁹and Ashan and its open lands; and Beth-shemesh and its open lands. ⁶⁰And out of the tribe of Benjamin *was* Geba and its open lands; and Alemeth and its open lands; and Anathoth and its open lands. All their cities in their families *were* thirteen cities.

⁶¹And to the sons of Kohath, left of the family of that tribe, ten cities out of the half tribe, the half of Manasseh by lot. ⁶²And to the sons of Gershom for their families: Out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. ⁶³To the sons of Merari by the lot, for their families: out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. ⁶⁴And the sons of Israel

gave the cities to the Levites and their open lands. ⁶⁵And they gave by the lot these cities which they call by their names: out of the tribe of the sons of Judah, and out of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin.

⁶⁶And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. ⁶⁷And they gave to them *for* cities of refuge: Shechem in Mount Ephraim and its open lands; and Gezer and its open lands; ⁶⁸and Jokneam and its open lands; and Beth-horon and its open lands; ⁶⁹and Ajalon and its open lands; and Gath-rimmon and its open lands. ⁷⁰And out of the half tribe of Manasseh: Aner and its open lands; and Bileam and its open lands; for the family of the rest of the sons of Kohath.

⁷¹To the sons of Gershon: out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan and its open lands; and Ashtaroth and its open lands. ⁷²And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh and its open lands; Daberath and its open lands; ⁷³and Ramoth and its open lands; and Anem and its open lands. ⁷⁴And out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal and its open lands; and Abdon and its open lands; ⁷⁵and Hukok and its open lands; and Rehob and its open lands. ⁷⁶And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee and its open lands; and Hammon and its open lands; and Kirjathaim and its open lands. ⁷⁷To the rest of the sons of Merari: out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon and its open lands; Tabor and its open lands. ⁷⁸And beyond Jordan, *by* Jericho, on the east of the Jordan: out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness, and its open lands; and Jahzah and its open lands; ⁷⁹Kedemoth also and its open lands; and Mephaath and its open lands. ⁸⁰And out of the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead and its open lands; and Mahanaim and its open lands; ⁸¹and Heshbon and its open lands; and Jazer and its open lands.

CHAPTER 7

¹And to the sons of Issachar *were* Tola, and Puah, and Jashub, and Shimron, four. ²And the sons of Tola: Uzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers' house — *these* to Tola, great men of might to their generations. Their number in the days of

David *was* twenty-two thousand, six hundred. ³And the sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah; all five of them chiefs. ⁴And with them, by their generations, according to their fathers' house, *were* bands of soldiers for war, thirty-six thousand; for they multiplied wives and sons. ⁵And their brothers among all the families of Issachar *were* mighty men of war, *being* in all, by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand.

⁶*Of* Benjamin: Bela and Becher, and Jediel, three. ⁷And the sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of their fathers' house, mighty warriors; and their genealogy, twenty-two thousand, and thirty-four. ⁸And the sons of Becher: Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alarneth. All these *are* the sons of Becher. ⁹And their genealogy, by their generations, heads of their fathers' house, mighty warriors, twenty thousand and two hundred. ¹⁰And the sons of Jediel: Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar; ¹¹all these *are* sons of Jediel, even heads of *their* fathers, mighty warriors, seventeen thousand and two hundred going out to war for battle. ¹²And Shuppim and Huppim, the sons of Ir; Hushim the son of Aher. ¹³The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

¹⁴The sons of Manasseh: Ashriel, whom Jaladah his Syrian concubine bore with Machir the father of Gilead. ¹⁵And Machir took a wife for Huppim and for Shuppim; and the name of his sister *was* Maachah; and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad. And Zelophehad had daughters. ¹⁶And Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh. And the name of his brother *was* Sheresh; and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. ¹⁷And the sons of Ulam: Bedan. These *were* the sons of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. ¹⁸And his sister Hammoleketh bore Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah. ¹⁹And the sons of Shemida: Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

²⁰And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah,

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and Bered, his son; and Tahath, his son; and Eladah, his son; and Tahath, his son; ²¹and Zabad, his son; and Shuthelah, his son; and Ezer, and Elead, and the men of Gath, natives in the land, killed them, because they came down to take away their cattle. ²²And their father Ephraim mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him. ²³And he went in to his wife. And she conceived and bore a son. And he called his name Beriah, because his house was in evil. ²⁴And his daughter was Sherah; and she built Beth-horon the lower and the upper, and Uzzen-sherah. ²⁵And Rephah was his son; also Resheph, and Telah, his son; and Tahan, his son; ²⁶Laadan, his son; Ammihud, his son; Elishama, his son; ²⁷Non, his son; Jehoshua, his son. ²⁸And their possessions and dwelling-places: Bethel and its towns; and eastward to Naaran; and westward to Gezer and its towns; and Shechem and its towns; to Gaza and its towns. ²⁹And by the borders of the sons of Manasseh: Beth-shean and its towns; Tanaanah and its towns; Megiddo and its towns; Dor and its towns. In these lived the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel.

³⁰The sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishuiah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. ³¹And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel; he is the father of Birzavith. ³²And Heber fathered Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. ³³And the sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath; these are the sons of Japhlet. ³⁴And the sons of Shamer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. ³⁵And the sons of his brother Helem: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. ³⁶The sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, ³⁷Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. ³⁸And the sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. ³⁹And the sons of Ulla: Arah, and Haniel, and Rizia. ⁴⁰All these were the sons of Asher, heads of their fathers' house, choice, mighty warriors, heads of the rulers. And their enrollment in the warfare in the battle, their number was twenty-six thousand men.

¹And Benjamin fathered his firstborn Bela; Ashbel, the second; and Aharah, the third; ²Nohah, the fourth; and Rapha, the fifth. ³And sons were born to Bela: Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, ⁴and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, ⁵and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Hiram. ⁶And these are the sons of Ehud; these are they, the heads of the fathers to the dwellers of Geba; and they exiled them to Manahath. ⁷And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he exiled them. And Ehud fathered Uzza and Ahihud. ⁸And Shaharaim fathered sons in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away. Hushim and Baara were his wives. ⁹And by his wife Hodesh were Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham, ¹⁰and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads of the fathers. ¹¹And by Hushim, he had Abitub, and Elpaal. ¹²The sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono and Lod, with their towns. ¹³And Beriah and Shema were heads of the fathers to the dwellers of Aijalon, who drove away the dwellers of Gath; ¹⁴and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, ¹⁵and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, ¹⁶and Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah, ¹⁷and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, shallam, and Hezeki, and Heber, ¹⁸and Ismerai, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal; ¹⁹and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, ²⁰and Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, ²¹and Adaijah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi, ²²and Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel, ²³and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, ²⁴and Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah, ²⁵and Iphdeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak; ²⁶and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, ²⁷and Jaresiah, and Elijah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. ²⁸These were heads of the fathers, by their generations, chiefs. These lived in Jerusalem.

²⁹And the father of Gibeon lived at Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maachah. ³⁰And his firstborn son was Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, ³¹and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zecher.

³²And Mikloth fathered Shimeah. And these also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, across from them.

³³And Ner fathered Kish, and Kish fathered Saul. And Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. ³⁴And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal. And Merib-baal fathered Micah. ³⁵And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. ³⁶And Ahaz fathered Jehoadah. And Jehoadah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri. And Zimri fathered Moza. ³⁷And Moza fathered Binea; Rapha was his son; Eleaseh, his son; Azel, his son. ³⁸And to Azel were born six sons; and these are their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. ³⁹And the sons of Eshek his brother: his firstborn Ulam; Jeush, the second; and Eliphelet, the third. ⁴⁰And the sons of Ulam were mighty men, treaders of the bow, and had many sons, and grandsons, a hundred and fifty. All these were the sons of Benjamin.

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¹So all Israel enrolled themselves. And, behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Israel. And Judah was exiled to Babylon for their transgressions.

²And the first dwellers who lived in their possessions in their cities were the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the temple slaves. ³And in Jerusalem lived of the sons of Judah, and of the sons of Benjamin, and of the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh: ⁴Uthai, the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, the sons of Pharez, the son of Judah. ⁵And of the Shilonites, Asaiah the firstborn and his sons. ⁶And of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel and their brothers, six hundred and ninety. ⁷And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah, ⁸and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham; and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri; and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; ⁹and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men were the heads of the fathers to their fathers' house.

¹⁰And of the priests, Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, ¹¹and Azariah to son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; ¹²and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah; and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer; ¹³and their brothers, heads to their fathers' house, seventeen hundred and sixty, very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

¹⁴And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; ¹⁵and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Matthaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph; ¹⁶and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites. ¹⁷And the gatekeepers were Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers; Shallum being the head. ¹⁸And until they were at the king's gate eastward; they were gatekeepers in the companies of the sons of Levi. ¹⁹And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle. And their fathers were over the camp of Jehovah, keepers of the entry. ²⁰And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past; Jehovah was with him. ²¹Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²²All these who were chosen for gatekeepers in the gates were two hundred and twelve. They were in their villages, by their genealogy; they whom David and Samuel the seer had appointed in their faithfulness. ²³And they and their sons were over the gates of the house of Jehovah, even of the house of the tabernacle, by watches. ²⁴The gatekeepers were to the four winds: east, west, north, and south. ²⁵And their brothers in their villages were to come in for seven days from time to time with them. ²⁶For they were in faithfulness, the four chiefs of the gatekeepers; they were

Levites, and were over the rooms, and over the treasures of the house of God.

²⁷And they lived around the house of God, for the watch duty *was* on them; and they *were* to open it morning by morning.

²⁸And certain of them *were* over the vessels of service, for they brought them by number; and they took them out by number. ²⁹And certain of them were appointed over the vessels, even over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. ³⁰And certain of the sons of the priests mixed the mixture for spices. ³¹And Mattithiah of the Levites — he is the firstborn to Shalum the Korahite — *was* faithful over the work of the pans. ³²And *others* of the sons of the Kohathites, from among their brothers, *were* over the Bread of Arrangement, to prepare sabbath *by* sabbath.

³³And these *are* the singers, heads of fathers to the Levites in the chambers; *they were* free; for they were employed day and night in the work. ³⁴These heads of the fathers of the Levites *were* heads throughout their generation; these lived at Jerusalem.

³⁵And in Gibeon lived the father of Gibeon, Jeiel. And his wife's name was Maachah; ³⁶and his firstborn son *was* Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, ³⁷and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. ³⁸And Mikloth fathered Shimeam; and they also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, across from their brothers. ³⁹And Ner fathered Kish, and Kish fathered Saul, and Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. ⁴⁰And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal; and Merib-baal fathered Micah. ⁴¹And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, ⁴²and Ahaz — he fathered Jarah, and Jarah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Moza; ⁴³and Moza fathered Binea; and Rephaiah *was* his son; Eleasah, his son; Azel, his son. ⁴⁴And to Azel *were* six sons, and these their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. These *were* the sons of Azel.

CHAPTER 10

¹And the Philistines fought with Israel. And the men of Israel fled from the face of

the Philistines, and fell wounded in Mount Gilboa. ²And the Philistines pursued Saul and his sons; and the Philistines struck Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. ³And the battle *was* heavy on Saul, and the archers found him with the bow; and he was wounded by the archers. ⁴And Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and pierce me with it, that these uncircumcised ones not come and abuse me. And the armor-bearer *was* not willing, for he exceedingly feared. And Saul took the sword and fell on it. ⁵And the armor-bearer saw that Saul *was* dead, and he also fell on the sword and died. ⁶And Saul and his three sons died, and all his house; they died together. ⁷And the men of Israel in the valley saw that they had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died. And they forsook their cities and ran away. And the Philistines came and lived in them.

⁸And it happened on the next day, the Philistines came to strip those pierced. And *they* found Saul and his sons fallen in Mount Gilboa. ⁹And *they* stripped him, and carried his head and his weapons, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around to proclaim the news to their idols and the people. ¹⁰And *they* put his weapons in the house of their gods; and they fastened his skull *in* the house of Dagon.

¹¹And all Jabesh-gilead heard of all that the Philistines had done to Saul. ¹²And all the valiant men arose and carried away Saul's body, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh. And *they* buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh; and fasted seven days.

¹³And Saul died because of his trespass that he trespassed against Jehovah, against the word of Jehovah that he did not keep, and also for asking of a medium, to inquire; ¹⁴and did not inquire of Jehovah. Then He killed him, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

CHAPTER 11

¹And all Israel gathered to David, to Hebron, saying, Behold, *we are* your bone and your flesh. ²And also in time past, even when Saul was king, you *were* he that led out and brought in Israel. And Jehovah your God said to you, You shall feed my

people Israel, and you shall be ruler over My people Israel. ³And all the elders of Israel came in to the king at Hebron. And David cut a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah. And they anointed David as king over Israel, according to the word of Jehovah, by the hand of Samuel. ⁴And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem — it is Jebus — and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, *were* there. ⁵And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, You shall not come *in* here. But David captured the fortress of Zion; it is the city of David. ⁶And David said, Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall become head and commander. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first and became head. ⁷And David lived in the fortress; on this account they called it the City of David. ⁸And he built the city all around, from Millo even round about. And Joab revived the rest of the city. ⁹And David *was* going on and increasing, for Jehovah of Hosts *was* with him.

¹⁰And these *were* the heads of the mighty men who *were* to David, making themselves strong with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to cause him to reign over Israel, according to the word of Jehovah. ¹¹And this *is* the number of the mighty men who *were* to David: Jashobeam the son of a Hachmonite, the head of the thirty — he lifted up his spear against three hundred, killing them at one time. ¹²And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite; he *was* among the three mighty ones — ¹³he was with David in Pas-dammim, and the Philistines had gathered there to battle; and a portion of the field was full of barley, and the people had fled from before the Philistines; ¹⁴and they set themselves in the midst of that portion, and delivered it, and struck the Philistines, and Jehovah saved by a great deliverance.

¹⁵And three of the thirty heads went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam. And the army of the Philistines was pitched in the Valley of the Giants. ¹⁶And David *was* then in the stronghold, and the command post of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem. ¹⁷And David longed, and said, Who shall give me drink, water from the well of Bethlehem that *is* by the gate? ¹⁸And the three broke through

the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that *was* at the gate, and took *it* and brought to David. But David *was* not willing to drink it, and poured it out to Jehovah, ¹⁹and said, Far be it from me by my God, to do this. Shall I drink the blood of these men with their lives? For they have brought it with their lives. And he *was* not willing to drink it. The three mighty ones did these things.

²⁰And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was the chief of the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, *and* killed; and had a name among the three. ²¹Of the three, he was honored by the two, and became their head. But he did not come to the *first* three. ²²Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of great deeds, from Kabzeel, he killed the two lion-like Moabites. And he went down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit in the snowy day. ²³And he killed an Egyptian man, a man of five cubits stature; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like the weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff and wrenched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand; and killed him with his own spear. ²⁴These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name among the three mighty ones. ²⁵Behold, he was honored by the thirty, but to the *first* three he did not come. And David set him over his court.

²⁶And the mighty ones of the army *were* Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, ²⁷Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, ²⁸Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, ²⁹Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, ³⁰Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, ³¹Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, ³²Hurai of the torrents of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, ³³Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbomite, ³⁴the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, ³⁵Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, ³⁶Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, ³⁷Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, ³⁸Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri, ³⁹Zekek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berrothite, the armor-bearer of Joab the son of

Zeruiah, ⁴⁰Tra the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ⁴¹Uriah the Hittite, Zabab the son of Ahlai, ⁴²Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, the head of the Reubenites, and thirty with him; ⁴³Hanan the son of Machah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, ⁴⁴Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shamma and Jehiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite, ⁴⁵Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, ⁴⁶Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai and Joshaviah, sons of Elnaam, and Ithma the Moabite, ⁴⁷Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mezobaite.

CHAPTER 12

¹These *were* those coming to David to Ziklag, while banned from the face of Saul the son of Kish. And they *were* among the mighty ones, helping the battle; ²right and left-handed, armed with bows, with stones, and with arrows, with the bow from the brothers of Saul, of Benjamin. ³The head *was* Ahiezer, and Joash, the sons of She-maah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Beracha, and Jehu the Anathothite; ⁴Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty one among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite; ⁵Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite; ⁶Elkanah, and Jessiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam the Korhites; ⁷and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. ⁸And of the Gadites, there were separated to David, to the stronghold *in* the wilderness, valiant warriors, men of the army for battle, setting shield and spear in order, and their faces the face of a lion, and as gazelles on the heights for swiftmess: ⁹Ezer the chief, Obadiah, the second; Eliab, the third; ¹⁰Mishmannah, the fourth; Jeremiah, the fifth; ¹¹Attai, the sixth; Eliel, the seventh; ¹²Johanan, the eighth; Elzabad, the ninth; ¹³Jeremiah, the tenth; Machbanni, the eleventh. ¹⁴These *were* of the sons of Gad, heads of the army. The least *was* equal to a hundred, and the greatest as a thousand. ¹⁵These *were* they who crossed over the Jordan in the first month; and it was full, over all its banks; and put to flight all *those* of the valleys, to the east and to the west. ¹⁶And *some* of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold of David. ¹⁷And David went out before them, and

answered and said to them, If you have come to me for peace, to help me, I have a heart to unite with yours. But if to betray me to my foe, there is no violence in my hand; the God of our fathers shall see and reprove. ¹⁸And the Spirit unwrapped Amasai, the head of the thirty: To you, O David, and with you, O son of Jesse, peace! Peace to you, and peace to your helpers, for your God has helped you. And David received them, and put them among the heads of the band.

¹⁹And *some* from Manasseh fell to David as he came with the Philistines to battle against Saul. And they did not help them, for by counsel the rulers of the Philistines sent them away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul with our heads. ²⁰As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him from Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, heads of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh. ²¹And they helped David against the raiding band, for they all *were* valiant warriors; and they were commanders in the army; ²²for at that time they came daily to David, to help him, until it was a great army, like an army of God.

²³And these *were* the numbers of the heads of those that were armed for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the mouth of Jehovah. ²⁴The sons of Judah, bearing shield and spear, *were* six thousand, eight hundred, armed for war. ²⁵Of the sons of Simeon, mighty ones of valor for the war, seven thousand, one hundred. ²⁶Of the sons of Levi *were* four thousand, six hundred. ²⁷And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him three thousand, seven hundred; ²⁸and Zadok, a young man mighty in valor; and of the house of his father *were* twenty-two leaders. ²⁹And of the sons of Benjamin, Saul's brothers, *were* three thousand. For before, the most of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. ³⁰And of the sons of Ephraim *were* twenty thousand, eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men to the house of their fathers. ³¹And of the half tribe of Manasseh *were* eighteen thousand who were designated by names, to come to make David king. ³²And of the sons of Issachar, having understanding of the times, to know what

Israel should do. Their heads *were* two hundred, and all their brothers *were* at their mouth.

³³Of Zebulun, going forth to the army, that could set the battle in array with all kinds of weapons of war, fifty thousand; and keeping rank without a double heart. ³⁴And of Naphtali, a thousand chiefs; and with them with shield and spear *were* thirty-seven thousand. ³⁵And of the Danites arraying the battle *were* twenty-eight thousand, six hundred. ³⁶And of Asher, going out to the army to set in order the battle *were* forty thousand. ³⁷And from beyond the Jordan: of the Reubenites, and of the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all of the weapons of war for battle *were* a hundred and twenty thousand. ³⁸All these *were* men of war, keeping rank; they came to Hebron with a perfect heart, to make David king over all Israel. And also all the rest of Israel *was* of one heart, to make David king. ³⁹And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking. For their brothers had prepared for them. ⁴⁰And also those near to them, to Issachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought in bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen; food of fine flour, fig cakes, and raisin cakes, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep, to great plenty. For joy *was* in Israel.

CHAPTER 13

¹And David consulted the chiefs of the thousands and of the hundreds, to every leader. ²And David said to all the assembly of Israel, If it is good to you, and it has broken forth from Jehovah our God, we shall send to our brothers, those remaining in all the lands of Israel, and with them the priests and the Levites in the cities of their open lands; and they shall be gathered to us. ³And we shall bring around to us the ark of our God, for we did not seek Him in the days of Saul. ⁴And all the congregation said to do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. ⁵And David gathered all Israel, from Shihor of Egypt even to the entering in of Hamath, to bring in the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim. ⁶And David all Israel went up to Baalah, to Kirjath-jearim of Judah, to bring up from there the ark of Jehovah God, who dwells among the cherubs, where the Name was called on. ⁷And they made the ark of God

to ride on a new cart from the house of Abinadab. And Uzza and Ahio were leading the cart. ⁸And David and all Israel were playing before God with all strength, and with songs, and with lyres, and with harps, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. ⁹And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, then Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled. ¹⁰And the anger of Jehovah burned against Uzza, and He struck him, because he had put out his hand on the ark; and he died there before God. ¹¹And it burned to David, for Jehovah had broken a breach against Uzza; and he called that place, The Breach of Uzza to this day.

¹²And David feared God on that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God to me? ¹³And David did not bring the ark to himself, to the City of David, but carried it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹⁴And the ark of God remained with the household of Obed-edom in his house three months. And Jehovah blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that he had.

CHAPTER 14

¹And Hiram the king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and masons, and carpenters, to build a house for him. ²And David saw that Jehovah had established him king over Israel, for his kingdom was exalted to a height, for the sake of His people Israel.

³And David again took wives in Jerusalem. And David again fathered sons and daughters. ⁴And these *were* the names of the children who were to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, ⁵and Ibhah, and Elishua, and Elpalet, ⁶and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ⁷and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

⁸And the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel. And all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard, and went out before them. ⁹And the Philistines came and made a raid in the Valley of the Giants. ¹⁰And David asked of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines; and, Have You given them into my hand? And Jehovah said to him, Go up, and I

will give them into your hand. ¹¹And they went up to Baal-perazim, and David struck them there. And David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like the breaking of the waters; so they called the name of that place Baal-perazim. ¹²And they left their gods there. And David commanded, and they were burned with fire.

¹³And yet again the Philistines raided in the valley. ¹⁴And David again inquired of God. And God spoke to him, You shall not go up after them; turn away from them and come to them across from the weeping trees. ¹⁵And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the weeping trees, then you shall go out in the battle; for God has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines. ¹⁶And David did as God commanded him. And they struck the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer.

¹⁷And the name of David went out into all the lands; and Jehovah put the dread of him on all the nations.

CHAPTER 15

¹And he built houses for himself in the City of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and stretched out a tent for it. ²Then David said, None *should* bear the ark of God except the Levites, for Jehovah had chosen them to bear the ark of God, and to serve Him forever. ³And David gathered all Israel to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Jehovah to its place that he had prepared for it. ⁴And David gathered the sons of Aaron and the Levites. ⁵Of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brothers, a hundred and twenty. ⁶Of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brothers, two hundred and twenty. ⁷Of the sons of Gershon: Joel the chief, and his brothers, a hundred and thirty. ⁸Of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers, two hundred. ⁹Of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brothers, eighty. ¹⁰Of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brothers, a hundred and twelve.

¹¹And David called to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, and to the Levites, to Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, ¹²and said to them, You *are* the heads of the fathers of

the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brothers, and you shall bring up the ark of Jehovah, the God of Israel, to *the place* I have prepared for it. ¹³Because you did not do so at the first, Jehovah our God broke in against us, for we did not seek Him according to the ordinance.

¹⁴And the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Jehovah the God of Israel. ¹⁵And the sons of the Levites carried the ark of God, as Moses commanded, according to the word of Jehovah, by staves above on the shoulders. ¹⁶And David commanded the chiefs of the Levites to make stand their brothers the singers with instruments of song, psalteries, and harps, and sounding cymbals, to lift up the voice with joy.

¹⁷And the Levites made stand Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari, their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah. ¹⁸And with them were their brothers of the second rank, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers. ¹⁹And the singers *were* Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, to sound with cymbals of bronze; ²⁰and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with harps set to Allamoth; ²¹and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azariah with lyres on the octave, to oversee. ²²And Chenaniah the chief of the Levites *led* in the song, instructing in the song, because he *was* skillful. ²³And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* gatekeepers for the ark. ²⁴And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests were blowing with the trumpets before the ark of God. And Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* gatekeepers for the ark.

²⁵And it was David, and the elders of Israel, and the commanders of the thousands, who were going to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah from the house of Obed-edom with joy. ²⁶And it happened, as God helped the Levites carrying the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, they sacrificed seven bullocks and seven rams.

²⁷And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that carried the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah, the master of the song with the singers. David also *had* an ephod of linen on him.

²⁸And all Israel was bringing up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah with shouting, and with the sound of a horn, and with trumpets, and cymbals, sounding aloud with lyres and harps. ²⁹And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of Jehovah came to the City of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out through the window and saw king David dancing and making merry. And she despised him in her heart.

CHAPTER 16

¹And they brought in the ark of God, and set it down in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for it. And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. ²And when David finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, and he blessed the people in the name of Jehovah; ³even he passed out to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to each a loaf of bread, a portion, and a raisin cake. ⁴And he set before the ark of Jehovah ministers from the Levites, even to celebrate and to thank and to give praise to Jehovah the God of Israel: ⁵Asaph the head, and Zechariah his second; Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with instruments of harps, and with lyres; and Asaph was sounding with the cymbals. ⁶And Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests *were* continually with trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God. ⁷Then on that day David first gave by the hand of Asaph and his brothers to give thanks to Jehovah.

⁸O give thanks to Jehovah; call on His name; make known His deeds among the peoples. ⁹Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; tell of all His marvelous works. ¹⁰Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those seeking Jehovah rejoice. ¹¹Seek Jehovah and His strength, seek His face continually. ¹²Remember His wonders that He has done, His signs, and the judgments of His mouth, ¹³O seed of Israel, His servant; O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones. ¹⁴He *is* Jehovah our God, His judgments *are* in all the earth. ¹⁵Remember

His covenant forever, the word He gave to a thousand generations, ¹⁶which He has made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac; ¹⁷and He established it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as a covenant forever, ¹⁸saying, I will give you the land of Canaan, the allotment of your inheritance; ¹⁹when you were few in number, even very few, and sojourners in it, ²⁰and they went up and down, from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people. ²¹He has not allowed any to oppress them; yea, for their sake he has reprov'd kings: ²²Touch not My anointed ones, and do My prophets no evil. ²³Sing to Jehovah, all the earth, proclaim His salvation from day to day. ²⁴Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all the peoples. ²⁵For great *is* Jehovah, and greatly to be praised; and He *is* to be feared above all gods. ²⁶For all gods of the peoples *are* nothing; yea, Jehovah has made the heavens. ²⁷Honor and majesty *are* before Him; strength and gladness *are* in His place. ²⁸Give to Jehovah, O kindred of the people, give to Jehovah glory and strength. ²⁹Give to Jehovah the glory of His name; bring an offering and come before Him; worship Jehovah in the adornment of holiness. ³⁰Tremble before Him, all the earth; yea, the earth is established, it shall not be moved! ³¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let them say among nations, Jehovah reigns. ³²Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it; let the fields rejoice, and all that *is* in them. ³³Then the trees of the forest will sing out before Jehovah, for He has come to judge the earth. ³⁴O give thanks to Jehovah; for *He* *is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever. ³⁵And say, O save us, God of our salvation; and gather us, and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name, that we may glory in Your praise. ³⁶Blessed *be* Jehovah, the God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. And all the people said, Amen, and gave praise to Jehovah.

³⁷And he left there before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, for Asaph and for his brothers, to minister before the ark continually to the matter of a day in its day; ³⁸also, Obed-edom and their brothers, sixty-eight; and Obed-edom the

son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, as gatekeepers; ³⁹and Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, before the tabernacle of Jehovah, in the high place that *was* in Gibeon; ⁴⁰to offer the burnt offerings to Jehovah on the altar of the burnt offering continually, to the morning, and to evening, even to all that was written in the law of Jehovah, which He commanded Israel; ⁴¹and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to Jehovah, because His mercy *endures* forever; ⁴²and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those making a sound, and instruments of the song of God; and the sons of Jeduthun *were* at the gate.

⁴³And all the people departed, each to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

CHAPTER 17

¹And it happened, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I am living in a house of cedars, and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah is under curtains. ²And Nathan said to David, Do all that *is* in your heart, for God *is* with you.

³And it happened on that night that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, ⁴Go; and you shall say to My servant David, So says Jehovah, You shall not build a house for Me to dwell in; ⁵for I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought Israel up until this day, but I have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*. ⁶Wherever I have walked up and down among all Israel, have I spoken a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people, saying, Why have you not built a house of cedars for Me? ⁷And now you shall say this to My servant, to David, So says Jehovah of hosts, I have taken you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel; ⁸and I have been with you wherever you have walked; and I have cut off all your enemies from before you; and have made for you a name like the name of the great ones who *are* in the earth. ⁹And I will prepare a place for My people Israel, and he will plant, and he will dwell in his

place, and shall not be made to tremble any more; nor shall the sons of wickedness waste him any more, as at the first; ¹⁰yea, even from the day that I appointed judges over My people Israel. And I will humble all your enemies; and I declare to you that Jehovah shall build a house for you; ¹¹and it shall come to pass, when your days have been fulfilled to go away with your fathers, that I shall raise up your seed after you, who shall be of your sons, and I shall establish his kingdom. ¹²He shall build a house for Me, and I shall establish his throne forever; ¹³I shall be a Father to him, and he shall be a son to Me; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it away from him who was before you; ¹⁴and I will make him stand in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be made to stand forever. ¹⁵According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

¹⁶And David the king came in and sat before Jehovah, and said, Who *am* I, O Jehovah, and what is my house, that You have brought me thus far? ¹⁷And this was a small thing in Your eyes, O God; but You have spoken to Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have looked upon me as a type of the Man who is on high, O Jehovah God! ¹⁸What can David add still more to You concerning the honor *being put* on Your servant? For You know Your servant. ¹⁹O Jehovah, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, to make known all these great things. ²⁰O Jehovah, there is none like You; and there is no God except You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²¹And what one nation in the earth *is* as Your people Israel, whom God has brought out to ransom to Himself for a people, to make for Yourself a great and fearful name, to cast out the nations from before Your people, whom You have ransomed out of Egypt. ²²Yea, You have chosen Your people Israel for Yourself, for a people forever, and You, O Jehovah, have been God to them. ²³And now, O Jehovah, the word that You have spoken as to Your servant, and as to his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have spoken; ²⁴let it even be established,

and Your name be great forever, saying, Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, is God to Israel; and the house of Your servant David shall be made to stand before You; ²⁵for You, O my God, You have uncovered the ear of Your servant, to build a house for him; on this account Your servant has found to pray before You. ²⁶And now, O Jehovah, You *are* God Himself, and You speak this goodness concerning Your servant; ²⁷and now, You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, to be forever before You; for You, O Jehovah, have blessed; yea, it shall be blessed forever!

CHAPTER 18

¹And it happened, after this, that David struck the Philistines, and humbled them, and took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines. ²And he struck Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David, bringing a tribute.

³And David struck Hadarezer the king of Zobah at Hamath, as he went to establish his power by the river Euphrates; ⁴and David captured from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David hamstrung all the chariot *horses*, but left of them a hundred chariots. ⁵And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer the king of Zobah, then David struck twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians. ⁶And David placed *men* in Syria of Damascus, and the Syrians became servants to David, bringing a tribute. And Jehovah preserved David wherever he went. ⁷And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸And from Tibhath and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, David brought very much bronze—with it Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of bronze.

⁹And Tou the king of Hamath heard that David had struck the whole army of Hadarezer the king of Zobah, ¹⁰and he sent his son Hadoram to king David, to ask peace of him, and to bless him—because he had fought against Hadarezer, and had struck him; for Hadarezer had been a man of war with Tou — and all vessels of gold and silver and bronze; ¹¹also these king David sanctified to Jehovah, with the silver and

the gold that he had taken from all the nations, from Edom, and from Moab, and from the Ammonites, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. ¹²And Abishai the son of Zeruiah had killed eighteen thousand of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt; ¹³and he put command posts in Edom, and all the Edomites were servants to David. And Jehovah preserved David wherever he went.

¹⁴And David reigned over all Israel, and he executed judgment and justice among all his people. ¹⁵And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder; ¹⁶and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* priests; and Shavsha *was* scribe; ¹⁷and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David *were* first ones at the hand of the king.

CHAPTER 19

¹And it happened after this, that king Nahash of the Ammonites died, and his son reigned in his place. ²And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, for his father acted with kindness toward me; and David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And the servants of David came to the land of the Ammonites, to Hanun, to comfort him. ³And the chiefs of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, Is David honoring your father, in your eyes, because he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come in to you in order to search out and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? ⁴And Hanun took the David's servants, and shaved them, and cut their long robes in half, to the buttocks, and sent them away. ⁵And *some* went and told David about the men; and he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated — and the king said, Remain in Jericho until your beard has grown, then you shall return.

⁶And the Ammonites saw that they had made themselves odious to David; and Hanun and the Ammonites sent a thousand talents of silver in order to hire to themselves chariots and horsemen from Syria of Naharaim and Syria of Maachah and from Zobah. ⁷And they hired thirty-two thousand chariots to themselves, and

the king of Maachah and his people. And they came in and pitched before Medeba; and the Ammonites had gathered out of their cities and had come to the battle. ⁶And David heard, and sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. ⁹And the Ammonites came out and set the battle in order at the entrance to the city; and the kings who had come *were* by themselves in the field. ¹⁰And Joab saw that the face of the battle was against him before and behind; and he chose out all the choice ones in Israel, and set in order to meet Syria; ¹¹and the rest of the people he gave into the hand of his brother Abishai; and they set in order to meet the sons of Ammon. ¹²And he said, If Syria is stronger than I, then you shall help me; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will help you. ¹³Be strong, and we shall strengthen ourselves, for our people and for the cities of our God; and Jehovah will do that which is good in His eyes. ¹⁴And Joab and the people with him drew near before Syria to do battle; and they fled before him. ¹⁵And the Ammonites saw that Syria had fled, and they ran away, they also, from before his brother Abishai, and went into the city. And Joab came to Jerusalem.

¹⁶And Syria saw that they had been stricken before Israel, and sent messengers and brought out Syria that *was* beyond the river; and Shophach, Hadarezer's army commander, *was* before them. ¹⁷And it was told to David, and he gathered all Israel and crossed the Jordan, and came to them and set in order against them; yea, David set the battle in order to meet Syria, and they fought with him; ¹⁸and Syria fled before Israel, and David killed seven thousand charioteers of Syria, and forty thousand footmen, and he killed Shophach, the army commander. ¹⁹And the servants of Hadarezer saw that they had been stricken before Israel, and they made peace with David and served him; and Syria was not willing to help the Ammonites any more.

CHAPTER 20

And it happened, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that Joab led out the

power of the army and wasted the country of the Ammonites, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. And Joab struck Rabbah and overthrew it. ²And David took the crown of their king from his head, and found it a talent of gold *in* weight, and a precious stone in it; and it was set on David's head. And he also brought out the plunder of the city, a very great amount. ³And he brought out the people in it; and *they* sawed with saws, and with sharp tools of iron, and with the axes. And so David did to all the cities of the Ammonites. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

⁴And it happened after this, that there stood a battle again with the Philistines in Gezer; then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Sippai of the children of the giant, and they were humbled. ⁵And there was a battle again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi, the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the wood of whose spear was like the weavers' beam. ⁶And there was a battle again in Gath; and a man of stature was there, and his fingers and toes *were* six and six, twenty-four; and also he had been born to the giant. ⁷And he cursed Israel. And Jonathan the son of Shimea, the brother of David, killed him. ⁸These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 21

¹And Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. ²And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring to me, and I will know their number. ³And Joab said, May Jehovah add to His people *as if* they *were* a hundred times; my lord, O king, are they not all of them servants to my lord? Why does my lord desire this? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel? ⁴But the word of the king *was* heavy against Joab; and Joab went out and went up and down all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

⁵And Joab gave the tally of the census of the people to David; and all Israel was a million and one hundred thousand men that drew the sword; and Judah was four hundred and seventy thousand, each

drawing sword. ⁶And Levi and Benjamin he did not number among them, for the word of the king was loathsome to Joab. ⁷And it was evil in the eyes of God as to this thing, and He struck Israel. ⁸And David said to God, I have sinned exceedingly in that I have done this thing; and now, I pray You to cause the iniquity of Your servant to pass away, for I have acted very foolishly.

⁹And Jehovah spoke to Gad, the seer of David, saying, ¹⁰Go; and you shall speak to David, saying, So says Jehovah, I am extending to you three *things*; choose one of these for yourself, and I will do for you. ¹¹And Gad came to David and said to him, So says Jehovah, Choose for yourself: ¹²either for three years of famine, or three months to be wasted before your adversaries, even to be overtaken by the sword of your enemies; or the sword of Jehovah three days, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of Jehovah destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. And now, consider what answer I shall return to Him that sent me. ¹³And David said to Gad, I am in a great distress; now let me fall into the hand of Jehovah, for His mercies *are* very many; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.

¹⁴And Jehovah sent a pestilence into Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. ¹⁵And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; and as he was destroying, Jehovah saw, and repented as to the evil, and said to the destroying angel, Enough! Now stay your hand. And the angel of Jehovah stood by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁶And David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of Jehovah standing between the earth and the heavens, and his sword drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem; and David and the elders fell on their faces, covered with sackcloth. ¹⁷And David said to God, Was it not I, I who said to number the people? Yea, it *was* I who sinned, and truly have done evil; and these, the flock, what have they done? O Jehovah, my God, I pray You, let Your hand be on me and on my father's house, and not on Your people, to be plagued.

¹⁸And the angel of Jehovah spoke to Gad, saying to David, Surely David shall go up to raise an altar to Jehovah in the

threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁹And David went up by the word of Gad, that which he spoke in the name of Jehovah. ²⁰And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves; and Ornan was threshing wheat. ²¹And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor and bowed down to David, with his face to the ground. ²²And David said to Ornan, Give me the site of the threshing-floor, and I will build an altar to Jehovah in it; for full silver give it to me, and the plague will be restrained from the people. ²³And Ornan said to David, Take it for yourself, and my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes; see, I have given the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the food offering; I give it all. ²⁴And king David said to Ornan, No, for I will surely buy it for full silver, for I will not lift up what is yours to Jehovah, so as to offer a burnt offering without cost. ²⁵And David gave to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold *in* weight for the place. ²⁶And David built an altar there to Jehovah, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called to Jehovah; and He answered him with fire from the heavens on the altar of the burnt offering. ²⁷And Jehovah commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

²⁸At that time, when David saw that Jehovah had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. ²⁹And the tabernacle of Jehovah that Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, *were* at that time in the high place in Gibeon; ³⁰and David was not able to go before it to seek God, for he was terrified from the face of the angel of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 22

¹And David said, This is the house of Jehovah God, and this altar for burnt offering for Israel. ²And David commanded the aliens who *were* in the land of Israel to be gathered, and appointed masons to cut stones to build the house of God. ³And David prepared iron in abundance for nails, for leaves of the gates, and for couplings; and very much bronze; there

was no weighing *it*. ⁴And also cedar trees without number, for the Sidonians and the Tyrians brought in cedar trees in abundance to David. ⁵And David said, My son Solomon *is* a youth and tender, and the house to be built to Jehovah *is* to be made great, to a height, for a name and for beauty to all the land; I pray You, let me prepare for it. And David prepared in abundance before his death.

⁶And he called for his son Solomon, and commanded him to build a house to Jehovah, the God of Israel. ⁷And David said to his son Solomon, As for me, it has been in my heart to build a house to the name of Jehovah my God; ⁸but the word of Jehovah *was* against me, saying, You have shed blood in abundance, and you have made great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, for you have shed much blood to the earth before Me. ⁹Behold, a son shall be born to you; he shall be a man of rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around, for Solomon shall be his name; and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days; ¹⁰he shall build a house to My name, and he shall be a son to Me, and I a Father to him; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever. ¹¹Now, my son, may Jehovah be with you, and may you prosper and build the house of Jehovah your God, as he spoke concerning you. ¹²Only, may Jehovah give wisdom and understanding to you, and command you as to Israel, even to keep the law of Jehovah your God; ¹³then you shall prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the judgments that Jehovah commanded Moses as to Israel; be strong and courageous; do not fear, nor be cast down. ¹⁴And, behold, in my affliction I have prepared a hundred thousand gold talents for the house of Jehovah, and a million talents of silver; and there is no weighing of the bronze and iron, for it is in abundance; and I have prepared wood and stones, and you shall add to them. ¹⁵And there *are* many workmen with you, masons and carvers in stone, and of wood, and every skillful man for every work. ¹⁶No number is to the gold, and to the silver, and to the bronze, and to the iron; rise up and act, for Jehovah is with

you. ¹⁷And David commanded all the rulers of Israel to give help to his son Solomon: ¹⁸Is not Jehovah your God with you? Yea, He has given you rest all around, for He has given into my hand the inhabitants of the land, and has subdued the land before Jehovah and before His people. ¹⁹Now give your heart and your soul to seek to Jehovah your God and rise up and build the sanctuary of Jehovah God, to bring in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and the holy vessels of God, to the house that is to be built in the name of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 23

¹And David was old, and satisfied with days, and caused his son Solomon to reign over Israel. ²And gathered all Israel's rulers, and the priests, and the Levites. ³And the Levites were counted from a son of thirty years and upward; and their number by their heads, *as* to men, thirty-eight thousand. ⁴Of these, twenty-four thousand to be overseers over the work of the house of Jehovah; and six thousand were officers and judges; ⁵and four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand giving praise to Jehovah with instruments which I made for praising. ⁶And David divided them into divisions; of the sons of Levi, of Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ⁷Of the Gershonites: Ladan and Shimei. ⁸The sons of Ladan *were* Jehiel the head, and Zetham, and Joel, three. ⁹The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These *were* the heads of the fathers of Ladan. ¹⁰And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, and Jeush and Beriah; these four the sons of Shimei. ¹¹And Jahath was the head and Zizah the second. But Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons. And they were in one roster, a father's house. ¹²The sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. ¹³The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. And Aaron was separated so that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons perpetually to burn incense before Jehovah, to minister to Him and to bless in His name perpetually. ¹⁴Now *as to* Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi. ¹⁵The sons of Moses were Gershom and Eliezer. ¹⁶Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the head. ¹⁷And the sons of

Eliezer were Rehabiah the head. And Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. ¹⁸Of the sons of Izhar, Shelomith *was* the head. ¹⁹Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third and Jekameam the fourth. ²⁰Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah was the first and Jesiah the second. ²¹Mushi and Mahli *were* the sons of Merari — the sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. ²²And Eleazar died. And he had no sons, but he had daughters. And their brothers, the sons of Kish, took them. ²³The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three. ²⁴*These were* the sons of Levi to the house of their fathers, the heads of the fathers, to their rosters, by number of names, by their heads, who did the work for the service of Jehovah's house, from the son of twenty years and over. ²⁵For David said, Jehovah God of Israel has given rest to His people so that they may dwell in Jerusalem perpetually, ²⁶and also to the Levites, there *was* no need to carry the tabernacle, nor all its vessels for its service. ²⁷For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from a son of twenty years and above, ²⁸because their office *was* to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of Jehovah, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of God's house, ²⁹both for the Bread of Arrangement, and for the fine flour for food offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for the pan, and for what is soaked in oil, and for every measure and size, ³⁰and to stand every morning to thank and praise Jehovah, and likewise at evening. ³¹And *they were* to offer all burnt sacrifices to Jehovah in the sabbath, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded to them, continually before the face of Jehovah — ³²and that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of Aaron sons, their brothers, in the service of the house of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 24

¹And *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron *were* Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ²But Nadab and Abihu died before their father,

and they had no sons. And Eleazar and Ithamar were priests.

³And David divided them according to their offices in their service, even Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar. ⁴And more sons of Eleazar were found than the sons of Ithamar, for heads of the men. And they divided them. For the sons of Eleazar: sixteen chiefs to *their* father's house; and eight to the sons of Ithamar, to the house of their fathers. ⁵So they divided them by lots, these with these. For these were the rulers of the sanctuary and rulers of God, of Eleazar's sons and Ithamar's sons. ⁶And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers of the priests and Levites. One father's house was taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.

⁷And the first lot came out for Jehoiairib, the second to Jedaiah, ⁸the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, ⁹the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, ¹⁰the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, ¹¹the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, ¹²the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, ¹³the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshshebeab, ¹⁴the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, ¹⁵the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Apses, ¹⁶the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, ¹⁷the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul, ¹⁸the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

¹⁹*These were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of Jehovah, according to their ordinance, to Aaron their father, as Jehovah God of Israel had commanded him. ²⁰And the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. ²¹For Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah. ²²Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. ²³And the sons of Hebron *were* Jeriah. Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. ²⁴Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah. ²⁵Of the sons of Michah, Shamir. ²⁶The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah. ²⁷Of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. ²⁸The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and

Mushi. The sons of Jaaziah: Beno. ²⁷The sons of Merari by Jaaziah: Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. ²⁸Of Mahli, Eleazar, and no sons were to him. ²⁹Of Kish, Jerahmeel the son of Kish. ³⁰The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites according to their father's house. ³¹And they also made fall lots just as their brothers the sons of Aaron *did* before the face of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers, for the priests and Levites, even the head of the fathers, as well as his younger brother.

CHAPTER 25

¹And David and the commanders of the army separated *some* the service of the sons of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, who *were* prophets with harps, with lyres and with cymbals. And their number, of the workmen according to their service, was: ²of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Ashareliah, the sons of Asaph at the hands of Asaph, who prophesied at the hands of the king. ³Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun who prophesied with the lyre to give thanks and to praise Jehovah. ⁴Of Heman *were* the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth. ⁵All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

⁶All these *were* at the hands of their father for song in the house of Jehovah, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, for the service of the house of God, at the hands of the king: Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman. ⁷So was their number, with their brothers who were instructed in singing to Jehovah, all that were skillful: two hundred and eighty-eight. ⁸And they made fall lots for duty, as in the rule, as the small, so the great, the teacher with the pupil. ⁹And the first lot came out for Asaph, to Joseph: Gedeliah, he was the second; and his brothers and sons, twelve *men*. ¹⁰The third

was Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ¹¹The fourth was to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ¹²The fifth was to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ¹³The sixth was to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ¹⁴The seventh was to Jeshareliah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ¹⁵The eighth was to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ¹⁶The ninth was to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ¹⁷The tenth was to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ¹⁸Eleventh was Azareel, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

¹⁹The twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ²⁰The thirteenth to Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ²¹The fourteenth to Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ²²The fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ²³The sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ²⁴The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ²⁵The eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

²⁶The nineteenth to Malothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ²⁷The twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ²⁸The twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brothers. ²⁹The twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ³⁰The twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve. ³¹The twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

CHAPTER 26

¹For the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korhites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asah. ²And to Meshelemiah *were* sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jethniel the fourth, ³Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh. ⁴And to Obed-edom *were* sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, ⁵Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth — for God blessed him. ⁶Also sons were born to Shemaiah, who ruled for the house of their father; for they *were* mighty warriors. ⁷The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brothers, mighty sons, *were* Elihu and Semachiah. ⁸All these

were the sons of Obed-edom. They and their sons and their brothers were mighty men with strength for service. Sixty-two were of Obed-edom. ⁹And to Meshelemiah were sons and brothers, mighty sons: eighteen. ¹⁰Also to Hosah, of the sons of Merari, were sons: Simri the head, though not the firstborn, yet his father made him the head; ¹¹Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and brothers of Hosah: thirteen. ¹²To these were the divisions of the gatekeepers for the heads of the men, having charges like their brothers, to minister in the house of Jehovah.

¹³And he made fall lots; as the small, as the great, for the house of their fathers, for gate and gate. ¹⁴And the lot eastward fell to Shelamiah. And for his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, they made fall lots; and his lot came out northward; ¹⁵and to Obed-edom, southward; and to his sons the house of the stores; ¹⁶to Shuppim and Hosah westward, with the gate of Shellecheth, going up by the highway, guard corresponding to guard. ¹⁷Eastward were six Levites, northward, four a day; southward, four a day, and toward the storehouse, two by two. ¹⁸At the Parbar, westward, four at the highway; two at the Parbar. ¹⁹These are the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Kore and among the sons of Merari. ²⁰And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and to the treasures of the dedicated things. ²¹The sons of Ladan, sons of the Gershonites; heads of the fathers of Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli; ²²the sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and his brother Joel, who were over the treasures of the house of Jehovah, ²³for the Amramites, for the Izharites, for the Hebronites, for the Uzzielites. ²⁴And Shebuel the son of Gershon, the son of Moses was ruler over the treasures. ²⁵And his brothers by Eliezer were his son Rehabiah, and his son Jeshaiiah, and his son Joram, and his son Zichri, and his son Shelomith. ²⁶Shelomith, he and his brothers over all the treasures of the holy things that David the king, and the heads of the fathers, the commanders over thousands and hun-

dreds, and the commanders of the army had dedicated. ²⁷They dedicated from the battles and the plunder, to maintain the house of Jehovah, ²⁸and all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, all who dedicated, was at the hand of Shelomith and his brothers.

²⁹Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and for judges. ³⁰Of the Hebronites: Hashabiah and his brothers, sons of might; a thousand and seven hundred over the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the work of Jehovah, and for the king's service. ³¹Of Hebron: Jerijah the head of the Hebronites, for his generations to his fathers. In the fortieth year of David's reign, they were sought, and were found among them mighty warriors at Jazer of Gilead. ³²And his brothers, mighty sons, were two thousand, seven hundred heads of the fathers. And king David made them overseers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh. For every matter of God and matter of the king.

CHAPTER 27

¹And the sons of Israel, according to their number, the heads of the fathers, and commanders of thousands and hundreds, and their scribes who served the king in every matter of the divisions which came in and went out month by month for all the months of the year—the one division had twenty-four thousand.

²Over the first division for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel. And over his division, twenty-four thousand.

³The head of all the commanders of the army for the first month was of the sons of Perez. ⁴And over the division of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his division, Mikloth was also the ruler; and in his division were twenty-four thousand. ⁵The third commander of the army for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a head priest; and in his division were twenty-four thousand. ⁶He was that Benaiah who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty; and in his

division was his son Ammizabad. The fourth for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

⁹The fifth for the fifth month was chief Shamhuth the Izrahite; and in his division were twenty-four thousand. ⁹The sixth for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; and in his division were twenty-four thousand. ¹⁰The seventh for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division were twenty-four thousand. ¹¹The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarchites; and in his division were twenty-four thousand. ¹²The ninth for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites; and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

¹³The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai of Netopha, of the Zarchites; and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

¹⁴The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division were twenty-four thousand. ¹⁵The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai of Netopha, of Othniel; and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

¹⁶And over the tribes of Israel, the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri. Shephatiah the son of Maachah was over the Simeonites. ¹⁷Hashabiah the son of Kemuel was over the Levites; Zadok over the Aaronites. ¹⁸Elihu, of the brothers of David, was over Judah. Omri the son of Michael was over Issachar. ¹⁹Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah was over Zebulun. Jerimoth the son of Azriel was over Naphtali. ²⁰Hoshea the son of Azaziah was over the sons of Ephraim. Joel the son of Pedaiah was over the half tribe of Manasseh. ²¹Iddo the son of Zechariah was over the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead. Jaasiel the son of Abner was over Benjamin. ²²Azareel the son of Jeroham was over Dan. These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel.

²³But David did not take the number of them from the son of twenty years and under, because Jehovah had said *He*

would increase Israel like the stars of the heavens. ²⁴Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he did not finish. And wrath was on Israel for this. And the number did not go up in the account of the Matters of the Days of king David.

²⁵And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel. And Jehonathan the son of Uziah was over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the strongholds. ²⁶Ezri the son of Chelub was over those who did the work of the field for working the ground. ²⁷Shimei of Ramah was over the vineyards. Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars. ²⁸And Baal-hanan of Geder was over the olive trees and sycamore trees in the lowlands. And Joash was over the oil cellars. ²⁹And Shitrai of Sharon was over the herds that fed in Sharon. And Shaphat the son of Adlai was over the herds in the valleys. ³⁰And Obil the Ishmaelite was over the camels. And Jehdeiah the Meronothite was over the asses. ³¹And Jaziz the Hagerite was over the flocks. All these were the rulers of the possessions which king David had.

³²And Jonathan, David's uncle, was an adviser, a wise man and a scribe. And Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons. ³³And Ahithophel was the king's counselor. And Hushai the Archite was the king's companion. ³⁴And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. And the general of the king's army was Joab.

CHAPTER 28

¹And David assembled all the chiefs of Israel; the chiefs of the tribes, and chiefs of the divisions who were serving the king, and commanders of the thousands, and commanders of the hundreds, and heads of all property and possessions of the king, and of his sons, with the eunuchs and the mighty ones, even to every mighty one of valor, to Jerusalem. ²And David the king rose up on his feet and said, Hear me, my brothers and my people. With my heart I *desired* to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and for the

footstool of our God. And I made preparations to build. ³But God said to me, You shall not build a house to My name, for you *are* a man of battles, and you have shed blood. ⁴But Jehovah the God of Israel chose me out of all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. For He chose Judah as the ruler, and my father's house in the house of Judah; and among the sons of my father He was pleased to make me king over all Israel. ⁵And of all my sons, for Jehovah has given me many sons, He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Jehovah, over Israel. ⁶And He said to me, Your son Solomon shall build My house and My courts, for I have chosen him as a son to Me, and I surely will be a Father to him. ⁷And I have make stand his kingdom forever, if he will be strong to do My commandments and My ordinances, as at this day. ⁸And now in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of Jehovah, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of Jehovah your God; that you may possess this good land, and cause your sons to inherit after you forever.

⁹And you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind. For Jehovah searches out all hearts, and He understands every imagination of thoughts. If you shall seek Him, He shall be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever. ¹⁰Watch, now, for Jehovah has chosen you to build a house for a sanctuary. Be strong and act.

¹¹And David gave his son Solomon the pattern of the porch, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of its upper rooms, and of its innermost rooms, and of the house of the mercy-seat; ¹²and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of Jehovah, and for all the rooms all around, for the treasuries of the house of God, and for the treasuries of the things dedicated; ¹³and for the divisions of the priests and of the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of Jehovah; and for all the vessels of service of the house of Jehovah; ¹⁴even gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all vessels of service and service; for all the

vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of service and service; ¹⁵and by weight, for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps. Also for the lampstands of silver by weight, with the weight of *each* lampstand, and its lamps, according to the service of each lampstand. ¹⁶And *he gave* by weight gold for the tables of the *bread* of arrangement, for table; and table; silver for the tables of silver; ¹⁷and pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the bowls, and the cups; and for the golden basins by weight for every basin; for the silver basins by weight for basin and basin; ¹⁸and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight, and for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubs of gold, spreading out and covering over the ark of the covenant of Jehovah.

¹⁹All *was* in writing from the hand of Jehovah. He caused me to understand all the work of the pattern. ²⁰And David said to his son Solomon, Be strong and brave, and act. Do not fear, nor be afraid, for Jehovah God, my God, *shall be* with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you, until *you* have finished all the work of the service of the house of Jehovah. ²¹And behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites *shall be* for all the service of the house of God. And with you in all work *shall be* every willing one with wisdom, for every service. And the rulers and all the people *shall be* according to all your words.

CHAPTER 29

¹And David the king said to all the congregation, My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, *is* young and tender. And the work *is* great, for the magnificent house is not for man, but for Jehovah God. ²And with all my power I have prepared for the house of my God, the gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for silver, and the bronze for bronze, the iron for iron *things*, and the wood for wood, onyx stones, and settings, and also stones of antimony and of different colors, and every precious stone, and stones of alabaster, in abundance. ³And also, because I delighted in the house of my God, I have treasure of gold and silver *which* I give for the house of my God, even more

than all that I have prepared for the house of the sanctuary: ⁴three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir; and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; ⁵even gold for *things* of gold, and silver for silver, and for all the work of the hands of the skilled workers. And who *is* he that will willingly offer to consecrate his hand today to Jehovah?

⁶And the chiefs of the fathers, and the chiefs of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of the thousands, and the hundreds, even the chiefs of the king's work, offered willingly, ⁷and gave for the service of the house of God, of gold, five thousand talents, and a myriad of darics; and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸And he who had stones gave *them* to the treasury of the house of Jehovah, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹And the people rejoiced because of their willing offering, for they offered willingly to Jehovah with a perfect heart; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

¹⁰And David blessed Jehovah before the eyes of all the congregation; and David said, Blessed *are* You, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, our father, for ever and ever. ¹¹To you, O Jehovah, *shall be* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all in the heavens and in the earth belongs to You, O Jehovah; *Yours* is the kingdom, and *You* lift up *Yourself* to all as Head; ¹²and the riches, and the honor *come* from before You, and You rule over all; and in Your hand *is* power and might; and *it is* in Your hand to make great, and to give strength to all. ¹³And now, our God, we are giving thanks to You, and giving praise to Your glorious name; ¹⁴yea, for who *am* I, and who my people, that we should be able to offer willingly in this way? For all *is* of You, and we have given to You out of Your hand; ¹⁵for we *are* strangers before You, and settlers, like all our fathers; our days on the land *are* like a shadow, and there is none abiding. ¹⁶O Jehovah our God, all this store that we have prepared to build a house to You, for Your holy

name, *is* out of Your hand, and all *is* of You. ¹⁷And I know, my God, that You try the heart and are pleased with uprightness; I, in the uprightness of my heart, have offered willingly all these things; and now I have watched with joy Your people who are present here offering willingly to You. ¹⁸Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever for the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and prepare their heart toward You; ¹⁹and give a perfect heart to my son Solomon, to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do all, even to build this magnificent house, *for* which I have prepared.

²⁰And David said to all the congregation, Now bless Jehovah your God. And all the congregation blessed Jehovah, the God of their fathers, and worshiped Jehovah, and bowed to the king. ²¹And they sacrificed sacrifices to Jehovah, and offered burnt offerings to Jehovah, on the next day after that day: a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in great plenty for all Israel. ²²And *they* ate and drank before Jehovah on that day with great joy, and made Solomon the son of David king a second time, and anointed *him* before Jehovah as ruler, and Zadok as priest.

²³And Solomon sat on the throne of Jehovah as king instead of his father David, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴And all the rulers, and the mighty men, and also all the sons of king David, submitted themselves to Solomon the king. ²⁵And Jehovah magnified Solomon to a height in the eyes of all Israel, and put the honor of the kingdom on him, such as had not been on any king over Israel before him.

²⁶And David the son of Jesse had reigned over all Israel; ²⁷and the days that he reigned over Israel *were* forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three in Jerusalem; ²⁸and he died in a good old age, satisfied with days, riches, and honor. And his son Solomon reigned in his place. ²⁹And the acts of

David the king, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, ³⁰with all his reign and his might, and the times that passed over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the lands.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

CHAPTER 1

¹And Solomon the son of David made himself strong over his kingdom, and Jehovah his God was with him, and made him exceedingly great. ²And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of the thousands, and of the hundreds, and to judges, and to every honorable one of all Israel, heads of the fathers; ³and they went, Solomon and all the congregation with him, to the high place that was in Gibeon, for there was God's tabernacle of the congregation that Moses, the servant of Jehovah, had made in the wilderness. ⁴But David had brought up the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim, when David made ready for it, for he had stretched out a tent for it in Jerusalem; ⁵and the altar of bronze that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of Jehovah; and Solomon and the congregation sought to it. ⁶And Solomon went up there, on the bronze altar, before Jehovah, that was at the the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered on it a thousand burnt offerings.

⁷In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, Ask what I shall give to you. ⁸And Solomon said to God, You have acted with great kindness with my father David, and have made me king in his place. ⁹Now, O Jehovah God, Your word with my father David is confirmed, for You have made me to reign over a people as many as the dust of the earth. ¹⁰Now give to me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this Your great people? ¹¹And God said to Solomon, Because this has been in your heart, that you have not asked riches, treasures, and honor, and the life of those who hate you, and also have not asked many days, but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may judge My people, over whom I have made you reign; ¹²the wisdom and the knowledge are given to you, and riches, and treasures, and honor I will give to you, such as none of the kings who were before you has had, and after you it shall not be so.

¹³And Solomon came to Jerusalem from the high place in Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel. ¹⁴And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had a thousand, four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; and he placed them in the chariot-cities, and with the king in Jerusalem. ¹⁵And the king made the silver and the gold in Jerusalem as stones, and he made the cedars as sycamores that are in the low country for abundance. ¹⁶And the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt and out of Kue, the king's merchants took them from Kue at a price; ¹⁷and they came up and brought out from Egypt a chariot for six hundred silver pieces, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of Syria, they brought them out by their hand.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Solomon said to build a house for the name of Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom; ²And Solomon numbered seventy thousand men, bearers of burden, and eighty thousand men hewing in the mountains; and overseers over them, three thousand, six hundred.

³And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As you dealt with my father David, and sent him cedars to build a house to live in — ⁴behold, I am building a house to the name of Jehovah my God, to dedicate to Him, to burn incense of sweet spices before Him, and for the continual bread of arrangement, and for burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbath, and on the new moons, and at the set feasts of Jehovah our God — this shall be upon Israel forever. ⁵And the house which I am building shall be great, for our God is greater than all gods. ⁶But who has strength to enclose a house for Him, since the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? And who am I that I should build Him a house, except to offer before Him? ⁷And now, send to me a skilled man to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in purple,

and crimson, and violet, and knowing how to engrave all kinds of engravings with the skilled men who *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom my father David has prepared. ⁸And send to me cedar trees, firs, and aliums from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut down the trees of Lebanon; and behold, my servants *shall be* with your servants, ⁹even to prepare trees in abundance for me, for the house that I am building *will be* great and wonderful. ¹⁰And behold, I shall give beaten wheat to the hewers, to those cutting down the trees, to your servants, twenty thousand kors of beaten wheat and twenty thousand kors of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

¹¹And Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, and sent to Solomon, Because Jehovah loves His people, He has given you as king over them. ¹²And Hiram said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, the God of Israel, who has made the heavens and the earth, who has given to David the king a wise son, knowing discretion and understanding, who will build a house for Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom. ¹³And now I have sent a skilled man having understanding, of Hiram my father— ¹⁴the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father a man of Tyre — who knows how to work in gold, and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, and in wood, in purple, and violet, and in fine linen, and in crimson, and to engrave any engraving, and to invent any device that is given to him, with your skilled men, and the skilled men of my lord David, your father. ¹⁵And now the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, as my lord said, let him send to his servants. ¹⁶And we will *certainly* cut trees out of Lebanon, according to all your need, and bring them to you *by* floats by sea to Joppa; and you shall take them up to Jerusalem.

¹⁷And Solomon numbered all the men, the strangers who *were* in the land of Israel, according to the numbering with which his father David numbered them; and they were found a hundred and fifty-three thousand, six hundred; ¹⁸and he made seventy thousand of them burden-bearers, and eighty thousand hewers in the

mountain, and three thousand, six hundred to oversee to cause the people to work.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Solomon began to build the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, in Mount Moriah, where He appeared to his father David, in the place that David had prepared, in the grain-floor of Oman the Jebusite; ²and he began to build on the second, in the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

³And these *are* the foundations Solomon *laid*, to build the house of God: the length *by* cubits according to the ancient measure, sixty cubits; and the breadth twenty cubits. ⁴As to the porch on the front, the length, according to the breadth of the house in front, *was* twenty cubits, and the height a hundred and twenty; and he overlaid it inside with pure gold. ⁵And the greater house he covered with cypress wood, and he covered it with good gold, and caused to go on it palms and chains. ⁶And he overlaid the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold *was* gold from Parvaim. ⁷And he covered the house, the beams, the threshold, and the walls, and its doors with gold; and engraved cherubs on the walls. ⁸And he built the most holy house: its length *was* by the front, of the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits; and he covered it with fine gold, to six hundred talents; ⁹and the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold, and he covered the upper rooms with gold. ¹⁰And in the most holy house he made two cherubs of image work, and he overlaid them with gold. ¹¹And the wings of the cherubs, their length *was* twenty cubits: the wing of the one *was* five cubits, touching the wall of the house, and the other wing *was* five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub; ¹²and the wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, touching the wall of the house, and the other wing *was* five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub. ¹³The wings of these cherubs spread out twenty cubits, and they were standing on their feet and their faces *were* inward.

¹⁴And he made the veil of violet, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and caused to go on it cherubs. ¹⁵And at the front of the house, he made two pillars thirty-five cubits high, and the capitals on their tops *were* five cubits. ¹⁶And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the capitals of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates and put *them* on the chains. ¹⁷And he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right, and one on the left, and called the name of that on the right Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

CHAPTER 4

¹And he made an altar of bronze, its length twenty cubits and its breadth twenty cubits, and its height ten cubits. ²And he made the molten sea of ten cubits from its brim to its brim, circular all around; and its height *was* five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it all around. ³And under it was the shape of oxen, under it *and* all around it for ten cubits, compassing the sea all around. Two rows of oxen were cast when it was cast. ⁴It stood on twelve oxen, three facing the north, and three facing the west, and three facing the south, and three facing the east; and the sea *was* upon them above, and all their hinder parts inside. ⁵And its thickness *was* a hand-breadth, and its lip like the work of the lip of a cup, *like* a lily blossom. It received *and* held three thousand baths.

⁶He also made ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; they washed what pertains to the burnt offering with them; and the sea *was* for the priests to wash in. ⁷And he made ten lampstands of gold, according to their ordinance, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right, and five on the left. ⁸He also made ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right, and five on the left; and he made a hundred basins of gold.

⁹And he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court; and he overlaid their doors with bronze. ¹⁰And he placed the sea on the right side eastward, across from the south. ¹¹And Hiram made the pots, and the

shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon in the house of God: ¹²the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals on the tops of the two pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that *were* on the tops of the pillars; ¹³and the pomegranates — four hundred to the two networks, two rows of pomegranates to the one network — to cover the two bowls of the capitals that *were* on the face of the pillars. ¹⁴He also made the bases; and he made lavers on the bases; ¹⁵the one sea, and twelve oxen under it, ¹⁶and the pots, and the shovels, and the forks, and all their vessels did his master Hiram make for king Solomon for the house of Jehovah, of burnished bronze. ¹⁷In the plain of Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah. ¹⁸And Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance, so that the weight of the bronze could not be searched out.

¹⁹And Solomon made all the vessels that *were* for the house of God, and the golden altar, and the tables on which the Bread of the Presence *rested*; ²⁰and the lampstands, and their lamps, for their burning *was* according to the ordinance, before the holy place, of refined gold; ²¹and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold — it *was* perfect gold; ²²and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold; and the entrance to the house, its innermost doors to the Holy of Holies, and the doors of the house to the temple, of gold.

CHAPTER 5

¹And all the work that Solomon made for the house of Jehovah was finished. And Solomon brought in the dedicated things of his father David, and the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels he had put among the treasures of the house of God.

²Then Solomon gathered the elders of of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, rulers of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah from the city of David — it *is* Zion. ³And all the men of Israel were gathered to the king in the feast; it *was* the seventh month. ⁴And all

the elders of Israel came in, and the Levites lifted up the ark, ⁵and they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy utensils that *were* in the tabernacle; the Levitical priests brought them up. ⁶And king Solomon and all the company of Israel who were assembled to him before the ark were sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. ⁷And the priest brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah to its place, to the sanctuary of the house, to the Holy of Holies, to the place of the wings of the cherubs; ⁸and the cherubs spread out wings over the *place* under the ark, and the cherubs covered the ark and its staves from above; ⁹and so long were the staves, that the heads of the staves could be seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen outside. And there it is to this day. ¹⁰Nothing *was* in the ark but the two tablets that Moses gave in Horeb, where Jehovah cut a covenant with the sons of Israel when they came out from Egypt.

¹¹And it happened as the priests were going from the sanctuary — for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves without observing divisions, ¹²and the Levitical singers to all of them, to Asaph, to Heman, to Jeduthun, and to their sons and to their brothers, clothed in fine linen, with cymbals, and with harps and lyres, were standing on the east of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests blowing with trumpets — ¹³and *they* were as one to the trumpeters, and to the singers, to cause one sound to be heard to praise and to thank Jehovah. And when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Jehovah, *saying*, For *He* is good; for his mercy *endures* forever; and a cloud filled the house, the house of Jehovah; ¹⁴so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah had filled the house of God.

CHAPTER 6

¹Then Solomon spoke, Jehovah has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. ²And I have surely built an

exalted house for You, and a place for You to dwell forever.

³And the king turned his face and blessed all the congregation of Israel. And all the congregation of Israel was standing. ⁴And he said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, the God of Israel, who has spoken with His mouth to my father David, and with His hands has fulfilled it, saying, ⁵From the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I have not chosen a city out of any of the tribes of Israel to build a house for My name to be there, and I have not chosen a man to be leader over My people Israel. ⁶But I have chosen Jerusalem for My name to be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel. ⁷And it was in the heart of my father to build a house for the name of Jehovah the God of Israel. ⁸And Jehovah said to my father David, Because it has been in your heart to build a house for My name, you have done well that it has been in your heart, ⁹but you shall not build the house, for your son who comes forth out of your loins, he shall build the house for My name. ¹⁰And Jehovah has lifted up His word that He spoke, for I have risen up in the place of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah spoke. And I have built the house for the name of Jehovah the God of Israel. ¹¹And I have placed the ark there, where the covenant of Jehovah *is*, that He made with the sons of Israel.

¹²And he stood before the altar of Jehovah, before the congregation of Israel, and spread out his palms — ¹³for Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, and put it in the middle of the court, five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high; and he stood on it, and knelt on his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread out his hands toward Heaven — ¹⁴and said, O Jehovah, God of Israel, there is no God like You in the heavens and in the earth, keeping covenant and mercy with Your servants, who walk before You with all their hearts; ¹⁵Who has kept with Your servant David, my father, that which You spoke to him; yea, You spoke with Your mouth, and You have fulfilled with Your hand, as at this day. ¹⁶And now, O Jehovah the God of Israel,

keep with Your servant David, my father, that which You spoke to him, saying, There shall not be cut off to you a man from before Me, sitting on the throne of Israel. Only, if your sons watch their way to walk in My law, as you have walked before Me. ¹⁷And now, O Jehovah the God of Israel, let Your word be verified, which you spoke to Your servant David. ¹⁸For is it true *that* God shall dwell with men on the earth? Behold, the heavens, and the heaven of heavens, do not contain You. How much less this house that I have built! ¹⁹And You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant, and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer that Your servant is praying before You; ²⁰for Your eyes shall be open toward this house by day and by night, toward the place that You have said to put Your name there, to listen to the prayer that Your servant prays toward this place. ²¹And You shall listen to the supplications of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, that they pray toward this place; and You shall hear from Your place of dwelling, from Heaven, and shall hear and forgive.

²²If a man shall sin against his neighbor, and he shall lift up an oath on him, to cause him to swear, and he shall come and swear before Your altar in this house, ²³You shall hear from Heaven, and shall act, and shall judge Your servants, to repay the wicked, to bring his way on his own head; and to justify *the* righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

²⁴And if Your people Israel shall be stricken before an enemy, because they have sinned against You; and they shall return and confess Your name, and shall pray and make supplication before You in this house, ²⁵then You shall hear from Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and shall cause them to return to the land which You have given to them and to their fathers.

²⁶When the heavens shall be shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You, and they shall pray toward this place, and confess Your name, turning back from their sin because You have afflicted them, ²⁷then You shall hear from Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of

Your servants, and of Your people Israel, because You have taught them the good way in which they should walk, and have given rain on Your land that You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

²⁸When there shall be famine in the land, when there is pestilence, blasting, or mildew; when there are locusts or ravagers; when its enemies have distressed it in the land, in its gates, with any plague and any sickness; ²⁹whatever prayer, whatever supplication shall be *made* for any man, and for all Your people Israel, when they know each one his own plague, and his own grief, and he shall spread out his palms toward this house; ³⁰then You shall hear from Heaven, Your dwelling-place, and shall forgive, and shall give to each according to all his ways, because You know his heart; for You, You only, have known the heart of the sons of men; ³¹so that they shall fear You, to walk in Your ways all the days that they shall live on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers.

³²And, also, to the stranger who is not of Your people Israel, and he has come from a distant land for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your stretched out arm; and they shall come and pray toward this house, ³³then You shall hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling-place, and shall do according to all that the stranger calls to You; so that all the people of the earth shall know Your name, so as to fear You, as Your people Israel, and to know that Your name is called on this house that I have built.

³⁴When Your people shall go out to battle against its enemies in the way that You shall send them, and they shall pray to You toward this city that You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name; ³⁵then You shall hear from Heaven their prayer and their supplication, and shall maintain their cause. ³⁶When they sin against You — for there is not a man who does not sin — and You shall be angry with them and shall give them up before an enemy, and their captors shall take them captive, to a land distant or near; ³⁷and they shall return to their heart in the land from which they have been taken captive, and shall turn

back and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have acted perversely and have done wickedly; ³⁸yea, they shall turn back to You with all their heart, and with all soul, in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and they shall pray toward their land that You have given to their fathers, and toward the city that You have chosen and toward the house that I have built for Your name; ³⁹then You shall hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplications, and shall maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

⁴⁰Now, My God, I beseech You, let Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to the prayer of this place; ⁴¹and now, O Jehovah God, rise to Your rest; You, and the ark of Your strength; O Jehovah God, Your priests are clothed with salvation, and Your saints rejoice in goodness; ⁴²O Jehovah God, do not turn away the face of Your anointed; remember the good deeds of Your servant David.

CHAPTER 7

¹And when Solomon finished praying, then the fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jehovah filled the house; ²and the priests were not able to go into the house of Jehovah, because the glory of Jehovah had filled the house of Jehovah. ³And all the sons of Israel were watching, when the fire came down, and the glory of Jehovah was on the house; and they bowed *their* faces to the earth, on the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks to Jehovah: for *He* is good, for His mercy *endures* forever.

⁴And the king and all the people were offering a sacrifice before Jehovah; ⁵and king Solomon offered the sacrifice from the herd, twenty-two thousand, and from the flock, a hundred and twenty thousand; all the people dedicated the house of God. ⁶And the priests were standing over their charges, and the Levites with instruments of the music to Jehovah, that David the king had made, to give thanks to Jehovah, for His mercy *endures* forever, when

praised David by their hand; and the priests were blowing trumpets before them, and all Israel was standing. ⁷And Solomon dedicated the middle of the court that *was* before the house of Jehovah; for he had offered there the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings; for the bronze altar that Solomon had made was not able to contain the burnt offering, and the food offering, and the fat.

⁸And Solomon at that time kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a great company, from the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt. ⁹And they made a solemn assembly on the eighth day, because they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. ¹⁰And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month, he sent the people to their tents, rejoicing and glad of heart, for the goodness that Jehovah had done to David, and to Solomon, and to His people Israel. ¹¹And Solomon finished the house of Jehovah, and the king's house; and all that came to the heart of Solomon to do in the house of Jehovah, and in his own house, he was caused to prosper.

¹²And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house of sacrifice. ¹³If I shut up the heavens and there is no rain and if I command the locusts to consume the land, and if I send pestilence among My people, ¹⁴and My people, on whom My name is called, shall be humbled, and shall pray, and shall seek My face, and shall turn back from their evil ways, then I will surely hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. ¹⁵Now My eyes shall be open, and My ears attentive to the prayer of this place; ¹⁶and now I have chosen and sanctified this house for My name to be there forever; yea, My eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually. ¹⁷And you, if you shall walk before Me as your father David walked, even to do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall keep My statutes and My judgments, ¹⁸then I shall establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with your father David, saying, There shall not be cut off a man to you who rules in Israel; ¹⁹and if you turn away, and you

shall forsake My statutes and My commandments that I have placed before you, and shall go and serve other gods and shall bow yourselves to them, ²⁰then I shall pluck them up from off My land that I have given them, and this house that I have sanctified for My name I shall cast away from before My face, and shall give it for a proverb and a byword among all the nations. ²¹And this house that was on high shall be a wonder to everyone who passes by it, *they* shall shudder and say, Why has Jehovah done this to this land and to this house? ²²And they shall say, Because they have forsaken Jehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them out from the land of Egypt, and have laid hold on other gods and have bowed themselves to them, and served them; for this He has brought on them all this evil.

CHAPTER 8

¹And it happened, at the end of twenty years, Solomon built the house of Jehovah, and his own house. ²As to the cities that Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon had built them, and he caused the sons of Israel to live there. ³And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah and prevailed over it. ⁴And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities that he built in Hamath. ⁵And he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the lower, as fortified cities, with walls, two-leaved doors, and bars; ⁶and Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all the desire of Solomon that he wanted to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

⁷All the people who were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel — ⁸*they were* of their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel had not exterminated — Solomon caused them to go for forced labor to this day. ⁹And none of the sons of Israel did Solomon make slaves for his work, but they *were* men of war, and commanders of his officers, and commanders of his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁰And these *were* the commanders of the deputies king Solomon had, two hundred

and fifty who were rulers among the people.

¹¹And Solomon had brought up Pharaoh's daughter from the city of David to the house that he had built for her. For he said, My wife shall not live in the house of David the king of Israel, for they are holy, to whom the ark of Jehovah has come.

¹²Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to Jehovah on the altar of Jehovah that he had built before the porch, ¹³even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the appointed feasts three times in the year, in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Booths. ¹⁴And according to the decree of his father David, he made stand the divisions of the priests over their service, and of the Levites over their charges, to praise and to minister before the priests, according to the duty of every day, and the gatekeepers in their courses at every gate, for so *was* the command of David the man of God. ¹⁵And they did not turn aside *from* the king's command as to the priests and the Levites in regard to any matter, and to the treasures. ¹⁶And all the work of Solomon was prepared to the day of the foundation of the house of Jehovah, and until its completion. The house of Jehovah was finished.

¹⁷And Solomon went to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth on the seacoast, in the land of Edom. ¹⁸And Hiram sent ships to him by the hand of his servants, and servants who knew *the* sea. And they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought it to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 9

¹And the queen of Sheba had heard of Solomon's fame. And *she* came to test Solomon with sharp questions at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and camels bearing spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones. And she came in to Solomon and spoke with him all that was in her heart. ²And Solomon told her all her matters; and there was nothing hidden from Solomon that he did not declare to her. ³And the queen of Sheba saw the

wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, ⁴and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the standing of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cupbearers, and their clothing, and his burnt offerings that he offered up in the house of Jehovah; and there was no more spirit in her.

⁵And she said to the king, The word that I heard in my land concerning your matters and concerning your wisdom *is* true. ⁶But I had given no credit to their words, until I had come and my eyes had seen. And, behold, there was not declared to me half of the abundance of your wisdom. You exceeded the report that I heard. ⁷O the happiness of your men, and the happiness of your servants, these who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom! ⁸May Jehovah your God be blessed, who has delighted in you, to put you on His throne to *be* king for Jehovah your God. In the love of your God toward Israel, to make it stand forever, He has put you over them as king, to do judgment and righteousness. ⁹And she gave to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great plenty, and precious stones. And there has not been any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

¹⁰And also the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought in gold from Ophir, brought in alnum trees and precious stones. ¹¹And the king fashioned the alnum trees into steps for the house of Jehovah, and for the king's house, and lyres and harps for singers. and there was none like these before in the land of Judah. ¹²And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire that she asked, besides that which she had brought to the king. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

¹³And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, ¹⁴besides that from the traders, and that the merchants were bringing in. And all the kings of Arabia, and the rulers of the land, were bringing in gold and silver to Solomon. ¹⁵And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold; he put six hundred of beaten gold on the one target; ¹⁶and three hundred shields of beaten gold; he

put three hundred of gold on the one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. ¹⁷And the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold; ¹⁸and six steps *were* to the throne, and a footstool of gold *was* fastened to the throne; and hands *were* on this *side* and on that, at the place of the sitting; and two lions were standing near the hands; ¹⁹and twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on this *side* and on that. There was not any such made for any kingdom.

²⁰And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon of refined gold. Silver was not counted for anything in the days of Solomon. ²¹For the ships of the king were going *to* Tarshish with the servants of Hiram. Once in three years the ships came from Tarshish bearing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. ²²And king Solomon increased more than any of the kings of the earth for riches and wisdom. ²³And all the kings of the earth were seeking the face of Solomon, to hear his wisdom that God had put in his heart. ²⁴And they were each bringing his present, vessels of silver and vessels of gold, and garments, weapons, and spices, horses and mules, a rate year by year.

²⁵And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. And he put them in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

²⁶And he ruled over all the kings from the River even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. ²⁷And the king made silver in Jerusalem as the stones. And he made the cedars as the sycamores in the low country for abundance. ²⁸And they brought out horses from Egypt to Solomon, and from all the lands.

²⁹And the rest of the acts of Solomon, the first and the last, are they not written in the words of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? ³⁰And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. ³¹And Solomon lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of

his father David. And his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 10

¹And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ²And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard, *he being* in Egypt because he had fled from the face of Solomon the king, Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called for him. And Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, ⁴Your father made our yoke hard; and now lighten the hard service of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put on us, and we shall serve you. ⁵And he said to them, Come again to me in three days; and the people left.

⁶And king Rehoboam consulted with the aged men who had stood before his father Solomon when he was alive, saying, How do you advise to answer this people a word? ⁷And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be good to this people, and will please them, and will speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever. ⁸But he left the counsel of the aged men who had advised him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, those standing before him. ⁹And he said to them, What do you advise that we shall answer this people that have spoken to me, saying, Lighten the yoke that your father put on us? ¹⁰And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, You shall say this to the people who have spoken to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, and you lighten our yoke — this you shall say to them, My little finger is thicker than the loins of my father; ¹¹and now, my father laid a heavy yoke on you, and I will surely add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I with scorpions.

¹²And Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king commanded, saying, Return to me on the third day. ¹³And the king answered them sharply, and king Rehoboam left the counsel of the aged men, ¹⁴and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will surely add to it; my father

chastised you with whips, and I with scorpions. ¹⁵And the king did not listen to the people, for *the* revolution was from God, so that Jehovah might establish His word that He spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

¹⁶And all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, and the people sent back to the king, saying, What part do we have in David? yea, there is no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Each to your tents, O Israel! Now see to your house, David! And all Israel went to their tents. ¹⁷As to the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. ¹⁸And king Rehoboam sent Hadoram who *was* over the forced labor. And the sons of Israel threw stones at him, and he died. And king Rehoboam *was* alerted to mount up into a chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

CHAPTER 11

¹And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem and called up the house of Judah and Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen warriors, to fight with Israel, to bring back the kingdom to Rehoboam. ²And the word of Jehovah came to She-maiah, a man of God, saying, ³Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon the king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, ⁴So says Jehovah, You shall not go up, nor fight with your brothers. Each return to his house, for this thing has come from Me. and they heard the words of Jehovah, and turned back from going against Jeroboam.

⁵And Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. ⁶And he built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, ⁷and Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam, ⁸and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, ⁹and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, ¹⁰and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron. These *were* in Judah and in Benjamin *as* cities of defense. ¹¹And he made the strongholds stronger, and put commanders in them, and treasures of food and oil and wine. ¹²And *he put* in every city shields and spears, and made them

exceedingly strong. And he had Judah and Benjamin.

¹³And the priests and the Levites in all Israel stationed themselves by him, out of all their territory. ¹⁴For the Levites had abandoned their pasture-land and their property. And they came to Judah and to Jerusalem; for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them out from acting as priests to Jehovah. ¹⁵And he made stand priests for himself for the high places, and for goats, and for the calves that he made. ¹⁶And after them, out of all the tribes of Israel, those who gave their heart to seek Jehovah the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Jehovah, the God of their fathers. ¹⁷And they made the kingdom of Judah stronger, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon stronger, for three years, because they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

¹⁸And Rehoboam took a wife for himself, Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth, the son of David; Abihail the daughter of Eliab, the son of Jesse. ¹⁹And she bore to him sons: Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. ²⁰And after her, he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom, and she bore to him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. ²¹And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines—for he had taken eighteen wives, and sixty concubines; and he fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters. ²²And Rehoboam made stand Abijah the son of Maachah the head, as ruler among his brothers, in order to cause him to reign. ²³And he had understanding, and spread out all his sons to all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, to all the cities of defense, and gave them provision in abundance. And he demanded a multitude of wives.

CHAPTER 12

¹And it happened, when the kingdom of Rehoboam was settled, and when he was strong, he forsook the law of Jehovah, and all Israel with him.

²And it happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt came against Jerusalem—because they had acted slyly against Jehovah — ³with a thousand and two hundred chariots, and

with sixty thousand horsemen. And there was no counting the people who came with him out of Egypt: Lubim, Sukkium, and Ethiopians. ⁴And he captured the cities of defense in Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

⁵And Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah who had gathered to Jerusalem from the face of Shishak. And *he* said to them, So says Jehovah, You have forsaken Me; and I also have forsaken you in the hand of Shishak. ⁶And the leaders of Israel and the king were humbled. And they said, Jehovah *is* righteous. ⁷And when Jehovah saw that they were humbled, the word of Jehovah was *sent* to Shemaiah, saying, They have been humbled. I will not destroy them, and I will give to them a little deliverance. And I will not pour out My fury on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. ⁸But they shall become his servants, and they shall know My service, and the service of the kingdoms of the lands. ⁹And Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house. He took all, and he took the golden shields that Solomon had made. ¹⁰And king Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and deposited *them* into the hand of the chiefs of the runners who kept the gate of the king's house. ¹¹And it happened, from the time the king went to the house of Jehovah, the runners came in and lifted them up, and brought them back to the guardroom. ¹²And when he was humbled, the wrath of Jehovah turned away from him, so as not to destroy *him* completely. And also good things were *found* in Judah.

¹³And king Rehoboam made himself strong in Jerusalem, and reigned. For Rehoboam *was* a son of forty-one years when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city that Jehovah had chosen to put His name there, out of all the tribes of Israel. And his mother's name *was* Naamah the Ammonitess. ¹⁴And he did the evil, for he had not resolved in his heart to seek Jehovah. ¹⁵And the acts of Rehoboam, the first and the last, are they not written in the records of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the

seer as to genealogy? And the wars of Rehoboam and Jeroboam *lasted* all their days. ¹⁶And Rehoboam lay with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And his son Abijah reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 13

¹In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam, Abijah began to reign over Judah. ²He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel, from Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. ³And Abijah joined the battle with an army of mighty men of war, four hundred thousand chosen men. And Jeroboam had set the battle in order with him, with eight hundred thousand chosen men, mighty men of valor.

⁴And Abijah stood up on Mount Zemaraim in the hills of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel. ⁵Do you not know that Jehovah the God of Israel has given the kingdom to David over Israel forever, to him and to his sons, a covenant of salt? ⁶And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Solomon's servant, the son of David has risen up and rebelled against his lord. ⁷And vain men gathered to him, sons of worthlessness, and they made themselves strong against Rehoboam the son of Solomon; and Rehoboam was a youth and tender of heart, and could not be strong against them. ⁸And now you think to be strong against the kingdom of Jehovah in the hand of the sons of David. And you *are* a great host; yea, with you *are* calves of gold that Jeroboam has made as gods to you. ⁹Have you not thrown out the priests of Jehovah, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made priests to yourselves like the peoples of the lands? Who ever comes to consecrate himself with a bullock, a son of *the* herd, and seven rams, even he becomes a priest to no-gods. ¹⁰As for us, Jehovah *is* our God, and we have not forsaken Him; yea, priests are serving Jehovah, the sons of Aaron and the Levites, in the work, ¹¹and are offering to Jehovah burnt offerings morning by morning, and evening by evening, and sweet incense, and the Bread of Arrangement on the pure table, and the golden lampstand

and its lamps, to burn evening by evening. For we are keeping the charge of Jehovah our God. And surely you have forsaken Him. ¹²And, behold, God *is* with us at *our* head, and His priests, and the trumpets, the signal to sound for battle against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight with Jehovah, the God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper. ¹³But Jeroboam had made the ambush circle to come in behind them, and they were before Judah, and the ambush *was* behind them. ¹⁴And Judah turned. And, behold, the battle *was* against them before and behind. And they cried to Jehovah, and the priests were blowing with trumpets. ¹⁵And the men of Judah shouted. And it was, at the shouting of the men of Judah, God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. ¹⁶And the sons of Israel fled from the face of Judah, and God gave them into their hand. ¹⁷And Abijah and his people struck them with a great blow, and five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel fell slain. ¹⁸And the sons of Israel were humbled at that time, and the sons of Judah were strong. For they leaned on Jehovah the God of their fathers. ¹⁹And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and captured cities from him: Bethel and its villages, and Jeshanah and its villages, and Ephraim and its villages. ²⁰And Jeroboam did not regain power any more Abijah's days. And Jehovah struck him, and he died.

²¹And Abijah became mighty, and he took fourteen wives to himself. And he fathered twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters. ²²And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his words, are written in the inquiry of the prophet Iddo.

CHAPTER 14

¹And Abijah lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Asa reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years. ²And Asa did good and right in the eyes of Jehovah his God. ³And he removed the altars of the alien, and the high places, and broke down the pillars, and cut down the Asherim. ⁴And *he* commanded Judah to seek Jehovah the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. ⁵And he removed the high places and the

images out of all the cities of Judah. And the kingdom was quiet before him. ⁶And he built fenced cities in Judah, for the land had quiet. And there was no war with him in these years, because Jehovah had given him rest. ⁷And he said to Judah, Let us build these cities, and walls around *them*, and towers, two-leaved gates, and bars, while the land is before us, because we have sought Jehovah our God. We have sought, and He has given rest to us all around. And they built and prospered. ⁸And Asa had an army bearing bucklers and spears, three hundred thousand out of Judah, and two hundred eighty thousand out of Benjamin, bearing shields and drawing bows; all these *were* mighty men of valor.

⁹And Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a thousand thousands, and three hundred chariots. And he came to Mareshah. ¹⁰And Asa went out before him, and they set the battle in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. ¹¹And Asa called to Jehovah his God, and said, O Jehovah, it is nothing to You to help between the mighty and him with no strength. Help us, O Jehovah our God; for we rest on You, and in Your name we come against this host. O Jehovah, You *are* our God. Do not let man hold out against You. ¹²And Jehovah struck the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah. And the Ethiopians fled. ¹³And Asa and the people with him pursued them even to Gerar. And *all* of the Ethiopians fell, for there was not one left alive to them; because they had broken before Jehovah, and before His army. And they carried away very much plunder. ¹⁴And they struck all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of Jehovah had come on them. And they plundered all the cities, for there was much booty in them. ¹⁵And also they struck the tents of cattle, and they captured sheep and camels in abundance. And *they* returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 15

¹And the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded. ²And he went out before Asa, and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. Jehovah *is* with you while you are with

Him. And if you seek Him, He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. ³Yea, Israel *has been* without a true God many days, and without a teaching priest, and without law. ⁴And they turned in their distress to Jehovah the God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He was found by them. ⁵And in those days there was no peace to him who went out, and to him who came in, for much tumult *was* on all the inhabitants of the lands. ⁶And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city. For God troubled them with every distress. ⁷But you, you be strong, and do not let your hands be feeble, for there is a reward for your work.

⁸And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he made himself strong and removed the hateful idols out of the land of Judah and Benjamin; and out of the cities that he had captured from the hills of Ephraim. And *he* restored the altar of Jehovah that *was* before the porch of Jehovah. ⁹And *he* gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and out of Simeon. For they had fallen to him in abundance from Israel when they saw that Jehovah his God *was* with him. ¹⁰And they were gathered to Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. ¹¹And *they* sacrificed to Jehovah on that day, from the plunder they had brought in, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. ¹²And they entered into the covenant to seek Jehovah the God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul. ¹³And everyone who did not seek after Jehovah the God of Israel *was* put to death, from the small to the great, from man and to woman. ¹⁴And they swore to Jehovah with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with rams' horns. ¹⁵And all Judah rejoiced on the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart; and they sought Him with all their desire. And He was found by them. And Jehovah gave rest to them all around.

¹⁶And also Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made a horrible image for Asherah. And Asa cut down her

horrible image, and crushed and burned it by the brook Kidron. ¹⁷Yet the high places were not removed from Israel. Only, the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

¹⁸And he brought the dedicated things of his father, and his own dedicated things, into the house of God, silver and gold and vessels. ¹⁹And there was no war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

CHAPTER 16

¹In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha the king of Israel came up against Judah. And *he* built Ramah, so as not to permit any going out and coming in to Asa the king of Judah. ²And Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and from the king's house; and *he* sent to Ben-hadad the king of Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying, ³A covenant *shall be* between me and you, and between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha the king of Israel, and he shall go away from me. ⁴And Ben-hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the commanders of his armies to the cities of Israel. And they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali. ⁵And it happened, when Baasha heard, he stopped building Ramah and let his work rest. ⁶And Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its wood, with which Baasha had built. And he built Geba and Mizpah with them.

⁷And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa the king of Judah and said to him, Because you leaned on the king of Syria, and you have not leaned on Jehovah your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. ⁸Did not the Ethiopians and the Lubim become a very great army for multitude, for chariots and for horsemen? And when you leaned on Jehovah, He gave them into your hand. ⁹For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro in all the earth in order to be strong for those with their heart perfect toward Him. You have acted foolishly in this. For this reason, from now on there shall be wars with you. ¹⁰And Asa was angry with the seer; and *he* gave him up to the house

of stocks. For *he* was in a rage with him for this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

¹¹And, behold, the acts of Asa, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

¹²And Asa was diseased in his feet in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, until his disease was severe. And also in his disease he did not seek Jehovah, but among the healers.

¹³And Asa lay with his fathers, and died in the forty-first year of his reign. ¹⁴And they buried him in his grave which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which he had filled with sweet odors and kinds of aromatic herbs, with a mixture of ointments by art. And they burned a great burning for him.

CHAPTER 17

¹And his son Jehoshaphat reigned in his place. And he made himself strong against Israel. ²And *he* put an army in all the fenced cities in Judah, and placed command posts in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim which his father Asa had captured. ³And Jehovah was with Jehoshaphat, for he walked in the first ways of his father David; and *he* did not seek to the Baals. ⁴For he sought to the God of his father, and he walked in His commands, and not according to the deeds of Israel. ⁵And Jehovah confirmed the kingdom in his hand. And all of Judah gave a present to Jehoshaphat. And he had riches and honor in abundance. ⁶And his heart was exalted in the ways of Jehovah. And he again removed the high places and the Asherim out of Judah.

⁷And in the third year of his reign, he sent for his leaders, for Ben-hail, and for Obadiah, and for Zechariah, and for Nethaneel, and for Michaiah, in order to teach in the cities of Judah. ⁸And with them were the Levites: Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites. And with them were Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. ⁹And they taught in Judah; and with them was the book of the law of Jehovah. And they went

around to all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people.

¹⁰And the fear of Jehovah was on all the kingdoms of the lands around Judah; and they did not fight with Jehoshaphat.

¹¹And from the Philistines, they were bringing in a present to Jehoshaphat, and silver as tribute. Also, the Arabians were bringing flocks to him, seven thousand, seven hundred rams; and seven thousand, seven hundred he-goats.

¹²And Jehoshaphat went on to be greater, exceedingly. And he built fortresses and store cities in Judah. ¹³And there was much work for him in the cities of Judah. And the men of war, mighty men of valor, resided in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And these were their numbers, for the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the commanders of thousands, Adnah the chief, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor. ¹⁵And on his hand, Jehohanan the chief, and two hundred and eighty thousand with him. ¹⁶And on his hand, Amasiah the son of Zichri, who volunteered himself to Jehovah; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. ¹⁷And of Benjamin, Eliada a mighty man, and two hundred thousand armed men with bow and shield with him. ¹⁸And on his hand, Jehozabad; and with him a hundred and eighty thousand ready for war. ¹⁹These waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fortified cities in all Judah.

CHAPTER 18

¹And Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and contracted a marriage with Ahab. ²And at the end of years, *he* went down to Ahab, to Samaria. And Ahab sacrificed sheep and oxen in abundance for him, and for the people with him. And *he* persuaded him to go up to Ramoth-gilead. ³And Ahab the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he said to him, As I *am*, so *are* you; and as your people, so my people, even with you in battle.

⁴And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Please seek the word of Jehovah today. ⁵And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, four hundred men. And *he*

said to them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, and God will give *it* into the king's hand. ⁶And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not a prophet of Jehovah still here, and we shall seek from him? ⁷And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, One man *is* still here, to seek Jehovah from him. But I hate him, for he does not prophesy good about me, but evil all his days. He is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

⁸And the king of Israel called to a certain eunuch and said, Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly. ⁹And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting, each on his throne, clothed with robes. And *they* were sitting in a grain-floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets were prophesying before them. ¹⁰And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself, and said, So says Jehovah, ¹¹With these you shall push Syria until you have consumed them. And all the prophets were prophesying so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper. And, Jehovah has given *it* into the king's hand. ¹²And the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *speak* with one mouth, good toward the king. And, Please let your word be like one of theirs, and you shall speak good. ¹³And Micaiah said, As Jehovah lives, surely that which my God says, that I shall speak.

¹⁴And he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go up to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go up and prosper, for they will be given into your hand. ¹⁵And the king said to him, Until many times must I adjure you that you speak nothing to me but the truth in the name of Jehovah? ¹⁶And he said, I have seen all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have not a shepherd; and Jehovah said, For these, no master. Let them return, each man to his own house in peace. ¹⁷And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not say to you that he does not prophesy good concerning me, but rather evil? ¹⁸And he said, Then hear the word of

Jehovah: I have seen Jehovah sitting on His throne, and all the host of the heavens standing on His right and His left. ¹⁹And Jehovah said, Who shall entice Ahab the king of Israel, and he shall go and fall in Ramoth-gilead? And this speaker said this, and that speaker that. ²⁰And a spirit went out and stood before Jehovah, and said, I will entice him. And Jehovah said, With what? ²¹And he said, I will go out and become a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, You shall entice, and also, you are able. Go out and do so. ²²And now, behold, Jehovah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets. And Jehovah has spoken evil against you. ²³And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way did the Spirit of Jehovah cross from me to speak to you? ²⁴And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see in that day when you go from one room into another to hide. ²⁵And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the ruler of the city, and to Joash the king's son. ²⁶And you shall say, So says the king. Put this one in prison and cause him to eat the bread of pain, and the water of pain, until my return in peace. ²⁷And Micaiah said, If you indeed return in peace, Jehovah has not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, O peoples, all of them! ²⁸And the king of Israel went up, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, to Ramoth-gilead. ²⁹And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go into battle; and you put on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself. And they went into battle. ³⁰And the king of Syria commanded the commanders of the chariots that he had, saying, You shall not fight with small or great, only with the king of Israel by himself. ³¹And it happened, when the commanders of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, He is the king of Israel. And they turned around to fight against him. And Jehoshaphat cried out. And Jehovah helped him. And God drew them away from him. ³²And it happened, when the commanders of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned away from following him. ³³And a man drew with a bow in innocence, and struck the king of Israel

between the joinings and the breastplate. And he said to the charioteer, Turn your hand, and you shall bring me out of the battle, for I have been wounded. ³⁴And the battle increased on that day, and the king of Israel was made to stand in the chariot before Syria until the evening. And he died at the time of the going of the sun.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. ²And Jehu the son of Hanani, the seer, went out before him and said to king Jehoshaphat, Do you love to help the bad one, and those who hate Jehovah, and by this *bring* wrath on you from the face of Jehovah? ³But good things have been found with you, for you have burned the Asherahs out of the land, and have fixed your heart to seek God.

⁴And Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem, and he went out again among the people, from Beer-sheba to the hills of Ephraim, and brought them back to Jehovah the God of their fathers.

⁵And he placed judges in the land, in all the fenced cities of Judah, for every city; ⁶and said to the judges, Watch what you are doing, for you shall not judge for man, but for Jehovah, and *He is* with you in the matter of judgment; ⁷and now, let the fear of Jehovah be upon you; watch and act, for there is no perverseness with Jehovah our God, nor lifting up of faces, nor taking of a bribe.

⁸And also in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat caused to stand from the Levites and from the priests, and from the heads of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of Jehovah, and for strife; and they returned to Jerusalem. ⁹And he charged them, saying, So shall you do in the fear of Jehovah, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. ¹⁰And when any contention shall come to you from your brothers who are living in their cities, between blood and blood between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, then you shall warn them, and they shall not be guilty before Jehovah; and wrath shall *not* be on you and on your brothers; so you shall do, and you shall not be guilty. ¹¹And, behold, Amariah the chief priest shall be over you for every

matter of Jehovah, and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, *shall be* for every matter of the king; and the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Be strong and act; and Jehovah shall be with the good.

CHAPTER 20

¹And after this it happened that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon came in, and with them from the Ammonites, to battle against Jehoshaphat. ²And they came in and spoke to Jehoshaphat, saying, A great multitude has come against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and, behold, they *are* in Hazazon-tamar, which is En-gedi. ³And Jehoshaphat feared, and set his face to seek to Jehovah, and proclaimed a fast over all Judah. ⁴And Judah was gathered to inquire of Jehovah; also they came in to seek Jehovah from all the cities of Judah.

⁵And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Jehovah, at the front of the new court, ⁶and said, O Jehovah, the God of our fathers, are not You the God in Heaven? Yea, You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is* power and might; and there is none able to withstand You. ⁷Are You not our God? You have driven out the inhabitants of this land from before Your people Israel, and have given it to the seed of Abraham, Your friend forever; ⁸and they have lived in it, and have built in it a sanctuary to You for Your name, saying, ⁹If evil shall come upon us, whether sword, judgment, or pestilence and famine, we shall stand before this house and before You—for Your name *is* in this house — and shall cry to You out of our distress, and You shall hear and save. ¹⁰And now, behold, the sons of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom You did not allow Israel to go against when they came out of the land of Egypt —for they turned away from them and did not destroy them— ¹¹yea, behold, they are repaying us by coming in to drive us out of Your possession, that You have caused us to possess. ¹²O our God, shall You not execute judgment upon them? For there is no power in us before this great multitude that has come against us, and we

do not know what we shall do; but our eyes *are* on You. ¹³And all Judah was standing before Jehovah, and their infants and their wives and their sons.

¹⁴And on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, the Spirit of Jehovah came on him in the midst of the assembly; ¹⁵and He said, Listen, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and king Jehoshaphat; so says Jehovah to you, You shall not fear nor be terrified of the face of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God's. ¹⁶Tomorrow, go down against them; behold, they are coming up by the ascent of Ziz, and you shall find them in the end of the valley, at the front of the wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷You shall not fight in this: station yourselves; stand and see the salvation of Jehovah with you, O Judah and Jerusalem; do not be terrified nor fear; tomorrow go out before them, and Jehovah *shall be* with you. ¹⁸And Jehoshaphat bowed his face to the earth, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before Jehovah, to bow themselves to Jehovah. ¹⁹And the Levites, of the sons of the Kohathites, and of the sons of the Korahites, rose to give praise to Jehovah the God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

²⁰And they rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Believe in Jehovah your God, and be steadfast; believe in His prophets and prosper. ²¹And he consulted with the people, and appointed singers to Jehovah, and those giving praise to the glory of holiness, when going out before those armed, and said, Give thanks to Jehovah, for His mercy *endures* forever.

²²And at the time they began with rejoicing and praise, Jehovah set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, that had come against Judah; and they were stricken. ²³And the sons of Ammon stood up, and Moab, against the people of Mount Seir, to devote and destroy; and when they finished with the inhabitants of Seir, they helped, each man against his neighbor, to destroy. ²⁴And

when Judah had come to the watchtower, to the wilderness, then they looked toward the multitude; and behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there was no survivor. ²⁵And Jehoshaphat and his people came to seize their plunder; and they found among them in abundance both riches and valuable things *on the corpses*; and they stripped off for themselves until there was no carrying *it*; and they were three days plundering the spoil; for it *was* much.

²⁶And on the fourth day they gathered at the Valley of Blessing, for they blessed Jehovah there; on account of this they have called the name of that place the Valley of Blessing to this day. ²⁷And they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat at their head, to go back to Jerusalem with joy; for Jehovah had made them rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸And they entered Jerusalem with harps and with lyres, and with trumpets, to the house of Jehovah. ²⁹And there was a fear of God on all kingdoms of the lands when they heard that Jehovah had fought with the enemies of Israel. ³⁰And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was quiet, and his God gave him rest all around.

³¹And Jehoshaphat was king over Judah, a son of thirty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. ³²And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, to do that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah. ³³Only, the high places were not removed, and the people still had not settled their hearts for the God of their fathers. ³⁴And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the words of Jehu the son of Hanani, which *were* taken up in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

³⁵And after this Jehoshaphat the king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah the king of Israel; he did wickedly to do so. ³⁶And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. ³⁷And Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying,

Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, Jehovah has broken your works. And the ships were broken, so that they did not hold to go to Tarshish.

CHAPTER 21

¹And Jehoshaphat lay with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Jehoram reigned in his place. ²And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat the king of Israel. ³And their father gave to them many gifts of silver and gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities of Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, for he *was* the firstborn. ⁴And Jehoram rose up over the kingdom of his father and made himself strong. And *he* killed all his brothers with the sword, and also of the leaders of Israel.

⁵Jehoram *was* a son of thirty-two years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years. ⁶And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab, for a daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah. ⁷And Jehovah was not willing to destroy the house of David, for the sake of the covenant that He made with David, and as He had spoken, to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.

⁸In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king to reign over them. ⁹And Jehoram passed over with his chiefs, and all the chariots with him; and it happened that he rose up by night and struck the Edomites who were coming all around him; and the commanders of the chariots. ¹⁰And Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at that time from under his hand, because he had forsaken Jehovah, the God of his fathers. ¹¹Also, he had made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the people of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and led astray Judah.

¹²And a writing came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, So says Jehovah, the God of your father David, Because you have not walked in the ways of your father Jehoshaphat, and in the ways of Asa the

king of Judah, ¹³and you walk in the way of the kings of Israel, and caused Judah and the people of Jerusalem to commit fornication like the fornications of the house of Ahab; and also you have killed your brothers, the house of your father, who were better than yourself; ¹⁴behold, Jehovah shall strike with a great destruction among your people, and among your sons, and among your wives, and among all your goods; ¹⁵and you, with many sicknesses, with disease in your bowels, until your bowels come out because of the sickness, day by day.

¹⁶And Jehovah awakened the spirit of the Philistines against Jehoram, and of the Arabians who were beside the Ethiopians; ¹⁷and they came up into Judah and broke into it, and captured all the substance that was found at the king's house, and also his sons, and his wives; and there was not left to him a son except Jehoahaz the youngest of his sons.

¹⁸And after this, Jehovah plagued him in his bowels by disease for which there was no healing; ¹⁹and it happened, from days to days, and as the time went out, the end of two years of days, his bowels went out because of his sickness; so he died of painful diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. ²⁰He was a son of thirty-two years when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem; and he left without being desired, and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the graves of the kings.

CHAPTER 22

¹And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made his youngest son Ahaziah king in his place—for all the first ones had been slain by the troop that came in with the Arabians to the battle—and Ahaziah the son of Jehoram the king of Judah reigned. ²Ahaziah was a son of forty-two years when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. ³He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do evilly. ⁴And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, like the house of Ahab, for they

were his counselors after the death of his father, for his destruction.

⁵He also walked in their counsel, and went with Joram the son of Ahab the king of Israel to battle against Hazael the king of Syria, in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians struck Jehoram; ⁶and he returned to be healed in Jezreel, because of the wounds with which they had stricken him in Ramah, when fighting with Hazael the king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram the king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, for he was ill. ⁷Now, the destruction of Ahaziah was from God, for coming to Jehoram; and when he had come, he went out with Jehoram to Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Jehovah had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. ⁸And it happened, when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, that he found the leaders of Judah, and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, the servants of Ahaziah, and killed them. ⁹And he sought out Ahaziah, and they captured him—and he was hiding himself in Samaria—and brought him to Jehu, and put him to death, and buried him; for they said, He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Jehovah with all his heart. And there was none in the house of Ahaziah to retain power for the kingdom. ¹⁰And Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, and she rose up and spoke to destroy all the seed of the kingdom of the house of Judah. ¹¹And Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the sons of the king who were put to death, and put him and his nurse into the storeroom of the bedroom. And Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, because she was the sister of Ahaziah, hid him from the face of Athaliah; and she did not put him to death. ¹²And he was with them in the house of God hiding himself six years, and Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAPTER 23

¹And in the seventh year Jehoiada made himself strong and took the captains of the hundreds, even Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan,

and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. ²And they went around in Judah and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chiefs of the fathers of Israel, and came to Jerusalem. ³And all the congregation made a covenant in the house of God with the king, and he said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as Jehovah has spoken of the sons of David. ⁴This *is* what you shall do: the third of you going in on the sabbath, of the priests, and of the Levites, *shall be* keepers of the doors; ⁵and a third *shall be* at the king's house, and a third at the gate of the foundation; and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of Jehovah. ⁶And no one shall enter the house of Jehovah except the priests, and those ministering of the Levites; they may go in, for they *are* holy; and all the people shall keep the watch of Jehovah. ⁷And the Levites shall surround the king, each with his weapon in his hand; and he who goes into the house shall be put to death; and you be with the king in his coming in and in his going out. ⁸And the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. And every man took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, the ones who were to go out on the sabbath. For Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the divisions. ⁹And Jehoiada the priest gave to the commanders of the hundreds the spears, and the shields, and the bucklers that *were* king David's, that *were* in the house of God. ¹⁰And he stationed all of the people, and each had his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, at the altar, and by the king at the house all around. ¹¹And they brought out the son of the king, and put the crown on him, and the testimony, and made him king; and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and cried, Let the king live!

¹²And Athaliah heard the sound of the people who were running and who were praising the king; and she came to the people in the house of Jehovah, ¹³and looked; and behold, the king was standing by his pillar in the entrance, and the commanders and the trumpets *were* by the

king; and all the people of the land *were* rejoicing and sounding with trumpets; and the singers with instruments of song, and giving signals to praise; and Athaliah tore her garments and cried, Conspiracy! Conspiracy! ¹⁴And Jehoiada the priest brought out the commanders of the hundreds, those over the army, and said to them, Bring her out from inside the ranks, and he coming after her shall be put to death by the sword; for the priest said, Do not put her to death *in* the house of Jehovah. ¹⁵And they laid hands to her, and she came into the entrance of the Gate of Horses, beside the king's house, and they put her to death there.

¹⁶And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and between all the people, and between the king, to be a people to Jehovah; ¹⁷and all the people went into the house of Baal and broke it down; yea, they broke down his altars and his images; and they killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. ¹⁸And Jehoiada put the offices of the house of Jehovah into the hand of the Levitical priests, whom David had allotted over the house of Jehovah, to offer the burnt offerings of Jehovah, as *it is* written in the law of Moses; with joy, and with singing, by the hands of David. ¹⁹And he stationed the keepers at the gates of the house of Jehovah; and the unclean in any way could not go in. ²⁰And he took the commanders of the hundreds, and the honorable ones, and the rulers among the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of Jehovah; and they came in through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and made the king sit on the throne of the kingdom. ²¹And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And they put to death Athaliah by the sword.

CHAPTER 24

¹Joash *was* a son of seven years when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba. ²And Joash did the right in the eyes of Jehovah all the days of Jehoiada the priest. ³And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he fathered sons and daughters

⁴And after this it happened; it had been

in the heart of Joash to renew the house of Jehovah; ⁵and he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God fully from year to year; and you shall do the matter quickly. But the Levites did not act quickly. ⁶And the king called for Jehoiada the head, and said to him, Why have you not required the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the tribute of Moses, the servant of Jehovah, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of the testimony? For the sons of Athaliah, the wicked one, have broken up the house of God, and also they have prepared all the holy things of the house of Jehovah for the Baals. ⁸And the king commanded, and they made one chest, and put it at the gate of the house of Jehovah outside; ⁹and they gave a call in Judah and in Jerusalem to bring in to Jehovah the tribute of Moses, the servant of God, *laid* on Israel in the wilderness. ¹⁰And all the leaders, and all the people rejoiced; and they brought in and threw into the chest until *it was* finished. ¹¹And it happened, at the time one brought in the chest to the king's overseers, by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that the money *was* abundant, that a scribe of the king came in, and an officer of the head priest, and they emptied the chest and took it up and returned it to its place; so they did day by day, and gathered silver in abundance. ¹²And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of Jehovah; and they hired stonemasons and carpenters to repair the house of Jehovah; and also artisans in iron and bronze, to strengthen the house of Jehovah. ¹³And the workmen did the work, and the repair work prospered in their hands; and they set up the house of God by its proper measure, and made it strong. ¹⁴And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the silver in before the king and Jehoiada; and they made vessels of it for the house of Jehovah, vessels of serving, and of offering, and spoons, even vessels of gold and silver; and they offered burnt offerings in the house of Jehovah continually all the days of Jehoiada.

¹⁵And Jehoiada was old and satisfied

with days, and died, a son of a hundred and thirty years at his death. ¹⁶And they buried him in the city of David with the kings, for he had done good in Israel, and with God, and his house. ¹⁷And after the death of Jehoiada, the leaders of Judah came in and bowed themselves to the king; then the king listened to them. ¹⁸And they forsook the house of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherah poles and the idols; and there was wrath on Judah and Jerusalem because of this guilt. ¹⁹And He sent prophets among them to bring them back to Jehovah; and they testified against them, but they did not listen. ²⁰And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood before the people and said to them, So says God, Why do you transgress the commandments of Jehovah, and do not prosper? Because you have forsaken Jehovah, He has forsaken you. ²¹And they conspired against him, and stoned him *with* stones by the command of the king, in the court of the house of Jehovah. ²²And Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada his father had done to him, and killed his son. And when he died, he said, Jehovah shall seek *you out*.

²³And it happened, at the turn of the year, that the army of Syria came up against him; and they came into Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people; and they sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus. ²⁴For with few men the army of Syria came in, and Jehovah gave a mighty force for multitude into their hand, because they had forsaken Jehovah, the God of their fathers. And they executed judgment against Joash. ²⁵And when they left him—for they left him with many diseases — his own servants conspired against him, because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed; and he died. And they buried him in the city of David, and did not bury him in the graves of the kings. ²⁶And these *are* those who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimirith the Moabess. ²⁷As to his sons, and the greatness of the burdens upon him, and the foundation of the house of God, behold,

they are written in the inquiry of the book of the kings. And his son Amaziah reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 25

¹Amaziah was a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. ²And he did right in the eyes of Jehovah; only, not with a perfect heart. ³And it happened, when the kingdom had been made strong to him, he killed his servants, those who had struck the king, his father. ⁴But he did not kill their sons, but did as is written in the law, in the book of Moses, whom Jehovah commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the sons, and the sons shall not die for the fathers; but they each shall die for his own sin.

⁵And Amaziah gathered Judah, and made them stand, according to the house of the fathers, for commanders of the thousands, and for commanders of the hundreds, for all Judah and Benjamin. And he numbered them from a son of twenty years and above, and found them to be three hundred thousand choice ones, going forth to battle, holding spear and shield. ⁶And he hired a hundred thousand mighty ones out of Israel, with a hundred talents of silver. ⁷But a man of God came to him, saying, O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you; for Jehovah is not with Israel, with all the sons of Ephraim; ⁸but if you will go, do it; be strong for battle; God shall make you fall before the enemy, for God has power to help, and to cause to stumble. ⁹And Amaziah said to the man of God, And what shall I do for the hundred talents that I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God said, Jehovah has more than this to give to you. ¹⁰And Amaziah separated them, the army that had come into him from Ephraim to go to their own place; and their anger burned mightily against Judah, and they returned to their place in the heat of anger.

¹¹And Amaziah made himself strong and led his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and killed ten thousand of the sons of Seir. ¹²And the sons of Judah captured ten thousand alive, and they brought them to the top of the rock and threw them from

the top of the rock; and all of them were broken.

¹³And the sons of the army that Amaziah had sent back from going with him to battle, these raided against the cities of Judah, from Samaria even to Beth-horon, and killed three thousand of them, and seized much prey.

¹⁴And it happened, after Amaziah came in from smiting the Edomites, that he brought in the gods of the sons of Seir and made them stand as gods for himself; and bowed himself before them, and burned incense to them. ¹⁵And the anger of Jehovah burned against Amaziah, and he sent a prophet to him; and he said to him, Why have you sought the gods of the people that have not delivered their people out of your hand? ¹⁶And it happened, as he spoke with him, that he said to him, Have we appointed you a counselor to the king? Stop! Why should they strike you? And the prophet stopped, and said, I know that God has counseled to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel.

¹⁷And Amaziah the king of Judah took counsel and sent to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. ¹⁸And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah the king of Judah, saying, The thorn that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son for a wife; and a beast of the field that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled down the thorn. ¹⁹You have said, behold, I have stricken Edom, and your heart has lifted you up to boast; now, stay in your house; why should you stir yourself up to evil, that you should fall, you and Judah with you? ²⁰And Amaziah would not listen, for it was from God, in order to give them into their hand, because they had sought to the gods of Edom. ²¹And Jehoash the king of Israel went up, and they looked one another in the face, he and Amaziah the king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh that was Judah's. ²²And Judah was stricken before Israel; and they fled, each to his tent. ²³And Amaziah the king of Judah, the son of Joash, was caught by Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of

Israel in Beth-shemesh; and *he* carried him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the gate of the corner, four hundred cubits; ²⁴and *took* all the gold, and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, and the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

²⁵And Amaziah the son of Joash, the king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel. ²⁶And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, the first and the last, behold, are they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?

²⁷And after the time that Amaziah had turned aside from following Jehovah, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. ²⁸And they lifted him up on the horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

CHAPTER 26

¹And all the people of Judah took Uziah; and he was a son of sixteen years; and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. ²He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after the king lay with his fathers. ³Uzziah was a son of sixteen years when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. ⁴And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah did. ⁵And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and in the days he sought Jehovah, God made him prosper. ⁶And he went out and fought with the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities around Ashdod, and among the Philistines. ⁷And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal, and the Meunites. ⁸And the Ammonites paid tribute to Uziah; and his name spread abroad to the entrance of Egypt; for he became exceedingly strong. ⁹And Uziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the

Turning, and fortified them. ¹⁰And he built towers in the wilderness, and dug many wells, for he had many cattle, both in the low country and in the plain, farmers and vinedressers in the mountains, and in Carmel; for he was a lover of the earth.

¹¹And Uziah had an army making war, going out to the battle by troops, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe, and Maaseiah the superintendent under the hand of Hananiah, of the king's leaders. ¹²The whole number of the heads of the fathers of the mighty men was two thousand, six hundred. ¹³And under their hand was a powerful army, three hundred and seven thousand, five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. ¹⁴And Uziah prepared for them, for all the army, shields and spears and helmets, and breastplates, and bows, even to stones for the slings. ¹⁵And he made engines in Jerusalem, the inventions of skillful men, to be on the towers and on the corners, with which to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was wonderfully helped until he was strong.

¹⁶And when he became strong, his heart was lifted up to act corruptly; and he trespassed against Jehovah his God, and went in to the temple of Jehovah to burn incense on the altar of incense. ¹⁷And Azariah the priest went in after him, and eighty priests of Jehovah with him, sons of valor; ¹⁸and they stood up against Uziah the king, and said to him, *It is not for you, O Uziah, to burn incense to Jehovah, but to the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are sanctified to burn incense; go out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed; and it is not to your honor from Jehovah God.* ¹⁹And Uziah was angry, and in his hand was a censer to burn incense; and when he was angry with the priests, the leprosy rose in his forehead, before the priests, in the house of Jehovah, beside the altar of incense. ²⁰And Azariah the head priest and all the priests turned toward him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead. And they hurried him from there, and he also himself hurried to leave, for Jehovah had touched him. ²¹And Uziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and

lived *in* a separate house as a leper, for he had been cut off from the house of Jehovah; and his son Jotham *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land. ²²And the rest of the acts of Uzziah, the first and the last, Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, has written. ²³And Uzziah lay with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burying-place that the kings *had*; for they said, He *is* a leper. And his son Jotham reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 27

¹Jotham *was* a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and his the name of his mother *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. ²And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Uzziah did; only, he did not come into the temple of Jehovah; and the people continued to do wickedly. ³He built the Upper Gate of the house of Jehovah, and he built very much in the wall of Ophel; ⁴and he built cities in the hills of Judah, and in the forests he built palaces and towers.

⁵He also fought with the king of the sons of Ammon, and prevailed over them. And the sons of Ammon gave to him in that year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley; this the sons of Ammon turned over to him *both* in the second year and in the third. ⁶And Jotham made himself strong, for he had prepared his ways before Jehovah his God.

⁷And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his battles, and his ways, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. ⁸He *was* a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. ⁹And Jotham lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Ahaz reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 28

¹Ahaz *was* a son of twenty years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do right in the eyes of Jehovah, as his father David, ²but walked in the ways of the

kings of Israel, and also made molten images for the Baals. ³And he himself burned incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burned his sons in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations that Jehovah drove out from before the sons of Israel; ⁴and sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the heights, and under every green tree. ⁵And Jehovah his God gave him into the hand of the king of Syria, and they struck him, and captured from him a great captivity, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he also was given into the hand of the king of Israel, and he struck him with a great destruction.

⁶And Pekah the son of Remaliah killed a hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day, all sons of valor, because they had forsaken Jehovah, the God of their fathers. ⁷And Zichri, a mighty one of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the son of the king, and Azrikam the leader of the house, and Elkanah, second to the king. ⁸And the sons of Israel captured two hundred thousand of their brothers, wives, sons and daughters, and also they seized from them much spoil, and they brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹And a prophet of Jehovah was there, Oded his name; and he went out before the army that had come in to Samaria, and said to them, Behold, in the fury of Jehovah, the God of your fathers, against Judah, He has given them into your hand, and you have slain among them in rage. It has touched to the heavens. ¹⁰And now you are planning to tread down the sons of Judah and Jerusalem for male slaves, and for girl slaves to yourselves; but *are* not with you causes of guilt, solely yours, before Jehovah your God? ¹¹And now, hear me, and return the captives you have seized from your brothers, for the heat of the anger of Jehovah *is* on you. ¹²And men of the leaders of the Ephraimites: Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah, Meshilmoth's son, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai—rose up against those coming in from the army, ¹³and said to them, You shall not bring the captives here, for guilt against Jehovah *is* on us; you are planning to add to our sin and to our guilt, for we *have*

plenty of guilt and the glow of anger on Israel. ¹⁴And the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the leaders and all the congregation. ¹⁵And the men who had been called by name rose and took the captives, and they clothed all the naked ones from the spoil; yea, they clothed them and shod them, and made them eat and drink, and anointed them, and led them out on asses, even every feeble one, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palms, near their brothers, and returned to Samaria.

¹⁶At that time king Ahaz sent to the king of Assyria to help him. ¹⁷And again the Edomites had come and struck Judah, and had seized a captivity. ¹⁸And the Philistines had raided against the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and captured Beth-shemesh and Aijalon, and Gederot, and Soco and its daughter-villages, and Timnah and its daughter-villages, and Gimzo and its daughter-villages, and dwelt there. ¹⁹For Jehovah had humbled Judah because of Ahaz the king of Israel, for he loosed *immorality* in Judah, and dealt treacherously against Jehovah. ²⁰And Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came against him and distressed him, but did not help him, ²¹though Ahaz had taken a lot *from* the house of Jehovah and *from* the house of the king, and *from* the rulers, and had given to the king of Assyria; yet *it was* no help to him. ²²And in the time of his distress he added to act slyly against Jehovah, this king Ahaz; ²³and he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus who had struck him, and said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria are helping them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me. But they were to cause him and all Israel to stumble. ²⁴And Ahaz gathered all the utensils of the house of God, and *he* cut up the utensils of the house of God and shut the doors of the house of Jehovah. And *he* made altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem. ²⁵And in every city, even the cities of Judah, he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and angered Jehovah the God of his fathers.

²⁶And the rest of his acts, and all his ways, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of

Judah and Israel. ²⁷And Ahaz lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, but did not bring him to the graves of the kings of Israel. and his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 29

¹Hezekiah *was* a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother *was* Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. ²And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father David did. ³In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of Jehovah and repaired them. ⁴And *he* brought in the priests and the Levites, and *he* gathered them to the plaza on the east. ⁵And he said to them, Hear me, O Levites, now consecrate yourselves. And consecrate the house of Jehovah, the God of your fathers, and bring out the uncleanness from the holy place. ⁶For our fathers have acted slyly and did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah our God, and *they* have forsaken Him and turned their faces away from the temple of Jehovah, and have given *their* backs. ⁷And they have shut the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and they have not burned incense, and have not offered burnt offering in the holy place to the God of Israel. ⁸And the wrath of Jehovah is on Judah and Jerusalem, and He has given them for a trembling, for a horror, and for hissing, as you see with your eyes. ⁹For, behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in exile for this. ¹⁰Now *it is* in my heart to cut a covenant with Jehovah, the God of Israel, and His the glow of His anger shall turn back from us. ¹¹Now, my sons, do not be negligent, for Jehovah has chosen you to stand before His face, to serve Him and to be ministers and incense burners for Him.

¹²And the Levites rose up: Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; ¹³and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; and of the

sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; ¹⁴and of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. ¹⁵And they gathered their brothers and sanctified themselves, and came in, according to the commandment of the king in the matters of Jehovah, to cleanse the house of Jehovah. ¹⁶And the priests went into the inner part of the house of Jehovah to clean, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Jehovah to the court of the house of Jehovah; and the Levites received and took it out to the brook Kidron outside. ¹⁷And they began to sanctify on the first of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of Jehovah; and they sanctified the house of Jehovah in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they had finished. ¹⁸And they came inside to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of Jehovah, and the altar of the burnt offering, and all its vessels, and the table of the *Bread* of Arrangement, and all its utensils; ¹⁹and all the utensils that king Ahaz cast aside in his reign, in his treachery, we have prepared and sanctified; and behold, they *are* before the altar of Jehovah.

²⁰And Hezekiah the king rose early and gathered the heads of the city, and went up to the house of Jehovah. ²¹And they brought in seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven young he-goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the holy place, and for Judah. And he commanded the sons of Aaron, the priests, to offer on the altar of Jehovah. ²²And they killed the oxen, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled on the altar. And they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood on the altar. And they killed the lambs sprinkled the blood on the altar. ²³And they brought the he-goats of the sin offering before the king and the congregation, and they lay their hands on them; ²⁴and the priests slaughtered them, and made a sin offering with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel; for the king said, The burnt offering and the sin offering *are* for all Israel.

²⁵And he made stand the Levites *in* the

house of Jehovah with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, by the command of David, and of Gad, the seer of the king, and of Nathan the prophet; for the command *was* by the hand of Jehovah, by the hand of His prophets. ²⁶And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. ²⁷And Hezekiah commanded to offer burnt offering on the altar; and at the time the burnt offering began, the song of Jehovah began, and of the trumpets, even by the hand of the instruments of David the king of Israel. ²⁸And all the congregation were bowing, and the singers singing, and the trumpeters blowing; all until the completion of the burnt offering. ²⁹And at the completion of the offering the king and all those found with him bowed and worshiped. ³⁰And Hezekiah the king and the leaders commanded the Levites to give praise to Jehovah in the words of David, and of Asaph the seer; and they praised with joy, and they bowed and worshiped. ³¹And Hezekiah answered and said, Now you have consecrated your hand to Jehovah; come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings to the house of Jehovah. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings, and every willing-hearted one *brought* burnt offerings. ³²And the number of the burnt offerings that the congregation brought was seventy oxen, a hundred rams, two hundred lambs; all these for a burnt offering to Jehovah. ³³And the dedicated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

³⁴Only, the priests had become few, and were not able to skin all of the burnt offerings; and their brothers the Levites strengthened them until the work *was* ended, and until the priests sanctified themselves; for the Levites *were* more upright of heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. ³⁵And also, there *were* many burnt offerings with fat of the peace offerings, and with drink offerings for the burnt offering; and the service of the house of Jehovah was established. ³⁶And Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced, because God had given preparation to the people; for the thing had happened suddenly.

CHAPTER 30

¹And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and he also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, to come to the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem, to make a Passover to Jehovah the God of Israel. ²And the king and his leaders, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, took counsel to keep the Passover in the second month; ³since they could not do it at that time, for the priests had not cleansed themselves enough. And the people had not been gathered to Jerusalem. ⁴And the thing was right in the eyes of the king, and in the eyes of the congregation. ⁵And they established a decree to pass through a call to all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, to come to make a Passover to Jehovah the God of Israel in Jerusalem. For not many of them had done as it is written. ⁶And the runners went with letters from the king's hand, and his leaders, to all Israel and Judah; even by the king's command, saying, O sons of Israel, return to Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. And He shall return to the remnant left of you from the hand of the king of Assyria. ⁷And do not be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who acted treacherously against Jehovah the God of their fathers; and He made them for a horror, as you see. ⁸Now do not stiffen your necks like your fathers. Give a hand to Jehovah and come to His holy place that He has sanctified forever; and serve Jehovah your God. And the fierceness of His anger will turn away from you. ⁹For when you return to Jehovah, your brothers and your sons will have mercies before their captors, even to return to this land. For Jehovah your God is gracious and merciful, and He will not turn His face away from you, if you turn back to Him.

¹⁰And the runners passed from city to city in the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, even to Zebulun. And they were laughing at them, and mocking them.

¹¹However, men from Asher, and Manasseh, and from Zebulun were humbled, and came to Jerusalem. ¹²Also, in Judah the hand of God was to give to them one heart to do the king's command, and of the leaders, by the word of Jehovah.

¹³And many people gathered to Jerusalem, to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very great multitude. ¹⁴And they rose up and took away the altars in Jerusalem, and all the incense altars they removed, and threw them into the brook Kidron. ¹⁵And they killed the passover offering on the fourteenth of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in burnt offerings to the house of Jehovah. ¹⁶And they stood in their place according to their ordinance, according to the law of Moses the man of God. The priests were sprinkling the blood out of the hand of the Levites. ¹⁷For many in the assembly had not sanctified themselves, and the Levites were over the slaughtering of the passover offerings for everyone not clean, to sanctify them to Jehovah. ¹⁸For many of the people, many from Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun had not been cleansed, but ate the passover otherwise than was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, O good Jehovah, provide atonement for everyone ¹⁹who has prepared his heart to seek Jehovah God, the God of his fathers, yet not according to the cleansing of the sanctuary. ²⁰And Jehovah listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. ²¹And the sons of Israel, those found in Jerusalem, kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great joy. And the Levites praised Jehovah day to day, and the priests, with instruments of praise before Jehovah. ²²And Hezekiah spoke to the heart of all the Levites, those having good understanding as to Jehovah. And they ate the appointed things seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and making confession to Jehovah, the God of their fathers. ²³And all the congregation took counsel to keep another seven days. And they kept seven days joyfully. ²⁴And Hezekiah the king of Judah had lifted up to the congregation a thousand bullocks, and seven thousand sheep. And the leaders had lifted up to the congregation a thousand bullocks, and ten thousand sheep. And the priests had sanctified themselves in abundance.

²⁵And all the congregation of Judah rejoiced, and the priests and the Levites, and

all the congregation that came from the land of Israel, and the aliens who came from the land of Israel, and those who lived in Judah. ²⁶And there was great joy in Jerusalem, for from the days of Solomon the son of David the king of Israel, there was nothing like this in Jerusalem. ²⁷And the priests, the Levites, rose up and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came to His holy dwelling-place, to Heaven.

CHAPTER 31

¹And when all this was finished, all Israel who were found went out to the cities of Judah and smashed the standing pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and broke down the high places and the altars out of all Judah, and Benjamin, and in Ephraim, and Manasseh, even to the end. And all the sons of Israel returned, each to his possession, to their cities.

²And Hezekiah made stand the courses of the priests and of the Levites, by their divisions, each according to his service, of the priests and of the Levites, for burnt offerings, and for peace offerings, to serve and to give thanks, and to give praise in the gates of the camps of Jehovah. ³And the king's portion from his substance *was* for burnt offerings, for burnt offerings of the morning and the evening; and the burnt offerings of the sabbaths, and of the new moons, and of the appointed seasons, as it was written in the law of Jehovah. ⁴And he commanded the people, those who lived in Jerusalem, to give the portion of the priests and of the Levites, in order that they might be made strong in the law of Jehovah.

⁵And as the word spread, the sons of Israel brought abundantly the firstfruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the produce of the field, and the tithe of all; they brought very much. ⁶And the sons of Israel and Judah, those living in the cities of Judah, also they tithed of the herd and the flock, even a tithe of the holy things that were sanctified to Jehovah their God, were brought in. And they piled heaps of heaps. ⁷They began to lay the foundation of the heaps in the third month, and in the seventh month they finished. ⁸And Heze-

kiah and the leaders came in and saw the heaps, and blessed Jehovah and His people Israel. ⁹And Hezekiah asked the priests and the Levites about the heaps. ¹⁰And Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, spoke to him and said, From the beginning of the bringing of the heave offering to the house of Jehovah, it was eaten, and it satisfied, and abundance *was* left; for Jehovah has blessed His people, and this abundance is left.

¹¹And Hezekiah ordered *them* to build rooms in the house of Jehovah; and they prepared, ¹²and they brought in the heave offering, and the tithes, and the holy things, faithfully. And over them *was* a leader, the Levite Cononiah, and his second brother, Shimei; ¹³and Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and his brother Shimei, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. ¹⁴And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper at the east, *was* over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the heave offerings of Jehovah, and the most holy things. ¹⁵And by his hand, Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and She-maiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, faithfully to give to their brothers by divisions, as to the great, so to the small; ¹⁶apart from their genealogy, to males from a son of three years and upward, to everyone who had gone into the house of Jehovah, the proper portion of *a* day in its day, for their service in their duties, according to their divisions; ¹⁷and enrolled genealogically the priests by the house of their fathers, and of the Levites from a son of twenty years and upward, and their duties, and their divisions; ¹⁸and the enrollment by genealogy *with* all their infants, their wives, and their sons and their daughters, to all the assembly, for in their faithfulness they sanctified themselves in holiness. ¹⁹And to the sons of Aaron, the priests, in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every separate city, *were* men who were called by name to give portions to every male among the priests, and to all enrolled

genealogically among the Levites. ²⁰And Hezekiah did this in all Judah, and did the good and the right and true before Jehovah his God. ²¹And in every work that he began for the service of the house of God, and in the Law, and in the commandment, to seek his God with all his heart, he worked and prospered.

CHAPTER 32

¹After these things and this faithfulness, Sennacherib the king of Assyria came; yea, he came into Judah and camped against the cities of defense, and commanded to break them open to himself. ²And Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and his face was set to battle against Jerusalem; ³and he took counsel with his leaders and his mighty ones, to stop the waters of the fountains that were on the outside of the city; and they helped him. ⁴And many people were gathered, and they stopped all the fountains, and the brook that was rushing through the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water? ⁵And he made himself strong and built all the wall that was broken, and raised on it the towers, and at the outside of the wall another, and strengthened Millo, the city of David, and made darts in abundance, and shields. ⁶And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them to him, to the street of the gate of the city, and spoke to their heart, saying, ⁷Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor be cast down before the face of the king of Assyria, and before the face of all the multitude that is with him, for with us are more than with him. ⁸With him is an arm of flesh, and with us is Jehovah our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people were supported by the words of Hezekiah the king of Judah.

⁹After this Sennacherib the king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem — and he was by Lachish, and all his power with him — against Hezekiah the king of Judah, and against all Judah who were in Jerusalem, saying, ¹⁰So says Sennacherib the king of Assyria, On what are you trusting and resting in the siege in Jerusalem? ¹¹Is not Hezekiah misleading you, to give you up to die by famine, and by thirst,

saying, Jehovah our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹²Has not Hezekiah himself removed His high places, and His altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Before one altar you shall worship, and on it you shall burn incense. ¹³Do you not know what I have done, my fathers and I, to all the people of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands at all able to deliver their land out of my hand? ¹⁴Who among all the gods of these nations whom my fathers have devoted to destruction is he who has been able to deliver his people out of my hand, that your god may be able to deliver you out of my hand? ¹⁵And now, do not let Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you in this way, nor believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my hand, from the hand of my fathers; also, surely your god shall not deliver you from my hand. ¹⁶And again his servants spoke against Jehovah God, and against His servant Hezekiah. ¹⁷And he had written letters to blaspheme Jehovah, the God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, As the gods of the nations of the lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah shall not deliver his people from my hand. ¹⁸And they called with a great voice in Jewish, against the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and to terrify them, that they might capture the city. ¹⁹And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem as against the gods of the peoples of the land, the work of the hands of man. ²⁰And Hezekiah the king prayed, and Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, about this, and they cried to Heaven.

²¹And Jehovah sent an angel, and cut off every mighty one of valor, both the leader and the ruler, in the camp of the king of Assyria; and he returned with shame of face to his land. And he entered the house of his god, and those from his bowels caused him to fall there by the sword.

²²And Jehovah saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all; and He guided them on every side. ²³And many brought an offering to Jehovah, to Jerusalem, and precious

things to Hezekiah the king of Judah; and he was lifted up before the eyes of all the nations after this.

²⁴In those days Hezekiah was sick, even to death, and he prayed to Jehovah, and He spoke to him, and gave a sign for him.

²⁵And Hezekiah did not return according to the benefit *done* to him, for his heart had been lifted up, and there was wrath on him and on Judah and Jerusalem. ²⁶And Hezekiah was humbled for the pride of his heart, he and the people of Jerusalem, and the wrath of Jehovah did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

²⁷And Hezekiah had great riches and honor, and he had very many treasures of silver for himself, and of gold, and of precious stones, and of spices, and of shields, and of all desirable vessels, ²⁸and storehouses for the increase of grain, and new wine, and oil, and stalls for all kinds of animals, and flocks for the stalls; ²⁹and he made cities for himself, and *had* possessions of flocks and herds in abundance, for God had given him very much substance.

³⁰And Hezekiah himself had stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and had directed them beneath the west of the city of David; and Hezekiah prospered in all his work. ³¹Even so with the envoys of the rulers of Babylon, those sent to him to inquire of the wonder that had been in the land, God left him to test him, to know all his heart.

³²And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his godly deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, and in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. ³³And Hezekiah lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the uppermost of the graves of the sons of David; and all Judah and the people of Jerusalem honored him at his death. And his son Manasseh reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 33

¹Manasseh was a son of twelve years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. ²And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, like the abominations of the nations that Jehovah had driven out from before the sons of Israel. ³For again he rebuilt the high places that

his father Hezekiah had broken down, and raised up altars for the Baals, and made Asherahs and bowed himself to all the host of the heavens, and served them. ⁴And he built altars in the house of Jehovah, of which Jehovah had said, In Jerusalem shall be My name forever. ⁵And he built altars to all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the house of Jehovah. ⁶And he made his sons to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and did magic and divined, and used sorcery, and used mediums and conjurers; he multiplied the doing of that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to provoke Him to anger. ⁷And he placed the engraved image of the idol that he had made in the house of God, of which God had said to David, and to his son Solomon, In this house, and in Jerusalem that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever. ⁸And I will not again remove the foot of Israel from off the ground that I appointed to your fathers; only, if they take heed to do all that I have commanded them toward all the law, and the statutes, and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. ⁹And Manasseh caused Judah and the people of Jerusalem to sin, to do evil above the nations that Jehovah destroyed before the sons of Israel. ¹⁰And Jehovah spoke to Manasseh and to his people, and they did not listen.

¹¹And Jehovah brought in against them the army commanders that the king of Assyria *had*, and they captured Manasseh with hooks, and bound him with bronze fetters, and made him go to Babylon. ¹²And when he was afflicted, he sought the face of Jehovah his God, and was humbled exceedingly before the face of the God of his fathers; ¹³and prayed to Him, and He was entreated of him and heard his supplication, and returned him to Jerusalem to his kingdom; and Manasseh knew that Jehovah, He *is* God.

¹⁴And after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west of Gihon, in the valley, and at the entrance of the Fish Gate. And it went around to the tower and he made it exceedingly high, and he put commanders of the army in all the cities of defense in Judah. ¹⁵And he removed the gods of the stranger, and the idol, out of the

house of Jehovah, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of Jehovah and in Jerusalem, and threw *them* outside the city. ¹⁶And he built the altar of Jehovah, and sacrificed on it sacrifices of peace offerings and thank-offerings, and commanded Judah to serve Jehovah, the God of Israel. ¹⁷But the people still sacrificed in the high places, only to Jehovah their God.

¹⁸And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the things of the seers, who spoke to him in the name of Jehovah the God of Israel, behold, they *are* in the Book of the Kings of Israel; ¹⁹and his prayer, and his entreaty, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places in which he had built high places and made stand the Asherim and the graven images before he was humbled, behold, they are written in the Matters of the Seers. ²⁰And Manasseh lay with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. And his son Amon reigned in his place.

²¹Amon was a son of twenty-two years when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. ²²And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, as his father Manasseh did; and to all the graven images that his father Manasseh had made, Amon sacrificed, and served them, ²³and did not bow before Jehovah, like the humbling of his father Manasseh, for Amon himself multiplied guilt. ²⁴And his servants conspired against him and killed him in his own house; ²⁵and the people of the land killed all those who conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made his son Josiah to reign in his place.

CHAPTER 34

¹Josiah was a son of eight years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ²And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the ways of his father David, and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

³And in the eighth year of his reign, and he was still a boy, he began to seek to the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the casted images. ⁴And they broke down before

him the altars of the Baals, and the images that *were* on high above them he cut down, and the shrines, and the graven images, and the molten images he broke down and beat small, and scattered on the surface of the grave of those who sacrificed to them. ⁵And he burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem, ⁶and in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali, with their tools all around. ⁷And he broke down the altars and the Asherim, and he had beaten down the graven images very small; and he had cut down all the images in all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

⁸And in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purified the land and the House, he sent Shaphan the son of Azariah, and Maaseiah the head of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of Jehovah his God. ⁹And they came to Hilkiah the high priest, and they gave the silver that was brought into the house of God, that the Levites who guarded the threshold had gathered from the hand of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁰And they gave it into the hand of the doers of the work, those called out in the house of Jehovah; and they gave it to the doers of the work who were working in the house of Jehovah to repair and to make strong the house. ¹¹And they gave to artisans, and to builders, to buy quarried stones, and wood for couplings, to light upon beams for the houses that the kings of Judah had destroyed. ¹²And the men were working faithfully in the work. And over them were given the oversight: Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah, and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the Levites all who were skilled in musical instruments; ¹³and over the load-carriers and overseers of everyone doing work for each separate service; and of the Levites were scribes and superintendents and gatekeepers.

¹⁴And when they brought out the silver that was brought into the house of Jehovah, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of Jehovah by the hand of Moses.

¹⁵And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Law in the house of Jehovah. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. ¹⁶And Shaphan brought the book in to the king, and brought the king back word again, saying, All that has been given into the hand of your servants, they are doing. ¹⁷And they poured out the silver that was found in the house of Jehovah, and gave it into the hands of those appointed, and into the hands of those doing the work. ¹⁸And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has given a book to me; and Shaphan read it before the king. ¹⁹And it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his garments. ²⁰And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the servant of the king, saying, ²¹Go, seek Jehovah for me and for him who is left in Israel and in Judah, as to the words of the book that has been found, for great *is* the wrath of Jehovah that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of Jehovah, to do according to all that is written in this book. ²²And Hilkiah and those of the king went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvath, the son of Hazrah, the keeper of the robes; and she was living in Jerusalem in the Second. And they spoke to her about this. ²³And she said to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Say to the man who has sent you to Me, ²⁴So says Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book that they have read before the king of Judah; ²⁵because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods, so as to provoke Me with all the works of their hands; and My wrath shall be poured out on this place, and it shall not be quenched. ²⁶And to the king of Judah who is sending you to inquire of Jehovah, you shall say this to him, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, whose words you have heard, ²⁷Because your heart *is* tender, and you were humbled before God when you heard His words concerning this place, and concerning its inhabitants. and were humbled

before Me, and have torn your garments and wept before Me; I have even heard also, says Jehovah. ²⁸Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not look upon all the evil I shall bring upon this place, and on its inhabitants. And they brought the king word again.

²⁹And the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ³⁰And the king went up to the house of Jehovah and every man of Judah, and the people of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the inhabitants from the great to *the* small; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of Jehovah. ³¹And the king stood in his place and made the covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart, and with all his soul, to do the words of the covenant that were written in this book. ³²And he made everyone who was found in Jerusalem and in Benjamin, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to stand *to* the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. ³³And Josiah removed all the idols out of all the lands that the sons of Israel *had*, and caused everyone who was found in Israel to serve, to serve Jehovah their God; all his days they did not turn away from following Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

CHAPTER 35

¹And Josiah performed a Passover in Jerusalem to Jehovah, and they killed the passover offering on the fourteenth of the first month. ²And he made stand the priests over their charges, and made them strong for the service of the house of Jehovah, ³and said to the Levites who were teaching all Israel, who were sanctified to Jehovah, Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon the son of David the king of Israel built; it shall not be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve Jehovah your God, and His people Israel, ⁴and prepare by the house of your fathers, according to your courses, by the writing of David the king of Israel, and by the writing of his son Solomon, ⁵and stand in

the sanctuary, by the divisions of the house of the fathers of your brothers, the sons of the people, and the portion of the house of the father of the Levites; ⁶and kill the passover offering and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the word of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses. ⁷And Josiah lifted up to the sons of the people a flock of lambs and young goats, all for passover offerings, for everyone who was found, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand oxen; these *were* from the king's substance. ⁸And his leaders lifted up for a free-will offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers in the house of God, gave to the priest two thousand and six hundred for passover offerings, and three hundred oxen. ⁹And Conaniah, and Shemaiah, and Nethaneel, his brothers; and Hashabiah, and Jeiel, and Jozabad, chiefs of the Levites, lifted up to the Levites five thousand for passover offerings, and five hundred oxen. ¹⁰And the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the command of the king. ¹¹And they slaughtered the passover offering, and the priests sprinkled out of their hand, and the Levites were stripping; ¹²and they removed the burnt offering, to distribute them by the divisions of the house of the fathers of the sons of the people, to offer to Jehovah, as it is written in the book of Moses—and so to the oxen. ¹³And they roasted the passover with fire, according to the ordinance; and they cooked the holy things in pots, and in kettles, and in pans, and rushed to all the sons of the people. ¹⁴And afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests; for the priests, the sons of Aaron, *were* offering up the burnt offering and the fat until nightfall; and the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests; the sons of Aaron. ¹⁵And the singers, the sons of Asaph, *were* in their place, according to the David's command, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the seer of the king; and the gatekeepers *were* at each gate; it was not for them to depart from their service, for their brothers the Levites prepared for them. ¹⁶And all the service of

Jehovah was prepared on that day, to perform the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of Jehovah, according to the command of king Josiah. ¹⁷And the sons of Israel who were found performed the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened *Bread*, seven days. ¹⁸And there had not been a Passover performed like it in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; yea, none of the kings of Israel performed such a Passover as Josiah performed, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were found, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁹In the eighteenth year of the Josiah's reign, this Passover was performed.

²⁰After all this, when Josiah had prepared the house, Necho the king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah went out to meet him. ²¹And he sent messengers to him, saying, What do I have to do with you, O king of Judah? I am not coming against you today, but toward the house *with which* I have war; and God said for me to hasten; stop yourself from *opposing* God, who *is* with me, and He shall not destroy you. ²²But Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself to fight against him, and did not listen to the words of Necho from the mouth of God; and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. ²³And the archers shot at king Josiah. And the king said to his servants, Pass me out, for I am severely wounded. ²⁴And his servants passed him out from the chariot, and caused him to ride in a second chariot of his, and brought him to Jerusalem. And he died and was buried in the graves of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem were mourning for Josiah.

²⁵And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; and all the singers and the songstresses speak in their lamentations of Josiah to this day, and set them as a statute in Israel; and behold, they are written in the Lamentations.

²⁶And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his godly deeds, *are* according as it is written in the law of Jehovah. ²⁷And his acts, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAPTER 36

¹And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and made him king instead of his father in Jerusalem. ²Jehoahaz was a son of twenty-three years when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. ³And the king of Egypt deposed him in Jerusalem, and fined the land a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. ⁴And the king of Egypt made his brother Eliakim king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned about his name to Jehoiakim; and Necho took his brother Jehoahaz and brought him to Egypt.

⁵Jehoiakim was a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah his God. ⁶Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in bronze fetters to take him away to Babylon. ⁷And Nebuchadnezzar brought some of the vessels of the house of Jehovah to Babylon, and put them in his temple in Babylon. ⁸And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his evil deeds that he did, and that which was found against him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And his son Jehoiachin reigned in his place.

⁹Jehoiachin was a son of eight years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months and ten days; and he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah. ¹⁰And at the turn of the year, king Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the valuable vessels of the house of Jehovah, and made his kinsman Zedekiah king over Judah and Jerusalem.

¹¹Zedekiah was a son of twenty-one years when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. ¹²And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah his God; he was not humbled before Jeremiah the prophet, from the mouth of Jehovah. ¹³And also he rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; and he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart from turning to Jehovah the God of Israel.

¹⁴Also, all the heads of the priests, and

the people were continually acting treacherously according to all the abominable idols of the nations; and they defiled the house of Jehovah that He had sanctified in Jerusalem.

¹⁵And Jehovah, the God of their fathers, sent to them by the hand of His messengers, rising early and sending, for He had pity on his people and on His dwelling-place; ¹⁶but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets until the wrath of Jehovah went up against His people, until there was no healing. ¹⁷And He caused the king of the Chaldeans to go up against them; and he killed their choice ones by the sword in the house of their holy place, and had no pity on the young man and the virgin, the old man and the very aged; He gave all into his hand. ¹⁸And all the vessels of the house of God, the large and the small, and treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king and his leaders, he brought all to Babylon. ¹⁹And they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; and they burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its beautiful vessels. ²⁰And he removed to Babylon those who were left of the sword; and they were slaves to him and to his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia; ²¹in order to fulfill the word of Jehovah in the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths; all the days of the desolation it kept the sabbath, to the full measure of seventy years.

²²And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, in order to accomplish the word of Jehovah in the mouth of Jeremiah, Jehovah awakened the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia, and he caused a voice to pass throughout all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying, ²³So says Cyrus the king of Persia, Jehovah the God of the heavens has given to me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has laid a charge on me to build a house in Jerusalem to Him, that is in Judah. Who is among you of all His people? May Jehovah his God be with him, and let him go up.

THE BOOK OF EZRA

CHAPTER 1

¹And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, so that the word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, and he made a proclamation in all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying, ²So says Cyrus king of Persia, Jehovah God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. ³Who *is* there among you of all His people? His God *is* with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of Jehovah God of Israel —He *is* God—which *is* in Jerusalem. ⁴And all who remain in any of the places where he resides, let the men of his place lift up him with silver, and with gold, and with property, and with animals, besides the free-will offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem.

⁵Then the chiefs of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, and everyone whose spirit God had awakened, rose up to go up to build the house of Jehovah which *is* in Jerusalem. ⁶And all those who were around them made *their* hands strong with vessels of silver, with gold, with property, and with animals, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered. ⁷Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of Jehovah, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought out of Jerusalem and had put them in the house of his gods. ⁸Even those Cyrus king of Persia brought forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. ⁹And this *is* the number of them: thirty platters of gold, a thousand platters of silver, twenty-nine knives, ¹⁰thirty basins of gold, four hundred and ten silver basins of a second *kind*, a thousand other vessels. ¹¹All the vessels of gold and of silver —five thousand and four hundred. Sheshbazzar made to go up all when the exiled were caused to go up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 2

¹Now these *are* the sons of the province who went up out of the captivity, of those who had been exiled, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled to Babylon. And they came again to Jerusalem and Judah, each one to his own city; ²who came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah.

This is the number of the men of the people of Israel: ³The sons of Parosh, two thousand, one hundred and seventy-two. ⁴The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two. ⁵The sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five. ⁶The sons of Pahath-moab, of the sons of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand, eight hundred and twelve. ⁷The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. ⁸The sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five. ⁹The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty. ¹⁰The sons of Bani, six hundred and forty-two. ¹¹The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three. ¹²The sons of Azgad, a thousand, two hundred and twenty-two. ¹³The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six. ¹⁴The sons of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six. ¹⁵The sons of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four. ¹⁶The sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. ¹⁷The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three. ¹⁸The sons of Jorah, a hundred and twelve. ¹⁹The sons of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three. ²⁰The sons of Gibbar, ninety-five. ²¹The sons of Bethlehem, a hundred and twenty-three. ²²The men of Netophah, fifty-six. ²³The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight. ²⁴The sons of Azmaveth, forty-two. ²⁵The sons of Kirjath-avim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three. ²⁶The sons of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one. ²⁷The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two. ²⁸The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three. ²⁹The men of Nebo, fifty-two. ³⁰The men of Magbish, a hundred and fifty-six. ³¹The sons of the other Elam, a

thousand, two hundred and fifty-four.

³²The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty. ³³The sons of Lod, Hadid and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.

³⁴The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five. ³⁵The sons of Senaah, three thousand, six hundred and thirty. ³⁶The

priests: The sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three. ³⁷The sons of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two. ³⁸The sons of Pashur, a thousand, two hundred and forty-seven.

³⁹The sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. ⁴⁰The Levites: The sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hoda-

viah, seventy-four. ⁴¹The singers: The sons of Asaph, a hundred and twenty-eight. ⁴²The sons of the porters: The sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, a hundred and thirty-nine.

⁴³The temple-slaves: The sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabaoth, ⁴⁴the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon, ⁴⁵the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub, ⁴⁶the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmi, the sons of Hanan, ⁴⁷the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah, ⁴⁸the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam, ⁴⁹the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai, ⁵⁰the sons of Asnah, the sons of Mehunim, the sons of Nephusim, ⁵¹the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, ⁵²the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, ⁵³the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Thamah, ⁵⁴the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha. ⁵⁵The sons of Solomon's servants: The sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda, ⁵⁶the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, ⁵⁷the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Ami. ⁵⁸All the temple-slaves, and the sons of Solomon's servants *were* three hundred and ninety-two.

⁵⁹And these *were* they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, Ad-dan and Immer — but they were not able to declare their father's house and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel—⁶⁰the

sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two. ⁶¹And of the sons of the priests *were* the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. ⁶²These looked for their register among those who were counted by genealogy, but they were not found. And they were polluted from the priesthood. ⁶³And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things until a priest stood up with Urim and Thummim.

⁶⁴The whole congregation together *was* forty-two thousand, three hundred and sixty. ⁶⁵besides their male slaves and their slavegirls; these *were* seven thousand, three hundred and thirty-seven; and among them two hundred singing men and singing women. ⁶⁶Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five, ⁶⁷their camels four hundred and thirty-five, their asses six thousand, seven hundred and twenty.

⁶⁸And *some* of the heads of the fathers, when they came to the house of Jehovah which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place. ⁶⁹They gave according to their ability to the treasury of the ministry sixty-one thousand drachmas of gold, and five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred garments for the priests. ⁷⁰And the priests, and the Levites, and *many* of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple-slaves lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAPTER 3

¹And when the seventh month had come, and the sons of Israel *were* in the cities, the people assembled as one man to Jerusalem. ²Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak stood up, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers, and built the altar of the God of Israel in order to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. ³And they set the altar on its bases, for fear was on them because of the people of those countries. And he offered burnt offerings on it to Jehovah, burnt offerings morning and evening. ⁴They also

performed the Feast of Booths, as it is written, and the burnt offerings by number, days by days, according to the ordinance, the thing of days in its day. ⁵And afterward the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of Jehovah that were set apart, and of every one who willingly offered a free-will offering to Jehovah. ⁶From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to Jehovah. But the foundation of the temple of Jehovah was not laid. ⁷They also gave silver to the cutters and to the craftsmen; and food and drink and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

⁸Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests, and the Levites, and all they who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began. And they made to stand the Levites, from a son of twenty years and over, to oversee the work of the house of Jehovah. ⁹Then Jeshua stood up together with his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, to oversee the workmen in the house of God—the sons of Henadad with their sons, and their brothers the Levites. ¹⁰And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Jehovah, they made stand the priests in their robes with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise Jehovah, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel. ¹¹And they sang praising and giving thanks to Jehovah, because *He is good*, for His mercy endures forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised Jehovah, because the foundation of the house of Jehovah was laid. ¹²But many of the priests and Levites, and heads of the fathers, the aged men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, they wept with a loud voice. And many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³so that the people could not tell the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of weeping of the

people. For the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAPTER 4

¹And when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the captivity built the temple to Jehovah the God of Israel, ²then they came to Zerubbabel and to the head of the fathers and said to them, Let us build with you, for we seek your God, as you. And we have not sacrificed to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here. ³But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of the fathers of Israel said to them, *It is not for you and for us to build a house to our God. But we ourselves will together build to Jehovah the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us.* ⁴Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah and terrified them in building. ⁵And they hired counselors against them to break their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

⁶And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the people of Judah and Jerusalem. ⁷And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, wrote to Artaxerxes the king of Persia. And the letter was written in Aramaic, and translated from Aramaic; ⁸Rehum, the master of counsel in charge, and Shimshai the scribe, wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king, thus: ⁹Then Rehum the master of counsel, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates—the judges, and the emissaries, the consuls, the officials, the Erechites, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites, ¹⁰and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnapper exiled and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest of the province Beyond the River, and now, ¹¹this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him to Artaxerxes the king: Your servants, the men of the province Beyond the River, and now, ¹²let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have come to Jerusalem. They are rebuilding the rebellious and the evil

city, and *are* completing the walls, and have joined the foundations. ¹³Now let it be known to the king that if this city is rebuilt, and the walls completed, they will not give tax, tribute, and forced labor, and it will cause *the* king's revenue to suffer. ¹⁴Now because we have partaken of the palace salt, and *it is* not right for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and notified the king ¹⁵so that he may search in the book of the records of your fathers, and you shall discover in the book of the records, and shall know that that city *is* a rebellious city, and hurtful to kings and to provinces; and insurrection was stirred up in it in the past; for which reason *this* city was destroyed. ¹⁶We notify the king that if that city is built, and its walls completed, then you shall have no portion Beyond the River.

¹⁷The message the king sent to Rehum the master of counsel, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their associates who dwell in Samaria, and to the rest Beyond the River: Peace! And now, ¹⁸the letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me. ¹⁹And I gave a decree, and search has been made, and it is found that this city has lifted up itself against kings in the past, and rebellion and revolt have been made in it. ²⁰There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all Beyond the River. And tax, tribute, and forced labor were paid to them. ²¹Now make a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city not be rebuilt until the decree shall be given from me. ²²And beware of being at fault, to act on this. Why should damage grow to the hurt of *the* kings? ²³Then as soon as the copy of the letter of Artaxerxes the king was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their associates, they hurried to Jerusalem to the Jews, and made them stop working by force and power. ²⁴Then the work of the house of God in Jerusalem stopped. So it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

CHAPTER 5

¹And the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the

name of the God of Israel *who was* over them. ²Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of God in Jerusalem. And with them *were* the prophets of God helping them. ³At that time Tatnai, governor of *the province* Beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and their associates, came to them, and said this to them: Who has commanded you to build this house and to complete this structure? ⁴Then we spoke to them in this way, *What are* they, the names of the men building this building? ⁵But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they could not cause them to stop until the matter came to Darius. And then they sent back a letter concerning this. ⁶The copy of the letter which Tatnai, governor of *the province* Beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and his associates the officials who *were* Beyond the River, sent to Darius the king: They sent a letter to him, and this was written in it: To Darius the king, all peace. ⁷Let it be known to the king that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, and it is being built *with* rolling stones, and timber is being laid in the walls, and that work is being done perfectly, and is prospering in their hands. ⁸Then we asked those elders and said this to them, Who commanded you to rebuild this house, and to complete this structure? ⁹And we also asked their names in order to inform you so that we might write the names of the men who *are* at their heads. ¹⁰And they returned the answer to us this way, saying, *We are* servants of the God of Heaven and earth. And *we* are rebuilding the house that was built many years before this, and the great king of Israel built it and finished it. ¹¹But because our fathers had provoked to wrath the God of Heaven, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, and he tore down this house, and he exiled its people to Babylon. ¹²But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, king Cyrus placed an order to build this house of God. ¹³And also the vessels of gold and silver from the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon,

those Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to *one* whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor. ¹⁵And *he* said to him, Take these vessels and go. Deposit them in the temple in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built on its place. ¹⁶Then that Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundation of the house of God in Jerusalem. And from then even until now it has been building, but is not finished. ¹⁷Now, therefore, if *it is* good to the king, let there be a search made in the king's treasure house which *is* there at Babylon, whether it is so that a decree was given from Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem. And let the will of the king concerning this be sent to us.

CHAPTER 6

¹Then Darius the king made a decree, and they searched in the house of the scrolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. ²And there was found in Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a scroll. And in it was a record written thus: ³In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king placed a decree concerning the house of God in Jerusalem: Let the house be built, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations of it be strongly laid. Its height *shall be* sixty cubits; its breadth sixty cubits; *with* three layers of rolling stones, and a layer of new timber. And let the expenses be given out of the king's house. ⁴And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, that Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple in Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be given back and go to the temple in Jerusalem, to their place. And put *them* in the house of God. ⁵Now, Tatnai, governor of *the province* Beyond the River, Shethar-boznai, and your associates, the officials who *are* Beyond the River, you be far from there. ⁶Let the work of this house of God alone. Let the governor of the Jews, and the elders of the Jews, build this house of God in its place. ⁷Also I make a decree as to what you shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of that house of God, that the exact expense be given to these men from the king's property, out of the

tax Beyond the River, so that they may not have to cease working. ⁸And that which they need, both young bulls, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of Heaven; wheat, salt, wine, and oil, as say the priests in Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail, ⁹so that they may offer sacrifices of sweet odor to the God of Heaven, and pray for the life of the king and of his sons. ¹⁰Also I have placed a decree that whoever shall alter this word, let timber be torn out from his house, and let him be impaled and hanged on it. And let his house be made an outhouse for this. ¹¹And may the God who has caused His name to dwell there destroy any kings and people who shall put their hand to alter *or* destroy this house of God in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have placed a decree. Let it be done exactly.

¹²Then Tatnai, governor of *the province* Beyond the River, Shethar-boznai, and their associates exactly did so, according to that which Darius the king had sent. ¹³And the elders of the Jews were building. And they were succeeding through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built, and finished, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes the king of Persia.

¹⁴And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. ¹⁵And the sons of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the sons of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. ¹⁶And *they* offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and male goats, for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁷And *they* offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and male goats, for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁸And they raised up the priests in their sections, and the Levites in their division, for the service of God which is in Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses. ¹⁹And the sons of the captivity performed the Passover on the fourteenth of the first month. ²⁰For the priests and the Levites were purified together; all of them were pure. And *they* slaughtered the passover lamb for all the sons of the captivity, and for

their brothers the priests, and for themselves. ²¹And the sons of Israel ate, those who had returned from the captivity, and who had all separated themselves to them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land, to seek Jehovah the God of Israel. ²²And *they* performed the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy. For Jehovah had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to make their hands strong in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAPTER 7

¹And after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, ²the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, ³the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, ⁴the son of Zeremiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, ⁵the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the head priest, ⁶this Ezra went up from Babylon. And he was a well-read scribe in the law of Moses, which Jehovah the God of Israel had given. And the king granted him all he asked, according to the hand of Jehovah his God on him. ⁷And of the sons of Israel went up *some* of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple-slaves to Jerusalem in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. ⁸And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. ⁹For on the first of the first month, he laid the foundation in order to go up from Babylon, and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of God on him. ¹⁰For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of Jehovah, and to do *it*, and to teach statutes and judgments in Israel.

¹¹And this *is* the copy of the letter which the king, Artaxerxes, gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, a scribe of the words of the commands of Jehovah, and of His statutes to Israel: ¹²Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of Heaven, perfect peace, and now: ¹³From me was made a decree that any one of the people of Israel, and their

priests and Levites in my kingdom, who volunteers to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you; ¹⁴since you have been sent by the king, and by his seven counselors to ask about Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of your God in your hand; ¹⁵and to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose house *is* in Jerusalem: ¹⁶Even all the silver and gold which you can find in all the province of Babylon, with the free offering of the people, and of the priests, giving willingly for the house of their God in Jerusalem.

¹⁷Before any of this you shall diligently buy with this silver bulls, rams, lambs, with their food offerings, and their drink offerings, and offer them on the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem. ¹⁸And whatever shall seem good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that after the will of your God. ¹⁹Also the vessels which are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver before the God of Jerusalem. ²⁰And the rest of the needs of the house of your God which falls to you to give, give *it* out of the king's treasure house. ²¹And I, Artaxerxes the king, place a decree to all the treasurers who *are* Beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of Heaven, shall ask of you, it shall be done exactly, ²²to a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred kors of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without stipulation. ²³Whatever is commanded by the God of Heaven, let it be carefully done for the house of the God of Heaven. For why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? ²⁴Also, we notify you that in regard to any of the priests and the Levites, singers, gatekeepers, temple-slaves, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, taxes, or forced labor on them. ²⁵And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God in your hand, you appoint judges and magistrates who may judge all the people who *are* Beyond the River; all who know the laws of your God; and those who do not know, you cause to know. ²⁶And whoever will not do the law of your God, and the

law of the king, let judgment be executed diligently on him, whether to death, or to exile, or to confiscation of goods, or imprisonment. ²⁷Blessed *be* Jehovah God of our fathers, who has put this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem. ²⁸And *He* has extended mercy to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty leaders. And I was made strong, as the hand of Jehovah my God was on me. And I gathered out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

CHAPTER 8

¹Now these *are* the heads of the fathers, and the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king: ²From the sons of Phinehas, Gershom. From the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. From the sons of David, Hattush. ³From the sons of Shechaniah, from the sons of Parosh, Zechariah. And with him were counted by genealogy a hundred and fifty of the males. ⁴From the sons of Pahath-moab, Elihoenai the son of Zerariah, and two hundred males with him. ⁵From the sons of Shechaniah, the son of Jahaziel, and three hundred males with him. ⁶And from the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males. ⁷And from the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and seventy males with him. ⁸And from the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and eighty males with him. ⁹From the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and two hundred and eighteen males with him. ¹⁰And from the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah, and a hundred and sixty males with him. ¹¹And from the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and twenty-eight males with him. ¹²And from the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and a hundred and ten males with him. ¹³And from the last sons of Adonikam, these: Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and sixty males with them. ¹⁴And from the sons of Bigvai, Uthai, Zabbud, and seventy males with them.

¹⁵And I gathered them to the river which runs to Ahava. And we camped there in tents three days. And I considered the people and the priests, and did not find

there any of the sons of Levi. ¹⁶Then I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, head men; also for Joiarib and for Elnathan, men of understanding. ¹⁷And I sent them with command to Iddo, the head of the place Casiphia, and I put in their mouth words to say to Iddo, to his brothers the temple-slaves, at the place Casiphia; that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God. ¹⁸And by the good hand of our God on us, they brought us a man of understanding, from the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen. ¹⁹Also *came* Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah from the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty. ²⁰Also *came* of the temple-slaves whom David and the leaders had chosen for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple-slaves. All of them were called by name.

²¹Then I called a fast there at the river Ahava, so that we might humble ourselves before our God, in order to seek from Him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our goods. ²²For I was ashamed to ask of the king troops and horsemen to help us against the enemy of the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* on all those who seek Him for good; but His power and His wrath *are* against all those who forsake Him. ²³So we fasted and prayed to our God for good. And He was pleased to hear us.

²⁴Then I separated twelve of the chiefs of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them. ²⁵And I weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, the offering of the house of our God, which the king and his counselors, and his lords, and all Israel who were there had lifted up. ²⁶I even weighed into their hands six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of a hundred talents, a hundred talents of gold — ²⁷also twenty basins of gold of a thousand drams, and two vessels of shining bronze as precious as gold. ²⁸And I said to them, You *are* holy to Jehovah. The vessels also

are holy. And the silver and the gold *are* a free-will offering to Jehovah God of your fathers. ²⁹Watch and keep *them* until you weigh before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and the chief of the fathers of Israel in Jerusalem, *in* the rooms of the house of Jehovah. ³⁰So the priests and the Levites took the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem, to the house of our God.

³¹And we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth of the first month, to go *to* Jerusalem. and the hand of our God was on us, and He delivered us from the hand of *the* enemy, and ambushers along the way. ³²And we came to Jerusalem, and remained there three days. ³³And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest. And with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, the Levites. ³⁴By number, by weight of all, and all the weight was written at that time. ³⁵The sons of those who had come out of the captivity, of the exile, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve he-goats *for* a sin offering. All *was* a burnt offering to Jehovah. ³⁶And they delivered the king's orders to the king's satraps, and to the governors of *the province* Beyond the River. And they helped the people and the house of God.

CHAPTER 9

¹And at the end of these things, the leaders came near to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, as to their idolatries, even the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. ²For they have taken from their daughters for themselves, and for their sons. So the holy seed have mixed themselves with the people of the lands. Yes, the hand of the leaders and the overseers has been foremost in this treachery. ³And when I heard this thing, I tore my garments and my robe, and

plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down stricken dumb. ⁴Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel were gathered to me, because of the perfidy of the exiles. And I remained stunned until the evening offering. ⁵And at the evening offering I rose up from my fasting, and with my garment and my robe torn, I even fell on my knees and spread out my hands to Jehovah my God. ⁶And I said, O my God, I am ashamed and wounded to lift up my face to You, O my God. For our iniquities have increased over *our* head, and our guiltiness has grown to the heavens. ⁷Since the days of our fathers we *have been* in great guilt until this day. And for our iniquities we, our kings, our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to shame of faces to this day. ⁸And now, for a little time grace has been shown from Jehovah our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in His holy place, so that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage. ⁹For we *were* slaves, yet our God has not left us in our bondage, but has given mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to raise up the house of our God, and to make stand its ruins, and to give to us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. ¹⁰And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments ¹¹which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land into which you go, to possess it, it *is* an unclean land with the impurity of the people of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from one mouth to mouth with their uncleanness.

¹²And now do not give your daughters to their sons, and do not take their daughters to your sons, or seek their peace, or their wealth forever, so that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your sons forever. ¹³And after all that has come on us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, since You our God have held back the rod on our iniquities, and have given us *such* an escape as this. ¹⁴Shall we again break

Your commandments and intermarry with the people of these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had crushed us, until there is no remnant or survivor? ¹⁵O Jehovah God of Israel, You *are* righteous. For we are left *as* escapees, *as it is* this day. Behold, we *are* before You in our guilt, for none is to stand before You because of this.

CHAPTER 10

¹And while Ezra was praying and making his confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great congregation of men and women and children gathered to him out of Israel. For the people wept *with* a great weeping. ²And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have sinned against our God, and have dwelt with foreign women from the peoples of the land. Yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. ³And now let us cut a covenant with our God to put away all the women, and those born of them, according to the counsel of the Lord and of those who tremble at the command of our God. And let it be done according to the Law. ⁴Rise up, for the matter *is* on you. We also *will be* with you. Be strong and act.

⁵Then Ezra rose up and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear that they would do according to this word. And they swore. ⁶Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the room of Johanan the son of Eliashib. And he went there, and he did not eat food, nor did he drink, for he mourned for the perfidy of the exiles. ⁷And they passed a call throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the sons of the exile, to assemble at Jerusalem; ⁸and that whoever would not come within three days according to the counsel of the leaders and the elders, all his property would *be* forfeited, and he would be excluded from the congregation of the exiles.

⁹Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered *to* Jerusalem within three days. It *was* the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month. And all the people sat in the plaza of the house of God, trembling because of the matter, and be-

cause of the heavy rain. ¹⁰And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, You have trespassed and have dwelt with foreign women, to increase the guilt of Israel.

¹¹And now make confession to Jehovah God of your fathers and do His will. And separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign women.

¹²Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, Right! According to your word *it is* on us to do. ¹³But the people *are* many, and it is a time of heavy rain. And we are not able to stand outside. And the work is not of one or two days. For we have greatly sinned in this thing.

¹⁴Please let our rulers for all the congregation stand, and let all those who *have* dwelt with foreign wives in our cities come at a set time, and with them the elders of every city, and its judges, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter has turned from us. ¹⁵Only, Jonathan the son of Asahel, and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah made a stand against this. And Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.

¹⁶And the sons of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest *with* men, heads of the fathers, according to the house of their fathers, and all of them by names, were separated. And they sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. ¹⁷And they finished with all *the* men who had dwelt with foreign women *by the* first day of the first month. ¹⁸And among the sons of the priests, *these* were found who had dwelt with foreign women: From the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers: Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. ¹⁹And they gave their hands that they would put away their women. And being guilty *they offered* a ram of the flock for their sin. ²⁰And from the sons of Immer were Hanani and Zebadiah. ²¹And from the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah. ²²And from the sons of Pashur: Elieonai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah. ²³Also from the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah —*he was* Kelita—Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. ²⁴From the singers also *were* Eliashib; and from the gatekeepers, Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. ²⁵And from Israel: From the sons

of Parosh: Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. ²⁶And from the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. ²⁷And from the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. ²⁸And from the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. ²⁹And from the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, Jeremoth. ³⁰And from the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Beza-leel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. ³¹And from the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, ³²Benja-

min, Malluch, and Shemariah. ³³From the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei. ³⁴From the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel, ³⁵Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, ³⁶Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, ³⁷Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, ³⁸and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, ³⁹and Shelemiah, Nathan, and Adaiah, ⁴⁰Machnadebai, Sheasha, Sharai, ⁴¹Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph. ⁴³From the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

⁴⁴All these had risen *with* foreign women; and there were *some* of them *with* women, and they gave sons.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it happened in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, ²Hanani came, one of my brothers, he and men of Judah. And I asked them about the Jews who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and about Jerusalem. ³And they said to me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great evil and shame. The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire. ⁴And it happened, when I heard these words, I sat down and I wept, and mourned *for* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of Heaven. ⁵And I said, I beseech You, Jehovah God of Heaven, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those loving Him, and to keepers of His commandments—⁶let Your ear now be open, and Your eyes open, so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You today, day and night, for Your servants the sons of Israel; and confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷We have acted utterly corrupt against You, and have not kept the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which You commanded Your servant Moses. ⁸I beseech You, remember the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, If you sin, I will scatter you among the peoples. ⁹But if you will turn to Me and keep My commandments, and do them, though you were cast out to the outermost part of the heavens, *yet* I will gather them from there, and will bring them to the place that I have chosen, to set My name there. ¹⁰And these are Your servants and Your people whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. ¹¹O Lord, I beg You, let Your ear be open to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who delight to fear Your name. And I beg You, bless Your servant today and grant him mercy before this man. For I was cupbearer to the king.

CHAPTER 2

¹And it happened in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him. And I took the wine and gave to the king. And I had never been sad to his face. ²And the king said to me, Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart. Then I was very much afraid. ³And I said to the king, Let the king live forever. Why should not my face be sad when the place of my fathers' tombs, the City, lies waste and its gates are burned with fire? ⁴Then the king said to me, For what do you ask? So I prayed to the God of Heaven, ⁵and I said to the king, If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you would send me to Judah to the city of my fathers' tombs, so that I might build it. ⁶And the king said to me, the queen also sitting beside him, For how long shall your journey be? And when will you return? So it pleased the king, and he sent me; and I set him a time. ⁷And I said to the king, If it is good to the king, let letters be given me to the governors Beyond the River, so that they may let me go through until I come to Judah; ⁸also a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, so that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *is* for the house, and for the city wall, and for the house into which I shall enter. And the king granted *it* to me, according to the good hand of my God on me.

⁹Then I came to the governors *of the province* Beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. And the king had sent army commanders, and horsemen, with me. ¹⁰And Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard. And it grieved them greatly that a man had come to seek the good of the sons of Israel. ¹¹So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. ¹²And I rose up in the night, I and a few men with me. And I told no man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem. And there was no animal with me except the animal that I rode on. ¹³And I went out by night by the Valley

Gate, even before the Jackal Fountain, and to the Dung Gate. And I examined the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down, and its gates which were burned with fire. ¹⁴Then I passed on to the Fountain Gate, and to the King's Pool. But there was no place for the animal that was under me to pass. ¹⁵Then I went up in the night by the brook, and examined the wall, and turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and returned. ¹⁶And the rulers did not know where I had gone, or what I was doing. Nor had I told *it* yet to the Jews, or to the priests, or to the nobles, or to the rulers, or to the rest that did the work. ¹⁷Then I said to them, You see the evil that we are in, how Jerusalem is wasted, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer be a reproach. ¹⁸Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good on me, and also the king's words that he had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they made their hands strong for good.

¹⁹But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian heard, then they mocked us and despised us. And they said, What is this that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king? ²⁰Then I answered them and said to them, The God of Heaven, He will prosper us, and we his servants will arise and build. But you have no portion or right or memorial in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests. And they built the Sheep Gate. They sanctified it and made stand its doors. Even to the Tower of Meah they sanctified it, to the Tower of Hananeel. ²And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to him Zaccur the son of Imri built. ³But the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate, who laid its beams, and made stand its doors, its locks and its bars. ⁴And next to them Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. ⁵And

next to them the Tekoites repaired. But their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their Lord. ⁶And the Old Gate was repaired by Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams, and made stand its doors, and its locks, and its bars. ⁷And next to them Melatiah of Gibeon repaired, and Jadon of Meron, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, to the throne of the governor Beyond the River. ⁸And next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths, repaired. And next to his hand Hananiah the son of *one of* the perfumers repaired. And they left safe Jerusalem to the Broad Wall. ⁹And next to their hand Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, repaired. ¹⁰And next to their hand Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired, even across from his house. And next to his hand Hattush the son of Hashabniah repaired. ¹¹Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab repaired the other piece, and the Tower of the Furnaces. ¹²And next to his hand Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters repaired. ¹³Hanun, and the dwellers of Zanoah, repaired the Valley Gate. They built it and made stand its doors, its locks, and its bars, and a thousand cubits on the wall to the Dung Gate.

¹⁴And the Dung Gate was repaired by Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-hacerem. He built it, and made stand its doors, its locks, and its bars. ¹⁵And the Fountain Gate was repaired by Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah. He built it and covered it, and made stand its doors, its locks, and its bars, and the wall of the Pool of Shelah by the King's Garden, and to the stairs that go down from the City of David. ¹⁶After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, repaired in front of the Tombs of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty men. ¹⁷After him the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani, repaired. On his hand Hashabiah the ruler of the half part of Keilah, repaired in his part. ¹⁸After him their brothers, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of

Keilah, repaired. ¹⁹And next to his hand Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired another piece before the going up to the armory at the corner.

²⁰After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece from the corner to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. ²¹After him Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz repaired another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. ²²And after him the priests, the men of the plain, repaired. ²³After them Benjamin and Hashub repaired across from their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah repaired by his house. ²⁴After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another piece, from the house of Azariah to the corner, even to the tower. ²⁵Palal the son of Uzai repaired across from the corner, and the tower which sticks out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh repaired.

²⁶And the temple-slaves lived in Ophel, across from the Water Gate toward the east, and the tower that sticks out. ²⁷After him the Tekoites repaired another piece, opposite the great tower that sticks out, even to the wall of Ophel. ²⁸The priests repaired from above the Horse Gate, each before his house. ²⁹After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired across from his house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired. ³⁰After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another piece. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired across from his room. ³¹After him Malchiah the goldsmith's son repaired the place of the temple-slaves, and of the merchants, before the Miphkad Gate, and to the going up of the corner. ³²And between the going up of the corner to the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

CHAPTER 4

¹And it happened, when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was angry, and *it was* greatly enraging to him, and he mocked the Jews. ²And he spoke before

his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they forsake themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they bring to life the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? ³And Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox goes up, he will even break down their stone wall. ⁴O our God, hear. For we are despised. And turn their curse on their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity. ⁵And do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You. For they have provoked You to anger before the builders. ⁶So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together to the half of it. For the people had a heart to work.

⁷And it happened, when Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that repairing of the walls of Jerusalem had gone up, that the breaks were being closed up, it was very angering to them. ⁸And all of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and do harm to it. ⁹But we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. ¹⁰And Judah said, The strength of the carriers of burdens is weakening, and there *is* much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall. ¹¹And our foes have said, They shall not know, or see, until we come in the middle of them and kill them, and cause the work to cease. ¹²And when the Jews who lived near them came in, they said to us ten times, From all places where you shall return, *they will be* against us. ¹³So I stationed from the lowest parts of the place, from the back of the wall, in the higher places, even I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

¹⁴And I saw. And I rose up and said to the nobles and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and terrible, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

¹⁵And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that

God had broken their counsel, all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work. ¹⁶And it happened, from that time on, half of my servants worked in the work, and the other half of them were holding the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the scale-armor. And the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah — ¹⁷the ones who built on the wall, and the ones who carried a burden, bearing with one of his hands, a worker in the work; and one holder of the weapon. ¹⁸For *each* man of the builders had his sword tied by his side, and built. And he who sounded the ram's horn *was* beside me. ¹⁹And I said to the nobles and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. ²⁰In whatever place you hear the sound of the ram's horn, gather there to us. Our God will fight for us. ²¹So we labored in the work. And half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning until the stars came out. ²²Likewise, at the same time I said to the people, Let each man with his servant stay inside Jerusalem, so that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labor in the day. ²³So neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us put off our clothes, *though each had* his vessel of water.

CHAPTER 5

¹And there was a great cry of the people, and of their wives, against their brothers the Jews. ²For *some* were saying, *With* our sons and our daughters, we are many. Let us take up grain for them, so that we may eat and live. ³*Some* also were saying, We have mortgaged our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses; let us take up grain because of the famine. ⁴And *some* were saying, We have borrowed silver for the king's tax, on our fields, and our vineyards, yet now our flesh *is* like the flesh of our brothers; as their sons, *so are* our sons; and, behold, we are bringing our sons and our daughters into bondage, to be slaves; yea, there are *some* of our daughters brought into bondage. And there is no power for our hand, and our fields and our vineyards *are* to other men.

⁶And when I heard their cry, and these

words, I was very angry. ⁷Then my heart ruled within myself, and I contended with the nobles and the magistrates. And I said to them, You are *each* man lending at interest, from his brother. And I held a great assembly against them. ⁸And I said to them, According to our ability we have redeemed our brothers, the Jews who were sold to the nations. And will you yet sell your brothers? Or shall they be sold to us? Then they were silent, and did not find a word. ⁹Also I said, The thing you do *is* not good. Should you not walk in the fear of God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies? ¹⁰Likewise, my brothers and my servants are lending them silver and grain. I beg you, let us leave off this interest. ¹¹I beg you, even today give back to them their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses; also the hundredth *part* of their money, and of the grain, the wine, and the oil, that you have taken from them. ¹²Then they said, We will restore, and will ask nothing from them. So we will do as you say. Then I called the priests and took an oath from them that they would do according to this word. ¹³Also I shook my lap, and I said, So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not do this thing; even may he be shaken out this way and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised Jehovah. And the people did according to this thing.

¹⁴And from the time that I was chosen to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, I and my brothers did not eat the bread of the governor. ¹⁵The former governors that had been before me were too heavy on the people, and had taken bread and wine from them, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people. But I did not do this, because of the fear of God. ¹⁶Yea, I also was strong in the work of this wall, nor did we buy a field. And all my servants were gathered there to the work. ¹⁷And at my table *were* a hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those who came to us from among the nations that *were* around us. ¹⁸And that which was prepared for me daily was one ox, six fat sheep. Also birds

were prepared for me; and between ten days, in all of the wine plentifully. And with this I did not seek the bread of the governor, for the bondage was heavy on this people. ¹⁷Think upon me for good, my God, *according to all that I have done for this people.*

CHAPTER 6

¹And it happened, when it was heard by Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and to the rest of our enemies, that I had built the wall, and that no break was left in it—though at that time I had not made stand doors on the gates—²Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, Come, let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do evil to me. ³And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and come down to you? ⁴And they sent to me four times in this way. And I answered them in the same way. ⁵Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same way the fifth time with an open letter in his hand, in which was written, ⁶It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says, you and the Jews are thinking of rebelling; for which reason you are building the wall, so that you may be a king to them, according to these words. ⁷And you have also set up prophets to preach about you at Jerusalem, saying, A king in Judah! And now it shall be reported to the king according to these words. Therefore, come now and let us talk it over together. ⁸And I sent to him, saying, These things which you are saying are not happening, for you pretend them out of your own heart. ⁹For they all were alarmers of us, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, and it will not be done. And now, make my hands strong.

¹⁰And I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up. And he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple. For they will come to kill you. Yea, in the night they will come to kill you. ¹¹And I said, Should *such* a man as I flee? And who *being* as I *am* would go into the temple and live? I will not go in. ¹²And I

understood, that behold, God had not sent him. For he spoke the prophecy against me, and Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³So he *was* hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and I should sin, and become for them for an evil name *with* which they might reproach me. ¹⁴My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and also to the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets who are my alarmers.

¹⁵So the wall was restored in the twenty-fifth of Elul, on the fifty-second day. ¹⁶And when all our enemies heard, and all the nations who were around us saw, they were very much lowered in their own eyes. For they saw that this work was done by our God.

¹⁷And in those days the nobles of Judah were increasing their letters going to Tobiah, and those of Tobiah came to them. ¹⁸For many in Judah were sworn to him because he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. ¹⁹Also they reported his good deeds before me, and my words were going to him. Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.

CHAPTER 7

¹And it happened, when the wall was built, I made stand the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were chosen. ²I commanded that my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, *be* over Jerusalem. For he *was* as a faithful man, and feared God above many. ³And I said to them, do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are standing, let them shut and bar the doors. And make stand guards from the people of Jerusalem, each one in his watch, and each one to be across from his house. ⁴And the city *was* wide on both hands, and great, but the people in it *were* few, and the houses were not being built. ⁵And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, so that they might be counted by genealogy. And I found a register of genealogy of those who came up at the first. And I found written in it: ⁶These are the sons of the province who

went up of the exiles, of the captivity, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had removed. And they came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, each man to his city. ⁷The ones coming with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah; the number of the men of the people of Israel was: ⁸The sons of Parosh *were* two thousand, one hundred and seventy-two. ⁹The sons of Shephatiah *were* three hundred and seventy-two. ¹⁰The sons of Arah *were* six hundred and fifty-two. ¹¹The sons of Pahath-moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, *were* two thousand, eight hundred and eighteen. ¹²The sons of Elam *were* a thousand, two hundred and fifty-four. ¹³The sons of Zattu *were* eight hundred and forty-five. ¹⁴The sons of Zaccai *were* seven hundred and sixty. ¹⁵The sons of Binnui *were* six hundred and forty-eight. ¹⁶The sons of Bebai *were* six hundred and twenty-eight. ¹⁷The sons of Azgad *were* two thousand, three hundred and twenty-two. ¹⁸The sons of Adonikam *were* six hundred and sixty-seven. ¹⁹The sons of Bigvai *were* two thousand and sixty-seven.

²⁰The sons of Adin *were* six hundred and fifty-five. ²¹The sons of Ater of Hezekiah *were* ninety-eight. ²²The sons of Hashum *were* three hundred and twenty-eight. ²³The sons of Bezai *were* three hundred and twenty-four. ²⁴The sons of Hariph *were* a hundred and twelve. ²⁵The sons of Gibeon *were* ninety-five. ²⁶The men of Bethlehem and Netophah *were* a hundred and eighty-eight. ²⁷the men of Anathoth *were* a hundred and twenty-eight. ²⁸The men of Beth-azmaveth *were* forty-two. ²⁹The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth *were* seven hundred and forty-three. ³⁰The men of Ramah and Gaba *were* six hundred and twenty-one. ³¹The men of Michmas *were* a hundred and twenty-two. ³²The men of Bethel and Ai *were* a hundred and twenty-three. ³³The men of the other Nebo *were* fifty-two. ³⁴The sons of the other Elam *were* a thousand, two hundred and fifty-four. ³⁵The sons of Harim *were* three hundred and twenty. ³⁶The sons of Jericho *were* three hundred and forty-five.

³⁷The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono *were* seven hundred and twenty-one. ³⁸The sons of Senaah *were* three thousand, nine hundred and thirty.

³⁹The priests: The sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua: nine hundred and seventy-three. ⁴⁰The sons of Immer *were* a thousand and fifty-two. ⁴¹The sons of Pashur *were* a thousand, two hundred and forty-seven. ⁴²The sons of Harim *were* a thousand and seventeen. ⁴³The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the sons of Hodevah, *were* seventy-four. ⁴⁴The singers: the sons of Asaph *were* a hundred and forty-eight. ⁴⁵The gatekeepers: The sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai *were* a hundred and thirty-eight. ⁴⁶The temple-slaves: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hashupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, ⁴⁷the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon, ⁴⁸the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Shalmai, ⁴⁹the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, ⁵⁰the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, ⁵¹the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, ⁵²the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephteshim, ⁵³the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, ⁵⁴the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, ⁵⁵the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah, ⁵⁶the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha; ⁵⁷of the sons of Solomon's servants, the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida, ⁵⁸the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, ⁵⁹the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Amon. ⁶⁰All the temple-slaves, and the sons of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred and ninety-two.

⁶¹And these *were* they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-haresa, Cherub, Addon, and Immer. But they were not able to manifest their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel: ⁶²the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two; ⁶³and of the priests, the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of

Barzillai, who took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name. ⁶⁴These sought their register *among* those who were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found. And they were polluted from the priesthood. ⁶⁵And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things until there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

⁶⁶All the congregation together was forty-two thousand, three hundred and sixty. ⁶⁷Besides the male slaves and their slavegirls, these *were* seven thousand, three hundred and thirty-seven. And they had two hundred and forty-five singing men and singing women. ⁶⁸Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six. Their mules *were* two hundred and forty-five; ⁶⁹camels, four hundred and thirty-five; asses, six thousand, seven hundred and twenty.

⁷⁰And some of the heads of the fathers gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. ⁷¹And *some* of the heads of the fathers gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand, two hundred pieces of silver. ⁷²And what the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand pieces of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments. ⁷³So the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the temple-slaves, and all Israel, lived in their cities. And when the seventh month came, the sons of Israel *were* in their cities.

CHAPTER 8

¹And all the people gathered as one man into the plaza that was before the Water Gate. And they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which Jehovah had commanded to Israel. ²And Ezra the priest brought the Law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read in it before the plaza that *was* before the Water Gate, from the morning until noon, before the men and the women, and those who could understand. And the

ears of all the people *listened* to the Book of the Law. ⁴And Ezra the scribe stood on a pulpit of wood which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand *were* Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. ⁵And Ezra opened the book to the eyes of all the people, for he was above all the people. And when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶And Ezra blessed Jehovah, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed and worshiped to Jehovah *with their* noses to the ground. ⁷And Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the Law. And the people *were* in their place. ⁸And they read aloud clearly in the Book of the Law of God, and they gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah the governor, and Ezra the priest, the scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, This day is holy to Jehovah your God. Do not mourn or weep, For all the people wept when they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, Go eat the fat, and drink of the sweet, and send portions to him for *whom* nothing is prepared. For this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be sorry, for the joy of Jehovah *is* your stronghold. ¹¹And the Levites *were* silencing all the people, saying, Be quiet, for today *is* holy, and do not be grieved. ¹²And all the people went to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words which were made known to them.

¹³And on the second day the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the Law. ¹⁴And they found written in the Law which Jehovah had commanded by Moses, that the sons of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: ¹⁵and that they should make heard

and cause to pass the call in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mountain and bring olive branches and wild olive branches, and myrtle branches, and branches of palm, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. ¹⁶And the people went out and brought in, and made booths for themselves, each man on his roof and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the plaza of the Water Gate, and in the plaza of the Ephraim Gate. ¹⁷And all the congregation of those who had come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths. For since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day, the sons of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness. ¹⁸Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read in the Book of the Law of God. And they made the feast seven days, and on the eighth *day* was an assembly according to the Law.

CHAPTER 9

¹And on the twenty-fourth day of this month the sons of Israel were gathered with fasting and with sackcloth, and with earth on them. ²And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all the sons of aliens, and they stood and confessed their sins and the sins of their fathers. ³And they stood up in their place and read in the Book of the Law of Jehovah their God a fourth part of the day. And a fourth part they confessed and worshiped Jehovah their God. ⁴Then Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Chenani, of the Levites, stood on the stairs and cried with a loud voice to Jehovah their God. ⁵Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah said, Stand up! Bless Jehovah your God forever and ever. And blessed be the Name of Your Glory, even *You* being exalted above all blessing and praise. ⁶You alone *are* He, O Jehovah; You have made the heavens, *and* heavens of the heavens, and all their host; the earth and all which *is* on it; the seas, and all that *is* in them; and You shall preserve them all alive. And the host of the heavens bows down to You. ⁷You are Jehovah the God

who chose Abram, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and appointed his name Abraham. ⁸And You found his heart faithful before You, and cut with him the covenant to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, *even to give it to his seed*. And You have performed Your words, for You are righteous. ⁹And You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Sea of Reeds. ¹⁰And *You* gave signs and wonders on Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of the land. For You knew that they were seething against them. And You made a name for Yourself, as *it is* this day. ¹¹And You divided the Sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the Sea on the dry land. And their pursuers You threw into the deep, like a stone into the mighty waters. ¹²And You led them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way in which they should go. ¹³And You came down on Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from the heavens, and gave them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments. ¹⁴And You made Your holy sabbath known to them, and commanded them commandments, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Your servant Moses.

¹⁵And You gave them bread from the heavens for their hunger, and brought forth water for them for their thirst out of the rock. And You said to them that they should go in to possess the land which You had raised Your hand to give them. ¹⁶But they and our fathers seethed, and hardened their necks, and did not listen to Your commands. ¹⁷And they refused to obey, and were not mindful of Your wonders which You did among them. But *they* hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a leader to return *them* to their bondage. But You *are* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and did not forsake them. ¹⁸Yea, when they had made a molten calf for themselves, and said, This *is* your god who brought you up out of Egypt, and had worked great blasphemies, ¹⁹yet You in Your great mercies did not

forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud did not depart from them by day to lead them in the way; nor the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way in which they should go. ²⁰You also gave Your good Spirit to teach them, and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst. ²¹Yea, forty years You sustained them in the wilderness. They lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell. ²²And You gave them kingdoms and peoples, and divided them to corners. And they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

²³You also multiplied their sons like the stars of the heavens, and brought them into the land which You had promised to their fathers, that they should go in and possess it. ²⁴And the sons went in and possessed the land, and You humbled the people of the land before them, the Canaanites. And You gave them into their hands, with their kings and the people of the land, to do with them as they desired. ²⁵And they took strong cities, and a rich land, and occupied houses full of all goods, wells already dug, vineyards and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance. And they ate, and were filled, and became fat, and lived luxuriously in Your great goodness.

²⁶But they were disobedient, and rebelled against You, and cast Your law behind their backs. And they killed Your prophets who testified against them, to turn them to You. And they worked great blasphemies. ²⁷And You gave them into the hand of their enemies, who distressed them. And in the time of their distress, they cried to You; and You heard from Heaven. And according to Your manifold mercies, You gave them deliverers, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. ²⁸But after a rest to them, they turned to doing evil before You. And You left them in the hand of their haters, and they ruled over them. But they came back and cried to You, and You heard them from Heaven, and You delivered them according to Your mercies. ²⁹And You testified against them to bring them again to Your Law; but they seethed, and did not listen to Your commands, but

were against Your judgments; they sinned in them, which if a man do, he shall live in them. And they gave a rebellious shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. ³⁰Yet many years You had patience with them, and testified against them by Your Spirit, by Your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. And You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. ³¹But for Your great mercies, You did not consume nor forsake them; for You are a gracious and merciful God. ³²And now our God, the great, the mighty and the fearful God, keeping the covenant and the mercy, let it not seem little before You, all the trouble which has found us, to our kings, to our rulers, and to our priests, and to our prophets, and to our fathers, and to all Your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day. ³³And You *are* just as to all that came on us, for You have done right; but we have done evilly. ³⁴And our kings, our rulers, our priests, and our fathers have not kept Your law, nor listened to Your commands and Your testimonies with which You testified against them. ³⁵And they have not served You in their kingdom, and in Your great goodness which You gave to them, and in the large and rich land which You gave before them. And they did not turn from their evil works. ³⁶Behold, we *are* slaves today, even the land that You gave to our fathers to eat its fruit and its good, behold, we *are* slaves in it.

³⁷And it yields much increase to the kings whom You have set over us because of our sinning. And they rule over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure; and we *are* in great distress. ³⁸And because of all this, we *are* cutting a covenant and writing it, and our rulers, Levites, and priests *are* sealing it.

CHAPTER 10

¹And the ones being sealed were Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, ²Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, ³Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah, ⁴Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, ⁵Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, ⁶Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, ⁷Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, ⁸Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These were the priests. ⁹And the Levites were both

Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui, of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel, ¹⁰and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiiah, Hanan, ¹¹Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, ¹²Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, ¹³Hodijah, Bani, Beninu. ¹⁴The rulers of the people were Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, ¹⁵Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, ¹⁶Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, ¹⁷Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, ¹⁸Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, ¹⁹Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, ²⁰Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, ²¹Mesheza-beel, Zadok, Jaddua, ²²Pelataiah, Hanan, Aaiah, ²³Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub, ²⁴Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek, ²⁵Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, ²⁶and Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, ²⁷Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

²⁸And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple-slaves, and all those who separated from the people of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, all knowing and discerning *ones*, ²⁹were holding fast to their brothers, their honored ones; and *were* entering into a curse and into an oath, to walk in God's law which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to keep and to do all the commandments of Jehovah our Lord, and His judgments and His statutes.

³⁰And *we swore* that we would not give our daughters to the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons. ³¹And *if* the people of the land should bring goods or any food to sell on the Sabbath, we would not take from them on the Sabbath, or on the holy day. And they would forego the seventh year, and the interest of every hand. ³²Also, we put commands on ourselves, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God, ³³for the Bread of Arrangement and for the continual food offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things*, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of God. ³⁴And we made fall the lots among the priests, and the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, according to the

houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn on the altar of Jehovah our God, as *it is* written in the Law; ³⁵also to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of Jehovah; ³⁶also to bring the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as *it is* written in the Law; and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God. ³⁷And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all kinds of trees, of wine, and of oil, to the priests, to the rooms of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground to the Levites; and they, the Levites, might have the tithes in all the cities we worked.

³⁸And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites, tithing the Levites; and the Levites shall bring up the tithes of the tithes to the house of our God to the rooms, into the treasure-house. ³⁹For the sons of Israel, and the sons of Levi, shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine, and the oil, to the rooms, and there *shall be* the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests who ministers, and the gatekeepers and the singers. And we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the rulers of the people lived at Jerusalem. The rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of the tenth to live in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine parts in *other* cities. ²And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to live in Jerusalem.

³And these *are* the rulers of the province who lived in Jerusalem — but in the cities of Judah, a man lived in his possession in their cities—Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the temple-slaves, and the sons of Solomon's servants. ⁴And in Jerusalem lived *some* of the sons of Judah, and of the sons of Benjamin. From the sons of Judah were Athaiah the son of Uziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the sons of Perez; ⁵and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son

of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. ⁶All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem *were* four hundred and sixty-eight mighty men.

⁷And these *are* the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah. ⁸And after him *were* Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight. ⁹And Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer. And Judah the son of Hassenuah *was* second over the city.

¹⁰From the priests *were* Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin, ¹¹Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God. ¹²And their brothers who did the work of the house *were* eight hundred and twenty-two. And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah, ¹³and his brothers, rulers of the fathers, two hundred and forty-two. And Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, ¹⁴and their brothers, mighty men, *were* a hundred and twenty-eight. And their overseer *was* Zabdiel, a son of *one of* the great men. ¹⁵Also from the Levites *were* Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni. ¹⁶And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the rulers of the Levites, *had* the oversight of the outward business of the house of God. ¹⁷And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the leader of the beginning, *he* gave thanks with prayer. And Bakbukiah the second from his brothers, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. ¹⁸All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred and eighty-four. ¹⁹And the gatekeepers: Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers who kept the gates, a hundred and seventy-two. ²⁰And the rest of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, each one in his inheritance. ²¹But the temple-slaves lived in Ophel; and Ziha and Gispa *were* over the temple-slaves. ²²And the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son

of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God. ²³For *it was* the king's command concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, the matter of the day in his day.

²⁴And Pethahiah the son of Mesheza-beel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. ²⁵And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the sons of Judah lived at Kirjath-arba, and in its villages; and at Dibon, and in its villages; and at Jekabzeel, and its villages; ²⁶and at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-palet; ²⁷and at Hazarshual, and at Beersheba, and its villages; ²⁸and at Ziklag; and at Mekonah, and in its villages; ²⁹and at En-rimmon; and at Zareah; and at Jarmuth; ³⁰Zanoah; Adullam, in their villages; at Lachish, and its fields; at Azekah, and its villages. And they camped from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom.

³¹And the sons of Benjamin from Geba *were* at Michmash; and Aija; and Bethel, and their villages; ³²and at Anathoth; Nob; Ananiah; ³³Hazor; Ramah; Gittaim; ³⁴Hadid; Zeboim; Neballat; ³⁵Lod; and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. ³⁶And of the Levites, the divisions of Judah *were* for Benjamin.

CHAPTER 12

¹And these *are* the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, ²Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, ³Shechaniah, Rehum, Mere-moth ⁴Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah, ⁵Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, ⁶Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah, ⁷Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These *were* the rulers of the priests and their brothers in the days of Jeshua.

⁸And the Levites *were* Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah. Mattaniah *was* over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers. ⁹And Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, *were* next to them in the watches. ¹⁰And Jeshua fathered Joiakim, and Joiakim fathered Eliashib; and Eliashib fathered Joiada; ¹¹and Joiada fathered Jonathan; and Jonathan fathered Jaddua. ¹²And in the days of Joiakim *were* priests,

the rulers of the fathers: from *the house of* Seraiah was Meraiah; from Jeremiah was Hananiah; ¹³from Ezra was Meshullam; from Amariah was Jehohanan; ¹⁴from Melicu was Jonathan; from Shebaniah was Joseph; ¹⁵from Harim was Adna; from Meraioth was Helkai; ¹⁶from Iddo was Zechariah; from Ginnethon was Meshullam; ¹⁷from Abijah was Zichri; from Miniamin, of Moadiah was Piltai; ¹⁸from Bilgah was Shammua; from Shemaiah was Jehonathan; ¹⁹and from Joarib was Mattenai; from Jedaiah was Uzzi; ²⁰from Sallai was Kallai; from Amok was Eber; ²¹from Hilkiyah was Hashabiah; from Jedaiah was Nethaneel.

²²The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were written rulers of the fathers; also the priests until the reign of Darius the Persian.

²³The sons of the Levites, the rulers of the fathers, are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. ²⁴And the rulers of the Levites were Hashabiah; Sherebiah; and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers next to them, to praise and to give thanks according to the command of David the man of God, watch by watch. ²⁵Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were guards of the gates, the guard at the thresholds of the gates.

²⁶These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jushua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

²⁷And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought the Levites out of all their places to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, and with thanksgiving, and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and with lyres. ²⁸And the sons of the singers gathered themselves, both out of the plain country around Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathi; ²⁹and from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth—for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem.

³⁰And the priests and the Levites purified themselves. And they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

³¹Then I brought up the rulers of Judah on

the wall, and chose two great thanksgiving choirs. *One* went to the right on the wall toward the Dung Gate. ³²and after them went Hoshaiah, and half the rulers of Judah; ³³even Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, ³⁴Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah; ³⁵and many of the priests' sons with trumpets — Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph, ³⁶and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe was before them.

³⁷And at the Fountain Gate across from them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall above the house of David, even to the Water Gate eastward. ³⁸And the other thanksgiving choir were going to the opposite side, and I after them, and half of the people on the wall, from beyond the Tower of Furnaces, even to the Broad Wall; ³⁹and from above the Ephraim Gate, and above the Old Gate, and above the Fish Gate, and the Tower of Hananeel, and the Tower of Meah, even to the Sheep Gate. And they stood still in the Prison Gate. ⁴⁰So the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of God, and I, and half of the rulers with me. ⁴¹And the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elieoenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah were with trumpets. ⁴²And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer; and the singers sang aloud with Jezrahiah as their overseer.

⁴³And that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced. For God had made them rejoice with great joy. And the wives, and the children, rejoiced so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even at a distance.

⁴⁴And at that time some were chosen over the rooms for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather to them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the Law for the priests and the Levites. For Judah rejoiced for the priests, and for the Levites who waited.

⁴⁵And both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the watch of their God, and

the watch of the cleansing, according to the command of David, of his son Solomon. ⁴⁶For in the past days of David and Asaph, *there were* heads of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. ⁴⁷And all Israel gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, every day its portion, in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah. And they set *the holy things* apart for the Levites; and the Levites set apart for the sons of Aaron.

CHAPTER 13

¹On that day they read in the Book of Moses in the ears of the people. And it was found written in it that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God forever, ²because they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them. But our God turned the curse to a blessing. ³And it happened, when they had heard the Law, they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel. ⁴And before this, Eliashib the priest, who was set over the rooms of the house of our God, who was related to Tobiah — ⁵and he had prepared for himself a large room where they had in days past laid the food offering, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the offerings of the priests.

⁶But in all this *time* I was not at Jerusalem. For in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king of Babylon, I came to the king. And after some days I asked leave from the king. ⁷And I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil which Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God. ⁸And it grieved me very much. And I threw all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the room. ⁹Then I commanded, and they purified the rooms. And I returned there the vessels of the house of God, with the food offering and the frankincense. ¹⁰And I was aware that the portions of the Levites had not been given, for the Levites and the singers who did the work had each one fled to his field. ¹¹Then I contended with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God for-

saken? And I gathered them, and set them in their place.

¹²Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, and the new wine, and the oil, into the treasuries. ¹³And I made treasurers over the treasuries: Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah. And next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah. For they were counted faithful, and on them *was* to distribute to their brothers. ¹⁴Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds which I have done for the house of my God, and in its keeping.

¹⁵In those days I saw in Judah *ones* treading wine-presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading asses; and also wine, grapes, and figs, and all burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I testified *against them* on the day they sold food. ¹⁶Men of Tyre also lived in it, who brought fish and all wares, and were selling on the Sabbath to the sons of Judah even in Jerusalem. ¹⁷And I contended with the nobles of Judah and said to them, What is this evil thing that you do, defiling the Sabbath day? ¹⁸Did not your fathers do this, and did not our God bring all this evil on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath on Israel by defiling the Sabbath. ¹⁹And it happened, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I made stand *some* of my servants at the gates, so that there should be no burden brought in on the Sabbath day. ²⁰And the merchants and sellers of all the wares stayed the night outside Jerusalem once or twice. ²¹Then I testified against them and said to them, Why are you staying around the wall? If you do *it* again, I will send a hand against you. From that time they did not come on the Sabbath. ²²And I commanded the Levites that they should be cleansing themselves, and they should come guarding the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. O my God, remember me for this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy.

²³In those days I also saw Jews who had

dwelt with women *from* Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. ²⁴And their children spoke half *in the speech* of Ashdod, and there was no knowing to them to speak Jewish, but according to the language of each people. ²⁵And I contended with them, and put a curse on them, and struck *some* of them, and I plucked their hair. And I made them swear by the name of God, *saying*, You shall not give your daughter to their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons, or for yourselves. ²⁶Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved by his God; and God made him king over Israel. But women

from other lands caused even him to sin. ²⁷Shall we then listen to you, to do this great evil, to sin against our God in living with foreign women? ²⁸And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son-in-law to Sanballat the Hononite. And I chased him from me. ²⁹Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites. ³⁰And I cleansed them from all aliens, and appointed watches to the priests and the Levites, each one in his business, ³¹and for the wood offering, at appointed times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good!

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

CHAPTER 1

¹And it happened, in the days of Ahasuerus — he is Ahasuerus who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, *over* a hundred and twenty-seven provinces—²in those days when king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom in Shushan the palace, ³in the third year of his reign, he made a banquet for all his princes and his servants. The power of Persia and Media, the nobles and the princes of the provinces, were before him, ⁴when he made known the riches of his glorious kingdom, and the honor of his excellent greatness many days, even a hundred and eighty days. ⁵And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a banquet for all the peoples who were found in Shushan the palace, both to great and to small, for seven days in the court of the garden of the king's palace. ⁶*There was* overlaying with white linen and violet, with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of white marble. The couches *were of* gold and silver, on a *red* and white and pearl and black marble pavement. ⁷And they gave out drink in vessels of gold, the vessels differing from one another, and royal wine in abundance, according to the hand of the king. ⁸And the drinking *was* according to the law, *no one* compelling; for so the king had ordered every first one of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. ⁹Also Vashti the queen made a banquet for the women in the royal house which king Ahasuerus *owned*.

¹⁰On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he said to Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs who served before the face of Ahasuerus the king, ¹¹to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown, in order to make known to the people and the princes her beauty. For she *was* beautiful to look upon. ¹²But Vashti the queen refused to come at the king's command by his eunuchs. And the king was very angry, and his fury burned within him. ¹³And the king said to the wise men

who knew the times—for so was the king's manner toward all who knew law and judgment; ¹⁴and ones next to him *were* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and* Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media who saw the king's face, who sat first in the kingdom—¹⁵What shall be done with queen Vashti according to law, because she has not done the command of king Ahasuerus by the eunuchs? ¹⁶And Memucan answered before the king and princes, Vashti the queen has not only done wrong to the king, but also to all the princes, and to all the people who *are* in all the provinces of Ahasuerus the king. ¹⁷For the matter of the queen shall go out to all women, to make their husbands despised in their eyes, in their reporting *that* king Ahasuerus said to bring in Vashti the queen before him, but she did not come. ¹⁸And this day the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard the queen's word shall say *the same* to all the king's princes, and *there shall be* contempt and strife.

¹⁹If it please the king, let there be a royal decree from him, and let it be written among the laws of Persia and Media so that it shall not pass away, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus. And let the king give her royal estate to a neighbor who is better than she is. ²⁰And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be throughout all his empire, for it is great, all the wives shall give their husbands honor, both the small and the great. ²¹And the saying pleased the king, and the princes. And the king did according to the word of Memucan. ²²And he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to its writing, and to peoples and peoples, according to language, so that every man *should be* ruling in his house; and speaking according to the language of his people.

CHAPTER 2

¹After these things, when king Ahasuerus' wrath had calmed down, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and

what he decreed against her.

²And the king's servants who served him said, Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king. ³And let the king choose officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, so that they may gather together every beautiful young virgin to Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, to the hand of Hegai the king's eunuch, keeper of the women, to give their purifications. ⁴And let the young woman who pleases the king rule instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

⁵In Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, and his name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been led away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had exiled. ⁷And he was rearing Hadassah—she is Esther—his uncle's daughter, for she had no father nor mother. And the young woman was fair of appearance and beautiful of form. And at the death of her father and mother, Mordecai took her for his daughter. ⁸And it happened, when the king's command and his order was heard, and when many young women had been gathered to Shushan the palace, into the hand of Hegai, Esther was taken into the king's house, into the hand of Hegai, keeper of the women. ⁹And the young woman was good in his eyes, and she rose in favor before him. And he hastened her purifiers, and her portions, to give *them* to her. And seven young women *were* seen to be given to her out of the king's house. And he moved her and her maids to the best *place* in the house of the women.

¹⁰Esther had not revealed her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had commanded her that she should not reveal it. ¹¹And Mordecai walked to and fro every day in front of the court of the women's house in order to know Esther's welfare, and what would be done with her. ¹²And when the turn of each young woman had come to go in to king Ahasuerus, at the end of her being *purified* twelve months according to the law of the women—for so were fulfilled the days of

their cleansings: six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with fragrances and with perfumes of the women. ¹³And in this way the young woman goes in to the king. All she says is given to her to go with her out of the house of the women to the king's house. ¹⁴She goes in the evening, and on the morning she returns to the second house of the women, into the hand of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch who kept the concubines. She does not come in to the king any more, unless the king delights in her, and she is called by name. ¹⁵And when the turn of Esther had come—*she being* the daughter of Abihail, Mordecai's uncle, whom he had taken to himself for his daughter—to go in to the king, she did not seek a thing except what Hegai the king's eunuch, the keeper of the women, said. And Esther had favor in the sight of all who looked on her. ¹⁶And Esther was taken to king Ahasuerus into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. ¹⁷And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she rose *in* grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins. And he set the royal crown on her head, and made her to rule instead of Vashti. ¹⁸And the king made a great banquet for all his princes and his servants, Esther's banquet. And he ordered a rest for the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king. ¹⁹And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. ²⁰Esther had not revealed her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had commanded her. For Esther obeyed Mordecai's command, as she did when she was reared by him.

²¹In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who guarded the threshold, were angry, and sought to stretch out a hand against king Ahasuerus. ²²And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it* to Esther the queen. And Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai. ²³And when the matter was searched into, it was found out; and the two of them were hanged on a tree. And it was written in the Book of the Matters of the Days before the king.

CHAPTER 3

¹After these things king Ahasuerus enlarged Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and raised him, and set his seat above all the princes with him. ²And all the king's servants who were in the king's gate were bowing and worshiping Haman, for the king had so commanded for him. But Mordecai did not bow nor worship. ³And the king's servants who *were* at the gate of the king said to Mordecai, Why do you disobey the king's command? ⁴And it happened, when they spoke daily to him, and he did not listen to them, they told Haman, to see if Mordecai's matters would stand. For he had told them that he was a Jew. ⁵And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow nor worship him, then Haman was filled with fury. ⁶And it was light in his eyes to reach forth a hand against Mordecai alone; for they had revealed to him Mordecai's people. And Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus, the people of Mordecai.

⁷In the first month, it *is* the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they made fall Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman day by day, and from month to month, to the twelfth *month*, that *is*, the month Adar. ⁸And Haman said to king Ahasuerus, There is a people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom. And their laws *are* different from every people, and they are not doing the king's laws. And it is not for the king's gain to let them alone. ⁹If it pleases the king, let it be written to destroy them; and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those who do the work, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries. ¹⁰And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' vexer. ¹¹And the king said to Haman, The silver is given to you, also the people, to do with them as seems good to you. ¹²Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and it was written according to all that Haman had commanded to the king's satraps, and to the governors who *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province, according

to its writing, and to every people according to their language. It was written in the name of king Ahasuerus, and sealed with the king's ring. ¹³And the documents were sent by the runners into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar, and to *take* what they owned for a prize. ¹⁴A copy of the writing to be given *as* law in every province was published to all people, to be ready for that day. ¹⁵The runners went out, being hurried by the king's word. And the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink. But the city Shushan was perplexed.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Mordecai understood all that was done, and Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the middle of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry. ²And he came until *he was* before the king's gate; for there was no entering into the king's gate in clothing of sackcloth.

³And in every province, wherever the king's word and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping and wailing. Sackcloth and ash were spread on many.

⁴And Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her. And the queen *was* exceedingly writhed in pain. And she sent clothing to clothe Mordecai and to take away his sackcloth from him. But he did not accept. ⁵And Esther called for Hatach, of the king's eunuchs, who was made to stand before her. And she charged him as to Mordecai, to know what this *was* and why this *was*. ⁶And Hatach went out to Mordecai, to the city street in front of the king's gate. ⁷And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of the silver which Haman had said to weigh into the king's treasuries for the Jews in order to destroy them. ⁸Also he gave him a copy of the writing of the law which was given at Shushan in order to destroy them, to show *it* to Esther, and to reveal to her, and to command her that she

should go in to the king to make supplication to him, and to seek from him *help* for her people. ⁹And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. ¹⁰Again Esther spoke to Hatach, and ordered him *to go* to Mordecai — ¹¹for all the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that whoever, whether man or woman, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his, execution; except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter so that he may live. But I have not been called to come into the king these thirty days.

¹²And they told Mordecai Esther's words. ¹³And Mordecai said to take back to Esther, Do not imagine within yourself to deliver yourself in the king's house, more than all the Jews. ¹⁴For if you are completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall rise up to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house shall perish. And who knows if you have attained to the kingdom for *such* a time as this? ¹⁵And Esther said to take back to Mordecai, ¹⁶Go, gather all the Jews being found in Shushan, and fast for me. And do not eat or drink three days, night or day. My maidens and I will also fast thus. And so I will go in to the king, which *is* not according to the law. And if I have perished, I have perished. ¹⁷And Mordecai passed over and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

CHAPTER 5

¹And it happened on the third day that Esther put on royal *clothing* and stood in the inner court of the king's house, before the king's inner house. And the king was sitting on his royal throne in the royal house, in front of the gate of the house. ²And it happened, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she rose *in* favor in his eyes. And the king held out the golden scepter that *was* in his hand to Esther. And Esther drew near and touched the top of the scepter. ³And the king said to her, What *shall be done* to you, O queen Esther? And what *is* your wish? It will be given to you also, even to

half of the kingdom. ⁴And Esther answered, If *it seems* good to the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet which I have prepared for him. ⁵And the king said, Cause Haman to hurry to do the word of Esther. And the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

⁶And the king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* your petition, and it shall be granted to you? And what *is* your wish? And it will be done, to half of the kingdom. ⁷And Esther replied and said, *As to* my petition and my request, ⁸if I have found favor in the eyes of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow according to the word of the king. ⁹And Haman went out that day joyful and good of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the gate of the king, that he did not stand up or move for him, he was full of fury against Mordecai. ¹⁰But Haman held himself in, and came to his house, and sent *for* and brought in his friends, and his wife Zeresh. ¹¹And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and his many sons, and all *to* which the king had promoted him, and how he lifted him up above the princes and the servants of the king. ¹²And Haman said, Also, Esther the queen did not let *anyone* come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared, except me. And also tomorrow I am called to it with the king. ¹³Yet all this is no gain to me as long as I am seeing Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. ¹⁴And his wife Zeresh said to him, and all his friends, Make a wooden *gallows* fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak to the king and let them hang Mordecai on it; and go in with the king to the banquet, rejoicing. And the thing was good in Haman's eyes, and he caused the wooden *gallows* to be made.

CHAPTER 6

¹On that night the king's sleep fled, and he said to bring in the book of the records of the Matter of the Days. And they were being read before the king. ²And it was found written that Mordecai had told of

Bighthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the guards of the threshold who sought to send forth a hand against king Ahasuerus. ³And the king said, What honor and dignity was done to Mordecai for this? And the king's young servants, of his ministers, said, Nothing has been done for him. ⁴And the king said, Who *is* in the court? And Haman had come into the outer court of the king's house to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the wooden *gallows* which he had built for him. ⁵And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. ⁶And Haman came in. And the king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? And Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself? ⁷And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor, ⁸let the royal clothing be brought, which the king puts on himself, and the horse that the king rides on, and the royal crown which is set on his head; ⁹and let this clothing and horse be given into the hand of one of most noble men, of the most noble princes, and let them dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and cause him to ride on the horse through the street of the city, and call out before him. In this way shall be done to the man whom the king delights, in honoring him! ¹⁰And the king said to Haman, Hurry! Take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not fail to do any of all the things you have spoken. ¹¹And Haman took the clothing and the horse, and dressed Mordecai, and caused him to ride through the street of the city, and called out before him. In this way shall be done to the man whom the king delights, in honoring him!

¹²And Mordecai came again to the king's gate, but Haman hurried to his house mourning, and *his* head covered. ¹³And Haman told his wife Zeresh, and all his friends, everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, If Mordecai *is* of the seed of the Jews, before whom you have begun to fall, you shall not prevail against him, but shall surely fall before him.

¹⁴And while they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived, and they hurried to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

CHAPTER 7

¹And the king and Haman came to the banquet of queen Esther. ²And the king said again to Esther on the second day of the banquet of wine, What *is* your petition O queen Esther, and it shall be given to you. And what *is* your request? It shall be done, to the half of the kingdom. ³And Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in your eyes, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. ⁴For we are sold, my people and I, for destruction, for murder and for perishing. But if we had been sold for male slaves and slavegirls, I would have kept silent, *though* the adversary could not make up for the king's loss. ⁵And king Ahasuerus answered and said to Esther the queen, Who *is* he, this one? And where *is* this one, he who is filled with *pride* in his heart, to do so? ⁶And Esther said, A man, an enemy, and a hating one—Haman! This evil one! And Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. ⁷And the king, rising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, *went* into the palace garden. And Haman remained to beg for his life from Esther the queen, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. ⁸And the king returned out of the garden to the place of the banquet of wine. And Haman had fallen on the couch on which Esther *lay*. And the king said, Will he also violate the queen with me in the house? The word went from the king's mouth, and they covered Haman's face. ⁹And Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said before the king, Also, look! The wooden *gallows* which Haman made for Mordecai, *the one* who had spoken good toward the king, *is* standing at Haman's house. And the king said, Hang him on it! ¹⁰And they hanged Haman on the wooden *gallows* which he had prepared for Mordecai. And the king's wrath lay down.

CHAPTER 8

¹On that day king Ahasuerus gave the

house of Haman, the vexer of the Jews, to Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he *was* to her. ²And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. ³And Esther spoke yet again before the king and fell down at his feet. And she begged him with tears to put away the evil of Haman the Agagite, and his purpose which he had plotted against the Jews. ⁴Then the king held out the golden scepter to Esther, and Esther rose up and stood before the king, ⁵and said, If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor before him, and the thing is right before the king, and I *am* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to bring back the documents—a sly plan by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite — which he wrote to destroy the Jews who *are* in all the king's provinces. ⁶For how shall I be able to look on the evil that shall find my people? Or how shall I be able to look on the slaughter of my kindred? ⁷And king Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Haman's house to Esther, and they have hanged him on the wooden *gallows* because he put forth his hand against the Jews. ⁸And you write to the Jews according to the good in your eyes, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring. For the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, there is no taking back.

⁹And the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the twenty-third of it. And it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors, and the princes of the provinces which *were* from India to Ethiopia, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, to every province according to its writing, and to every people in their language, and to the Jews; according to their writing and according to their language. ¹⁰And he wrote in the name of king Ahasuerus, and sealed with the king's ring. And he sent letters by riders on horseback, riders on royal steeds, stallions, *even* sons of mares. ¹¹In *them* the king gave to the Jews in every single city *the right* to

gather together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province, the ones compressing them, *both* little ones and women, and *to take* what they owned for a prize, ¹²on one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, on the thirtieth of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar. ¹³The copy of the writing to be made law in every province was openly revealed to all peoples, even to the Jews being ready for this day, to avenge themselves on their enemies. ¹⁴The runners, riders on stallions, royal steeds, went out, being hurried and pressed on by the king's command. And the order was given at Shushan the palace. ¹⁵And Mordecai went out from before the king in apparel of the kingdom, of blue and white, and with a great crown *of* gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple. And the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. ¹⁶For the Jews it was light and gladness and joy and honor. ¹⁷And in every province, and in every single city, the place wherever the word of the king and his law touched, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews, for the fear of the Jews fell on them.

CHAPTER 9

¹And in the twelfth month, that *is* the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and his order came to be done, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to take power over them—though it was turned around, so that the Jews ruled, they over the ones hating them — ²the Jews gathered together in their cities in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, to stretch out a hand against those seeking their evil. And no man stood in their presence, for their fear fell on all the peoples. ³And all the rulers of the provinces and the satraps, and the governors, and those doing the business which was to the king, were lifting up the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell on them. ⁴For Mordecai *was* great in the king's house, and his fame went out into all the provinces, for this man Mordecai was going on and growing *greater*. ⁵And the Jews struck against all their haters with a

stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they desired to those who hated them. ⁶And in Shushan the palace the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. ⁷And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, ⁸and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, ⁹and Parmash-ta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, ¹⁰the ten sons of Haman the son of Ham-medatha, the vexer of the Jews, they killed. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil.

¹¹On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. ¹²And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the provinces of the king? And what is your petition, and it is given to you? And what further request, and it will be done?

¹³And Esther said, If it pleases the king, let it be given to the Jews in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree; and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the wooden *gallows*. ¹⁴And the king commanded it to be done so. And the order was given at Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons. ¹⁵And the Jews in Shushan also assembled on the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and killed three hundred men at Shushan; but they did not lay their hands on the spoil.

¹⁶But the rest of the Jews in the king's provinces gathered and stood for their lives, and a rest from their enemies, and to kill seventy-five thousand of their foes. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil.

¹⁷On the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and on the fourteenth day of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁸And the Jews at Shushan assembled on the thirteenth day of it, and on the fourteenth day of it, and to rest on the fifteenth of the same, and to make it a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁹On account of this the Jews of the villages, who lived in the unwall'd towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and a day of sending portions to one another.*

²⁰And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews in all the

provinces of king Ahasuerus, near and far; ²¹to cause to rise among them to act *on* the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly; ²²as the days in which the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day, to make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions to one another, and gifts to the poor. ²³And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them, ²⁴because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the vexer of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to torment them and to destroy them. ²⁵But when *Esther* came to the king, he commanded by the letter, Let his evil plot which he plotted against the Jews return on his own head; and they hanged him and his sons on the wooden *gal-lows*. ²⁶On account of this they called these days Purim, after the name of Pur. For on account of this all the words of this letter, and what they saw concerning this matter, and what had touched them, ²⁷the Jews rose up and took on themselves and on their seed, and on all joining themselves to them, even not to pass, to be keeping those two days according to their writing, and according to their time every year; ²⁸and *that* these days should be remembered and acted upon in every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and *that* these days of Purim should not pass from among the Jews, and their memory not perish from their seed.

²⁹And Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. ³⁰And he sent the letters to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus; words of peace and truth. ³¹This was in order to confirm these days of Purim in their set times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had ordered them, and as they had decreed for themselves, and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and of their cry. ³²And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim. And it was written in the book.

CHAPTER 10

¹And king Ahasuerus laid a tax on the land and on the isles of the sea. ²And all the acts of his authority and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, with which the king made him great, are they not written in the Book of

the Matters of the Days of the kings of Media and Persia? ³For Mordecai the Jew was second to king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and pleasing to the multitude of his brothers, seeking the welfare of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF JOB

CHAPTER 1

¹There was a man in the land of Uz, his name was Job. And this man was perfect and upright, and fearing God, and turning away from evil. ²And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. ³And his possessions were seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was greater than all the sons of the east.

⁴And his sons feasted in the house of each one on his day. And they sent and called their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. ⁵And it happened, when the days of feasting had gone around, Job would send and sanctify them. And he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt sacrifices *according to* all their number. For Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. This Job always did.

⁶And a day came when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah. And Satan also came among them. ⁷And Jehovah said to Satan, From where have you come? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ⁸And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you set your heart on My servant Job, because there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil?

⁹And Satan answered Jehovah and said, Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰Have You not made a hedge for him, and for his house, and for all that *is* his all around? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But put out Your hand now, and touch against all that *is* his, and *see* if he will not *then* curse You to Your face. ¹²And Jehovah said to Satan, Behold, all that *is* his *is* in your hand! Only, do not lay your hand on him. And Satan went out from the face of Jehovah.

¹³And a day came when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their brother's house, the firstborn. ¹⁴And a messenger came to Job and said, The

oxen were plowing, and the asses were feeding beside them. ¹⁵And the Sabeans fell on, and took them away. And they killed the young men with the edge of the sword; and I, I alone have escaped to tell you. ¹⁶While this *one* was still speaking, this *other* also came and said, The fire of God has fallen from the heavens and has burned up the sheep and the young men. And it has destroyed them; and I, I alone have escaped to tell you. ¹⁷While this *one* was still speaking, this *other* also came and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands and swooped down on the camels. And they have taken them away. And they have killed the young men with the edge of the sword; and I, I alone have escaped to tell you. ¹⁸While this *one* was still speaking, this *other* came and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother, the firstborn. ¹⁹And, behold! A great wind came from the wilderness and touched the four corners of the house. And it fell on the young men, and they died; and I, I alone have escaped to tell you. ²⁰And Job rose up and tore his robe, and shaved his head. And he fell down on the ground and worshiped. ²¹And he said, I came naked out of my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. Jehovah gave, and Jehovah has taken away. Blessed *be* the name of Jehovah. ²²In all this Job did not sin, nor charge wrong to God.

CHAPTER 2

¹Again a day came when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah. And Satan also came among them to present himself before Jehovah. ²And Jehovah said to Satan, From where have you come? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and walking up and down in it. ³And Jehovah said to Satan, have you set your heart on My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, fearing God, and turning away from evil? And he is still holding to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to swallow him for nothing.

⁴And Satan answered Jehovah and said, Skin for skin. Yea, all that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵Put out Your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse You to Your face. ⁶And Jehovah said to Satan, Behold, He *is* in your hand; but preserve his life. ⁷And Satan went out from before the face of Jehovah. And *he* struck Job with bad burning ulcers form the sole of his foot to the top of his head. ⁸And he took a broken piece of pottery with which to scrape himself. And he sat down among the ashes.

⁹And his wife said to him, *Are you still holding fast to your integrity?* Curse God and die! ¹⁰But he said to her, You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Also, shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

¹¹And three friends of Job heard *of* all this evil that had come on him. And they each one came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite; Bildad the Shuhite; and Zophar the Naamathite. And they had met together to come to lament with him, and to comfort him. ¹²And when they lifted up their eyes from a distance and did not recognize him, they lifted up their voice and wept then. And each one tore his robe. And *they* sprinkled dust on their heads toward the heavens. ¹³And they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights. And no one *was* speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

CHAPTER 3

¹After this Job opened his mouth and cursed his day. ²And Job spoke and said: ³Let the day perish in *which* I was born, and the night *which* said, A manchild has been conceived. ⁴Let that day be darkness! Let not God look on it from above, nor let the light shine on it. ⁵Let darkness and the shadow of death seize upon it. Let a cloud dwell on it. Let all that blackens the day terrify it. ⁶*As for* that night, let darkness seize it! Let it not be joined to the days of the year. Let it not come into the number of the months. ⁷Behold, let that night be silent; let no joyful voice come in it. ⁸Let those curse it who curse the day, those ready to stir up Leviathan. ⁹Let the stars of its twilight be dark; let it wait for

light, but have none. Let it not see the eyelids of the dawn. ¹⁰For it did not shut up the doors of my *mother's* womb; nor did it hide misery from my eyes.

¹¹Why did I not die from the womb, come from the womb and expire? ¹²Why did the knees go before me; or why the breasts, that I should suck? ¹³For now I would have lain down and have been quiet; I would have slept. Then I would have been at rest, ¹⁴with kings and wise men of the earth, who built ruins for themselves; ¹⁵or with princes; they had gold; they filled their houses with silver; ¹⁶or as a hidden miscarriage, I would not have been; like infants who never saw light. ¹⁷There the wicked cease from turmoil; and there the weary are at rest; ¹⁸the prisoners are at ease together; they hear not the voice of the slave driver; ¹⁹the small and the great, *he is* there; and the slave free from his master.

²⁰Why is light given to the miserable one; and life to him who is bitter in soul; ²¹who is waiting for death, but it is not; and they dig for it more than *for* treasures? ²²They are rejoicing to exultation. They are glad when they find the grave. ²³To a man whose way is hidden, God has made a hedge about him. ²⁴For my sighing comes before my food; and my groanings are poured out like the waters. ²⁵For the dreadful thing I dreaded has come on me; and that which I feared has come to me. ²⁶I am not at ease, nor am I at rest; nor am I quiet; yet turmoil comes.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said: ²Shall one try a word with you, you *who* are weary? But who can hold back with words? ³Behold, you have instructed many; and you have made weak hands strong. ⁴Your words have upheld him who was falling, and you have made feeble knees strong. ⁵But now it has come upon you, and you faint. It touches you, and you are troubled. ⁶Is not your reverence your hope; your hope the uprightness of your ways? ⁷I beg you, remember, Who *ever* perished, being innocent? Or where were the righteous cut off? ⁸As I have seen, the ones who plow iniquity and sow misery reap the same. ⁹They perish

from the breath of God, and by the blast of His anger they are consumed.

¹⁰The lion roars; and the voice of the lion and the teeth of the young lions are broken; ¹¹the old lion *is* perishing for lack of prey; and the lioness' offspring are scattered.

¹²Now a word was stolen to me, and my ear received a whisper of it. ¹³In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, ¹⁴fear and trembling met me, and made my many bones dread.

¹⁵Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up; ¹⁶it stood still, but I could not discern its form; an image *was* before my eyes; *there was* silence; then I heard a voice: ¹⁷Shall mortal *man* be more just than God? Shall a man be purer than his Maker? ¹⁸Behold, He puts no trust in His servants; and He charges His angels with folly! ¹⁹How much more those that dwell in houses of clay; whose foundation *is* in the dust; they crush them before the moth! ²⁰They are shattered from morning till evening; they perish forever with no one regarding. ²¹Is not their cord pulled in them? They die, but not with wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

¹Call now. Is there *anyone* answering you? And to which of the saints will you turn? ²For vexation kills the fool, and passion puts to death the simple. ³I have seen the fool taking root, but suddenly I cursed his dwelling-place. ⁴His sons are far from safety; yea, they are crushed in the gate; nor is there any deliverer. ⁵The hungry eat his harvest, and take him to the thorns, and the snare snuffs up their wealth. ⁶For affliction does not come forth from the dust, nor does trouble spring up out of the ground; ⁷for man is born to trouble, and the sons of the flame rise, flying *upward*.

⁸Truly, I would seek to God, and to God I would commit my cause; *for He is* doing great things, and there is no searching *them*; marvelous things to which is no numbering, ⁹giving rain on the face of the earth and sending water on the face of the field; ¹⁰to set the lowly on high; yea, the mourners become very high *in* safety; ¹¹breaking the plots of the crafty, nor did their hands perform the undertaking.

¹²*He* takes the wise in their craftiness, and the counsel of the wily ones is hastened. ¹³They meet with darkness by day, and grope in the noonday as in the night. ¹⁴But He saves the needy from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. ¹⁵And there is hope for the weak; and injustice shuts her mouth.

¹⁶Behold, blessed is the man whom God corrects; and despise not the chastisement of the Almighty. ¹⁷For He wounds, and He binds up. He shatters, and His hands heal. ¹⁸He will deliver you in six troubles; yea, in seven no evil shall touch you. ¹⁹In famine He will redeem you from death; and in war from the hand of the sword. ²⁰You shall be hidden from the whip of the tongue; and you shall not be afraid of violence when it comes. ²¹You shall laugh at violence and at famine; and you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth. ²²For you *shall be* in covenant with the stones of the field; and the beasts of the field will be at peace with you. ²³And you shall know that your tent *is in* peace; and you shall visit your home and shall miss nothing. ²⁴And you shall know that your seed *will be* numerous, and your offspring as the grass of the earth. ²⁵You shall come to the grave in *full* vigor, like a stack of grain comes up in its season. ²⁶Consider this. We have searched it out; *it is so*. Hear it, and know *it* for yourself.

CHAPTER 6

¹And Job answered and said: ²Oh that my vexation were carefully weighed, and my ruin lifted in the balances together! ³For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas; on account of this my words have been rash. ⁴For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me; their fury *is* drinking my spirit; the terrors of God are set against me. ⁵Does the wild ass bray over tender grass? Or does the ox low over his fodder? ⁶Are tasteless *things* eaten without salt? Or is there taste in the slime of an egg? ⁷My soul refuses to touch *them*; they *are* sickening food to me.

⁸Who will give *it* that my desire might come, and God would grant my longing; ⁹and God would be willing and crush me; let loose His hand and cut me off? ¹⁰And it is yet my comfort; and I would

exult in pain not spared; for I have not hidden the words of the Holy One. ¹¹What is my strength that I should wait? And what is my end that I should prolong my life? ¹²Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh bronze? ¹³Is not my help within me? And is wisdom driven from me?

¹⁴To the faint, mercy is *due* from his friend; for he forsakes the fear of the Almighty. ¹⁵My brothers have dealt deceitfully, like the torrent; like the streams of torrents, they vanish; ¹⁶those darkened from ice, in which the snow hides itself. ¹⁷At the time they are warmed, they are cut off; when it is hot, they vanish from their place. ¹⁸The paths of their way bend; they go to nothing, and are lost. ¹⁹The troops of Tema looked; the travelers of Sheba hoped for them; ²⁰they were ashamed because they had hoped; they came there, and were ashamed. ²¹Surely now you have become like it; you see *my* dismay, and are afraid. ²²Did I indeed say, Give to me? Or, Offer a bribe for me from your wealth? ²³Or, Deliver me from a foe's hand? Or, Redeem me from the oppressor's hand?

²⁴Teach me, and I will be silent; and cause me to understand *in* what I have erred. ²⁵Right words are powerful, but what does your arguing argue? ²⁶Do you intend to criticize words, and the speeches of one who is hopeless, *that are* as wind? ²⁷Yea, you cause even an orphan to fall; and dig a *pit* for your friend. ²⁸And now, please look on me. For if I lie, it is before your face. ²⁹Turn back, I beseech you; let there be no wrong. Yea, return again, for my righteousness *is* in it. ³⁰Is there wrong in my tongue? Cannot my palate discern desirable things?

CHAPTER 7

¹Is there not a warfare to man on earth? And his days like the days of a hireling? ²As a servant pants for the shade, and as a hireling looks for his wages, ³so I am caused to inherit months of vanity; and weary nights are appointed to me. ⁴When I lie down, I say, When shall I rise up? But the night is long, and I am full of tossings, until dusk. ⁵My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and it runs *afresh*. ⁶My days are

swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are ended without hope.

⁷Remember that my life *is* a breath; my eyes shall not return to see good. ⁸The eye of him who sees me shall gaze at me no more; Your eyes *are* on me, and I am not. ⁹As the clouds fade and vanish, so he who goes down to Sheol shall not come up. ¹⁰He shall return no more to his house; nor shall his place know him any more.

¹¹Therefore, I will not hold my mouth; I will speak in the distress of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. ¹²Am I a sea, or a sea-monster, that You set a watch over me? ¹³When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint, ¹⁴then You scare me with dreams, and terrify me with visions; ¹⁵so that my soul chooses strangling *and* death rather than my bones. ¹⁶I am wasting away; I would not live always. Let me alone, for my days *are* vanity. ¹⁷What is man, that You should magnify him, and that You should set Your heart on him, ¹⁸and visit him every morning, trying him every moment? ¹⁹How long will You not look away from me, nor leave me alone until I swallow down my spittle? ²⁰I have sinned; what do I do to You, O Watcher of man? Why have You set me as a target for You, so that I am a burden on myself? ²¹And why do You not pardon my transgression, and make my iniquity pass away? For now I shall lie down in the dust, and You shall seek me; but I *will* not be.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Bildad the Shuhite answered, saying: ²Until when will you speak these things, since the words of your mouth *are like* a mighty wind? ³Or does God pervert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert the right? ⁴If your sons have sinned against Him, and *if* He has sent them away in the hand of their transgression, ⁵if you would seek earnestly to God, and make your prayer to the Almighty, ⁶if you *were* pure and upright, surely now He would rise for you, and make whole the abode of your righteousness. ⁷And your beginning was small, yet your end would greatly increase. ⁸For, I beg you, ask of the former generation, and prepare to the search of their fathers; ⁹for we are *but* of yesterday, and we know nothing, because our days on

earth are a shadow. ¹⁰Shall they not teach you, and tell you, and bring words out of their heart? ¹¹Can the rush grow up without mire? Can the reed-grass grow without water? ¹²While it is yet in its greenness, and not cut down, it dries out before every plant. ¹³So are the paths of all those forgetting God; and the hope of the ungodly shall perish; ¹⁴whose hope is cut off, and his trust as a spider's house. ¹⁵He shall lean on his house, but it shall not stand; he shall hold fast to it, but it shall not endure. ¹⁶He is moist before the sun, and his branches shoot forth on his garden. ¹⁷His roots are wrapped around a heap; he sees a house of stones. ¹⁸If one destroys him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen you! ¹⁹Behold, this is the joy of His way, and out of the earth others shall grow.

²⁰Behold, God will not cast away the innocent, and He will not help the evil-doers, ²¹until He fills your mouth with laughter, and your lips with rejoicing. ²²Those who hate you shall be clothed with shame; and the tent of the wicked shall not be.

CHAPTER 9

¹And Job answered and said: ²Truly I know it is so; but how can man be just with God? ³If he would argue with Him, he cannot answer Him one of a thousand. ⁴He is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who has been hard against Him, and been at peace—⁵He who moves the mountains, and they do not know; when He overturns them in His anger; ⁶who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; ⁷the One speaking to the sun, and it does not rise; and He sets a seal around the stars; ⁸stretching out the heavens by Himself, and walking on the waves of the sea; ⁹who made the Bear, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south; ¹⁰who is doing great things past finding out; yea, marvelous things without number?

¹¹Behold, He goes by me, and I do not see Him; and He passes on, but I do not perceive Him. ¹²Behold, He takes away who can turn Him back; who will say to Him, What are You doing? ¹³God will not withdraw His anger; the helpers of pride stoop under Him. ¹⁴How much less shall I answer Him, and choose my words with

Him! ¹⁵Though I were righteous, I could not answer Him; I seek mercy for my judgment. ¹⁶If I had called and He had answered me; I would not believe that He had listened to my voice; ¹⁷He who breaks me with a tempest, and adds to my wounds without cause; ¹⁸who will not allow me to take my breath, but fills me with bitterness. ¹⁹If I speak of strength, behold, He is mighty; and if of judgment, who can summon me? ²⁰If I justify myself, my mouth will condemn me; though I am perfect, He shall declare me perverse; ²¹though I were perfect, I would not know my own soul; I despise my life. ²²It is One; so then I said, He is consuming the perfect and the wicked. ²³If the whip kills suddenly, He will mock at the testing of the innocent. ²⁴The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; He covers the faces of its judges. If it is not He, then who is it?

²⁵Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away; they see no good; ²⁶they have passed away like the reed ships; as an eagle swoops on food. ²⁷If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will loosen my face and be cheerful, ²⁸I am afraid of all my sorrows; I know that You will not hold me innocent; ²⁹I have been condemned; why should I labor in vain? ³⁰If I wash myself with snow, and make my hands clean with soap, ³¹yet You will plunge me into the ditch, and my own clothes will abhor me.

³²For He is not a man, as I am, that I should answer Him; that we should come together in judgment; ³³there is no mediator between us, who might lay his hand on both of us. ³⁴Let Him take His rod away from me, and let not His dread make me afraid; ³⁵then I would speak, and not fear Him; for I am not so in myself.

CHAPTER 10

¹My soul loathes my life; I will leave my complaint on myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. ²I will say to God, Do not condemn me; make me know why You contend with me. ³Is it good to You that You should crush, that You should despise the work of Your hands, and You shine on the counsel of the wicked? ⁴Have You eyes of flesh; or do You see as a man sees? ⁵Are Your days as the days of man?

Or Your years like the days of man, ⁶that You seek out my iniquity, and search for my sin? ⁷You know that I am not wicked; and there is no one delivering out of Your hand.

⁸Your hands have made me and shaped me together all around; yet You destroy me. ⁹Remember, I beseech You, that You have formed me as clay; and will You bring me to dust again? ¹⁰Did You pour me out like milk; yea, curdled me like cheese? ¹¹You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knitted me with bones and sinews. ¹²You have made me *have* life and favor, and Your providence has kept my spirit. ¹³And these You have hidden in Your heart; I know that this *was* with You. ¹⁴If I sin, then You watch me; and You will not acquit me from my guilt. ¹⁵If I am wrong, woe to me! And *if* I am righteous, I will not lift up my head, *being* filled with shame and seeing my pain. ¹⁶And *if* it rise, You would hunt me as a lion; and again You show Yourself wonderful in me. ¹⁷You renew Your witnesses against me, and increase Your anger with me; changes and warfare *are* with me. ¹⁸Why then did You bring me from the womb? I would have died, and no eye seen me. ¹⁹I would have been as though I had never been, carried from the womb to the grave. ²⁰Are not my days few? Then cease, and set me alone, that I may take a little comfort. ²¹before I go; and I shall not return; to the land of darkness, and the shadow of death; ²²a land of obscurity, the darkness of the shadow of death, and not *any* order; even the shining is as darkness.

CHAPTER 11

¹And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said: ²Should not a flood of words be answered? And should a man of lips be justified? ³Should your lies make men silent? And *will* you mock, and no one make ashamed? ⁴For you have said, My doctrine *is* pure; and, I am clean in Your eyes. ⁵But who will grant that God would speak and open His lips against you, ⁶and would tell you the secrets of wisdom, that sound wisdom is manifold? Know then that God forgets *some* of your iniquity for you. ⁷Can you find out God by searching? Or can you search out the

end of the Almighty? ⁸Heights of the heavens! What can you do? *It is* deeper than Sheol; what can you know? ⁹Its measure *is* longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. ¹⁰If He passes through and shuts up, or gathers together, then who can turn Him back? ¹¹For He knows the vanity of men; and He sees deceit, and will He not consider? ¹²For foolish man takes heart, and man is born a wild ass's colt. ¹³If you prepare your heart, and stretch out your hands toward Him; ¹⁴if iniquity *is* in your hand, put it far away and do not let wickedness dwell in your tents; ¹⁵surely then you shall lift up your face without blemish; and you will be steadfast, and will not fear; ¹⁶for you shall forget *your* misery, and shall remember *it* as waters that have passed; ¹⁷and your lifetime shall rise more than the noonday; you shall fly; you shall be as the morning. ¹⁸And you shall trust, because there is hope. Yea, you shall look about and you shall lie down in safety. ¹⁹You shall lie down, and *shall be* no one terrifying; yea, many shall seek your favor. ²⁰But the eyes of the wicked shall be consumed, and escape shall perish from them; and their hope *shall be like* the breathing out of the soul.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Job answered and said: ²For truly you *are* the people, and wisdom will die with you. ³I also *have* a heart as *well* as you; I do not fall *short* of you. And with whom are not things like these? ⁴I am a laughing-stock to his friends—who calls on God, and He answers him—the just, the upright one *is* a mockery; ⁵a flaming brand despised in the thoughts of him who *feels* secure; *it is* ready for those *with* slipping feet. ⁶The tents of robbers are at ease, and those provoking God secure, to whomever God brings into his hand.

⁷But now please ask the animals, and they will teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; ⁸or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will recount to you; ⁹who of all these does not know that Jehovah's hand has done this?

¹⁰In whose hand *is* the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all flesh of

man? ¹¹Does the ear not try words? And the mouth taste food for itself? ¹²With the aged *is* wisdom, and understanding *in* the length of days. ¹³With Him *is* wisdom and strength; He has forethought and understanding. ¹⁴Behold, He breaks down, and no one builds; He shuts against a man, and no one opens. ¹⁵Behold, He holds back the waters, and they dry up; and He sends them out, and they overflow the earth. ¹⁶With Him *is* strength and sound wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver *are* His. ¹⁷He causes wise men to go stripped; and He makes judges fools. ¹⁸He loosens the bonds of kings, and he binds their loins with a girdle; ¹⁹making priests go away stripped; and He overthrows the mighty; ²⁰turning aside the lip of the trusted men; and He takes away the reason of the aged. ²¹He pours scorn on nobles, and He unties the belt of the mighty; ²²revealing deep things out of darkness; and He brings the shadow of death to light. ²³He gives greatness to the nations, and He destroys them; spreading out the nations, and He leads them out. ²⁴He takes away the heart of the heads of the people of the land; and He causes them to wander in a wasteland *with* no path. ²⁵They grope in the dark, and there *is* no light; and He makes them stagger like a drunkard.

CHAPTER 13

¹Behold, my eye has seen all *this*; my ear has heard and understood it. ²As you know, I also know; I do not fall *short* of you. ³Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue with God. ⁴But you *are* imputers of lies; you *are* all worthless healers. ⁵Oh that you would stop speaking entirely; and it would be your wisdom! ⁶Hear now my reasoning, and listen to the arguments of my lips. ⁷Would you speak unrighteously for God, and speak deceitfully for Him? ⁸Will you lift up His face, or *will you* contend for God? ⁹Is it good that He should search you out? Or as one man mocks another, do you mock Him? ¹⁰He will surely reprove you if you secretly lift up faces. ¹¹Shall not His highness make you afraid, and His dread fall on you? ¹²Your remembered sayings *are* like ashes; surely your backs

are backs of clay. ¹³Be silent from me, that I may speak; and let what *will* pass over me. ¹⁴Why do I take my flesh in my teeth and put my life in my hand? ¹⁵Behold, He will kill me; I will not wait, but I will justify my ways before His face. ¹⁶He also *is* my salvation, for an ungodly one shall not come before Him. ¹⁷Listen carefully to my words, and let what I say be in your ears; ¹⁸see now, I have set my cause in order; I know that I shall be justified. ¹⁹Who *is* he *who* will strive with me? For then I would be quiet and die.

²⁰Only two *things* do not do to me, *O God*; then I will not hide myself from Your face: ²¹Withdraw far away Your hand far from me, and let not Your terror make me afraid. ²²Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer me. ²³How many *are* my iniquities and sins? Make me know my transgressions and my sin. ²⁴Why do You hide Your face and count me for Your enemy? ²⁵Will You terrify a leaf driven to and fro? Will you pursue the dry stubble? ²⁶For You write bitter things against me, and make me inherit the sins of my youth. ²⁷You also put my feet in the stocks, and watch all my paths; You set a limit on the soles of my feet. ²⁸And he wears out like a rotten thing, like a garment *which* a moth eats.

CHAPTER 14

¹Man born of woman *is* short of days, and full of turmoil. ²He comes forth like a flower, and withers; he also flees as a shadow, and does not stand. ³Also do You open Your eyes on such *a one*, and bring me into judgment with You? ⁴Who gives a clean thing out of an unclean? No one! ⁵Since his days are fixed, the number of his months *is* with You, and You have appointed his bounds, and he cannot pass over; ⁶look away from him so that he may rest, till he shall enjoy his day as a hireling.

⁷For there is hope of a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and its shoot will not cease. ⁸Though its root becomes old in the earth, and its stump dies in the dust; ⁹yet at the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth branches like a plant. ¹⁰But man dies and *is* cut off, and man expires; and where *is* he? ¹¹As the

waters go from the sea, and a river wastes away and dries up, ¹²so man lies down and does not rise. Until the heavens are no more, they shall not awake, nor be roused out of their sleep.

¹³Who will grant *that* You would hide me in Sheol; You would conceal me until Your anger turns back; that You would set a limit for me and remember me? ¹⁴If a man dies, will he revive? All the days of my warfare I will wait, until my change comes. ¹⁵You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall long to the work of Your hands. ¹⁶For now You number my steps; do You not watch over my sin? ¹⁷My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and You cover over my iniquity. ¹⁸And surely a falling mountain crumbles away, and the rock moved out of its place. ¹⁹The waters wear away stones; its outpouring wash the dust of the earth; and You cause the hope of man to perish. ²⁰You overpower him forever, and He passes. You change his face, and send him away. ²¹His sons come to honor, and he does not know; they fall, but he does not mark it. ²²But his flesh is pained within him; and his soul mourns over him.

CHAPTER 15

¹And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said: ²*Should* a wise man answer with windy knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? ³Should he reason with speech *that* is not useful, or with words having no profit in them? ⁴Yea, you do away with fear, and take away devotion before God. ⁵For your iniquity teaches your mouth; and you choose the tongue of the crafty. ⁶Your mouth condemns you, and not I; yea, your own lips testify against you.

⁷Were you the first man born? Or were you made before the hills? ⁸Have you heard the secret counsel of God? And do you limit wisdom to yourself? ⁹What do you know that we do not know? Or understand, *that is* not with us? ¹⁰With us *are* both the gray-headed and very aged *men*, mightier than your father *as* to days. ¹¹Are the comforts of God small with you, and a word *dealing* gently with you? ¹²Why does your heart carry you away? And why do your eyes flash,

¹³that you turn your spirit against God, and let *such* words go out of your mouth? ¹⁴What *is* man that he should be clean? And he born of a woman, that he should be righteous? ¹⁵Behold, He puts no trust in His saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in His eyes; ¹⁶how much more is filthy man loathed, who drinks iniquity like water!

¹⁷I will tell you; hear me, and I will declare this that I have seen; ¹⁸that which wise men have told, and have not hidden from their fathers; ¹⁹to them alone the land was given; and no alien passed among them. ²⁰All the days of the wicked he *is* laboring in pain; a number of years are stored up for the ruthless. ²¹A fearful sound *is* in his ears; the destroyer shall come on him *when he is* peace. ²²He does not believe that he shall come back out of darkness; he *is* awaited by the sword. ²³He wanders for bread. Where *is it*? He knows that the day of darkness is at his hand. ²⁴Distress and pain terrify him; they shall overpower him, as a king ready for the attack; ²⁵because he stretched out his hand against God; and acts mighty against the Almighty. ²⁶He runs at him with a *stiff* neck, with the thick layers of his shields, ²⁷because he has covered his face with fat; yea, he has put fat on *his* loins. ²⁸And he dwells *in* cut-off cities; *in* houses where not *any* dwells in them, which are ready *to become* heaps. ²⁹He shall not be rich, nor shall his wealth hold out; nor shall he stretch out their gain on the earth. ³⁰He shall not escape from darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches; and he shall turn at the breath of His mouth. ³¹Let not *he* being deceived trust in vanity; for his reward shall be vanity. ³²Before his day it shall be fulfilled, and his branch shall not be green; ³³he shall shake off its unripe grape as the vine; and he shall cast its flower like the olive. ³⁴For the company of the ungodly *shall be* bleak; and fire shall devour the tents of bribery; ³⁵they conceive mischief and generate evil; and their belly prepares deceit.

CHAPTER 16

¹And Job answered and said: ²I have heard many such *things*. You *are* all

miserable comforters. ³*Shall* windy words *have* an end? Or what provokes you that you answer? ⁴I also could speak as you. If your soul were in the place of my soul, I could bind words against you and shake with my head at you. ⁵I might make you strong with my mouth, and the moving of my lips could spare *you*. ⁶If I speak, my pain is not held back; and *though* I forbear, what ease do I get? ⁷But now He has made me weary. You have made all my company desolate. ⁸And You have plucked me; for it is a witness, and my failure rises up against me; and it answers to my face. ⁹His anger has torn, and hated me; He gnashes at me with His teeth; my enemy sharpens His eyes at me — ¹⁰they have gaped at me with their mouth, and scornfully struck my cheek; they gather themselves together against me. ¹¹God has delivered me to the perverse; and He has turned me over into the hands of the wicked. ¹²I was at ease, but He has shattered me; yea, *He* has also taken hold on my neck and broken me to bits; and He has set me up as a target for Him. ¹³His archers surround me; He splits my inward parts and has no pity; He pours out my gall on the ground. ¹⁴He breaks me with break on top of break; He runs on me like a warrior.

¹⁵I have sewed sackcloth on my skin, and I have thrust my horn in the dust. ¹⁶My face is reddened from weeping; and the shadow of death *is* on my eyelids, ¹⁷though no violence *is* in my hand, and my prayer *is* pure.

¹⁸O earth, do not cover my blood, and let not my cry have a place. ¹⁹Even now, behold! My witness *is* in Heaven; and He who testifies of me is on high. ²⁰My scorers *are* my friends; my eye pours out tears to God. ²¹O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleads* for his friend! ²²For the years that are few will come; and I shall go the way from where I shall not return.

CHAPTER 17

¹My spirit is broken; my days are extinct; graves *are* for me. ²*Are* not mockeries with me? And my eye rests on their insults. ³Please lay down a pledge for me with Yourself; who is he who will

strike my hand with me? ⁴For You have hidden their heart from understanding; on account of this You shall not exalt *them*. ⁵He tells *against* friends for a share; even his son's eyes shall be consumed.

⁶He has also set me as a byword of the peoples, and I am a spitting of the faces. ⁷And my eye is dim from grief; and all my members *are* like a shadow. ⁸Upright ones shall be amazed at this; and the innocent shall stir himself against the ungodly. ⁹And the righteous shall hold firmly *on* his way; and he of clean hands adds strength.

¹⁰And now all of them, go back and please come again; and I shall not find among you a wise man. ¹¹My days have passed; my plans *are* broken off, the desires of my heart. ¹²They set night for day; light *is* near in the face of darkness. ¹³If I wait for Sheol *as* my house; I have spread out my bed in the darkness; ¹⁴I have said to corruption, You *are* my father; to the worm, My mother and my sister. ¹⁵And where then *is* my hope? And *as for* my hope, who shall see it? ¹⁶They shall go down *to* the bars of Sheol, when *our* descent together *is* in the dust.

CHAPTER 18

¹And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said: ²Until when will you set a snare for words? Consider, and afterwards we will speak. ³Why are we counted as animals? Are we stupid in your eyes? ⁴*One* tearing himself in his anger, *shall* the earth be forsaken for your sake? Or shall the rock move from its place?

⁵Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out; and the spark of his fire shall not blaze. ⁶The light shall be dark in his tent; and his lamp shall be put out above him; ⁷the steps of his strength shall be hampered; and his own counsel shall tumble him. ⁸For he is thrown into a net by his own feet; and he is walking on a snare; ⁹the trap shall take him by the heel; a snare shall prevail over him; ¹⁰the noose is hid for him in the ground, and a trap for him on the way. ¹¹Terrors frighten him on every side, and shall scatter him at his feet. ¹²His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and calamity shall be ready at his side. ¹³It devours parts of his skin; the firstborn of

death eats his parts. ¹⁴His hope shall be rooted out of his tent, and you marched to the king of terrors. ¹⁵What *is* not his shall dwell in his tent; brimstone is scattered on his home. ¹⁶His roots are dried up beneath, and his branch shall wither above. ¹⁷His memory perishes from the earth, and there is no name to him on the face of the street. ¹⁸They push him from light to darkness, and they make him flee from the world. ¹⁹He shall have no son nor kinsman among his people, nor *any* remnant in his dwellings. ²⁰Those after him shall be amazed at his day; and those before were seized *with* horror. ²¹Surely these *are* the tents of the perverse, and this the place God has not known.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Job answered and said: ²Until when will you torment my soul and break me in pieces with words? ³This ten times you have shamed me; you are not ashamed that you have wronged me. ⁴And *if* indeed I have erred, my error remains with me. ⁵If truly you magnify yourself against me, and plead my misery against me, ⁶know now that God has overthrown me and His net has closed on me. ⁷Behold, I cry out, Violence! And I am not answered; I cry aloud, but *there* is no justice.

⁸He has fenced up my path so that I cannot pass; and He has set darkness on my paths. ⁹He has stripped me of my honor, and He has taken the crown from my head. ¹⁰He has broken me on every side, and I go; and He has uprooted my hope like a tree. ¹¹And also His wrath glows against me, and to Himself He counts me as His foe. ¹²His troops come together and they heap up their way against me; and they camp around my tent.

¹³He has put my brothers from me; and my knowers are truly alienated from me. ¹⁴My near ones have fallen away, and my friends have forgotten me. ¹⁵The sojourners in my house, even my slave-girls, count me as a foreigner; I am an alien in their eyes. ¹⁶I called my servant, but he does not answer; I must beg him with my mouth. ¹⁷My breath is strange to my wife, and I must beg to the sons of my *mother's*

womb. ¹⁸Even young children despise me; I rise, and they speak against me. ¹⁹All the men of my counsel detest me; even this one I have loved has turned against me. ²⁰My bone clings on my skin and on my flesh; and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

²¹Have pity on me! Have pity on me, you my friends. For the hand of God has touched me. ²²Why do you pursue me, as God *does*, and are not satisfied with my flesh? ²³Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were engraved in a book! ²⁴Oh *that* they were cut with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know *that* my Redeemer *is* living, and He shall rise on the earth at the last; ²⁶and after my skin has been struck off from my flesh, yet this, I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not a stranger; though my reins be exhausted in my bosom.

²⁸For you may say, Why do we persecute him? And the root of the matter is found in me. ²⁹Fear for yourselves because of the sword; for fury *brings* punishments of the sword, that you may know *there* is a judgment.

CHAPTER 20

¹And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said: ²So my thoughts cause me to answer, even because of my haste in me. ³I have heard the instruction of my chastisement; and the spirit from my understanding makes me reply. ⁴Do you know this from of old, from the setting of man on earth, ⁵that the exulting of the wicked *is* near *an end*, and the joy of the ungodly *is* for a moment? ⁶Though his height mounts up to the heavens, and his head touches to the clouds, ⁷he shall perish forever like his dung; they who see him shall say, Where *is* he? ⁸He flies off like a dream, and is not found; and is driven away like a night vision. ⁹An eye glimpsed him, but will not again; yea, his place shall not again see him. ¹⁰His sons seek the poor's favors; and his hands shall restore his wealth. ¹¹His bones are full of his youthful vigor, but it lies down on the dust with him. ¹²*Even if* evil is sweet in his mouth — he hides it under his tongue, ¹³*he* spares it, and will not leave it; yea, keeps

holding it in his mouth—¹⁴*yet* his food in his belly shall be turned; the gall of asps is within him. ¹⁵He swallows wealth, but vomits it; God drives it out from his belly. ¹⁶He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall slay him. ¹⁷He shall not see the rivers, the flowings of torrents of honey and curd; ¹⁸giving back his gain, and he will not eat. As to the wealth of his trading, even he shall not enjoy it. ¹⁹For he crushed and forsook the poor; he stole a house, but he had not built it. ²⁰Surely he shall not know ease in his belly; he will not escape with his things of desire. ²¹There is no survivor for his eating; because of this, his good will not last. ²²In the fullness of his scorn, it is strait for him; the hand of every wretched one shall come upon him. ²³It shall happen at the filling of his belly, He shall cast on him the fury of His wrath, and He shall rain on him while he is eating. ²⁴He may flee from the iron weapon, a bow of bronze shall pierce him. ²⁵One draws it, and treads it from behind, even lightning from his gall; terror is upon him. ²⁶All darkness is hidden *for* secret treasuring; fire not blown shall consume him; those left in his tent shall be broken. ²⁷The heavens shall expose his iniquity; and the earth *shall be* raising itself up against him. ²⁸The increase of his house shall depart, flowing *away* in the day of His wrath. ²⁹This *is* the evil man's portion from God, and the inheritance of his word from God.

CHAPTER 21

¹And Job answered and said: ²Listen carefully to my speech, and let this be your comfort; ³Rise with me and I shall speak; then after I have spoken, you may mock. ⁴*As for* me, is my complaint to man? And why should not my spirit be short? ⁵Turn toward me and be astonished, and put *your* hand on *your* mouth. ⁶And if I remember, I am dismayed; and trembling seizes on my flesh.

⁷Why do the wicked live? They grow old, and become mighty *in* power. ⁸Their seed is established with them before their face, and their offspring before their eyes. ⁹Their houses *are* in peace, without fear;

nor *is* God's rod upon them. ¹⁰His bull mates and does not fail; his cow calves and does not miscarry. ¹¹They send their little ones out as a flock; and their children dance. ¹²They lift up *voice* at the timbrel and lyre, and rejoice at the sound of the flute. ¹³They spend their days in good, and in a moment go down *to* Sheol. ¹⁴And they say to God, Depart from us, for we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways—

¹⁵What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what do we profit if we entreat Him? —¹⁶Behold, their good *is* not in their hand! The counsel of the wicked is far from me. ¹⁷How often is the lamp of the wicked put out, and their calamity comes on them! He shares out pangs in His anger; ¹⁸they are as straw before the wind, and as chaff *that* the tempest steals away. ¹⁹God stores up his iniquity for his sons; He repays him, and he knows. ²⁰His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. ²¹For what *is* his delight in his house after him, and his number of months is cut off? ²²Shall *any* teach God knowledge, since He shall judge the exalted?

²³One dies in his full strength, wholly secure and at ease; ²⁴his sides are full of milk, and his bones are wet with marrow. ²⁵And another dies with bitter soul, and never eats with pleasure; ²⁶they lie down together on the dust, and the worms shall cover over them.

²⁷Behold, I know your thoughts, and the plots you would wrongfully do against me; ²⁸for you say, Where *is* the house of the noble, and where the tent, the dwellings of the wicked? ²⁹*Did* you not ask those who go along the highway; and do you not know their signs? ³⁰For the wicked is kept for the day of calamity—they shall be brought to the day of wrath. ³¹Who shall declare his way to his face? And who repays him for what he has done? ³²Yet he shall be brought to the graves, and watch shall be kept over *his* tomb. ³³And the clods of the valley shall be sweet to him; and every man shall draw after him; and there is not *any* number before him. ³⁴How then do you comfort me with vanity? Yea, in your answers remains treachery.

CHAPTER 22

¹And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said: ²Can a man be useful to God? For a wise man, may *he* be useful to himself? ³*Is it any* pleasure to the Almighty that you are righteous? Or is it gain *to Him* that you make your ways perfect? ⁴Will He reprove you because of your reverence, or enter into judgment with you? ⁵*Is not* your wickedness great, and is there no end to your iniquities? ⁶For you have taken a pledge from your brother for nothing, and you have stripped the naked of their clothing. ⁷You have not given water to the faint to drink, and you withheld food from the hungry. ⁸And the earth *is* to him, the armed man; and the honored one lives in it. ⁹You have sent widows away empty, and have crushed the arms of orphans. ¹⁰On account of this snares *are* all around you, and suddenly dread troubles you; ¹¹or darkness, so *that* you cannot see, and a flood of waters covers you. ¹²*Is not* God high in Heaven? And you look at the leading stars, for *they are* high. ¹³And you say, What does God know? Can He judge through the dark cloud? ¹⁴Clouds *are* a covering for Him, and He does not see; and He walks the circuit of the heavens. ¹⁵Do you keep to the old way which evil men have trod?—¹⁶*they* were seized, but *there was* not time; their foundation was poured out *by* a flood; ¹⁷who said to God, Depart from us; and, What can the Almighty do to them? ¹⁸Yet He filled their houses with substance—and the counsel of the wicked is far from me. ¹⁹The righteous see *it* and are glad; and the innocent scornfully laugh; ²⁰truly our adversary is not cut down, and fire has eaten their wealth. ²¹Intimately know Him, and be at peace; good shall come to you by them. ²²Now receive the law from His mouth, and put His words in your heart. ²³If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up; you shall put injustice far from your tents. ²⁴Then you shall lay gold on the dust, even among the rocks of the torrents of Ophir. ²⁵Yea, the Almighty shall be your gold and silver, a tower to you, ²⁶for then you will delight over the Almighty, and you will lift up your face to God.

²⁷You shall make your prayer to Him, and He will hear you; and you shall pay your vows. ²⁸You shall also decide a thing, and it will stand for you; and light shall shine on your ways. ²⁹For they have humiliated *you*; and you shall say, Pride! And He shall save the lowly of eyes. ³⁰He shall deliver *one* not innocent; and will deliver by the cleanness of your hands.

CHAPTER 23

¹And Job answered and said: ²Even today my complaint *is* bitter; my hand is heavy over my groaning. ³Oh that I knew *where* I might find him, I would come in to His seat; ⁴I would order my cause before Him, and I would fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵I would know the words He would answer me, and understand what He would say to me. ⁶Would He plead against me with greatness of strength? No, surely He would put *it* in me. ⁷There the righteous might reason with Him; and I would be forever delivered from my Judge. ⁸Behold, I go forward, but He is not there; and backward, but I do not see Him; ⁹to the left where He works, but I cannot see; He turns to the right, but I do not see *Him*. ¹⁰But He knows the way with me. *When* I am tried, I shall come forth as gold. ¹¹My foot has held fast in His steps; I have kept His way and have not turned; ¹²nor have I departed from the command of His lips; I treasured the words of His mouth more than my portion. ¹³But *He is* in one *mind*, and who can turn Him? Yea, His soul desires, and He does *it*. ¹⁴For He fulfilled my lot, and many like these are with Him. ¹⁵On account of this I am troubled from His presence; I consider, and am in dread of Him. ¹⁶For God makes my heart weak, and the Almighty troubles me. ¹⁷In *this* I was not cut off *by* darkness; yea, He covered the thick darkness from my face.

CHAPTER 24

¹Why *since* times are not hidden from the Almighty, even those knowing Him do not see His days? ²They move the landmarks; they seize and pasture flocks; ³they drive away the ass of orphans; they take the widow's ox for a pledge; ⁴they turn the needy out of the way; the poor of the earth have hidden together. ⁵Behold, *like* wild

asses in the desert, they go out in their work, seeking early for prey; the desert yields food for him for *their* young. ⁶They reap his fodder in the field, and they glean the wicked's vineyard. ⁷They lodge naked ones without clothing, and give no cover against the cold. ⁸They are wet with the showers of hills, and embrace the rock for lack of shelter. ⁹They seize the orphan from the breast, and lay a pledge on the poor. ¹⁰They make *them* go without clothing, and hungry they lift up the sheaves. ¹¹They press out oil between their walls; they tread winepresses, but are thirsty. ¹²Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded cries for help; yet God does not charge unseemliness. ¹³They are among rebellors against light; they do not recognize His ways, nor do they stay in His paths. ¹⁴The murderer rising with the light kills the poor and needy, and in the night he is a thief. ¹⁵And the adulterer's eye keeps watch for twilight, saying, No eye will see me; and he puts a covering on his face. ¹⁶In the dark he digs through houses; they shut themselves up by day; they do not know the light. ¹⁷For alike *are* morning and the shadow of death to them; for he knows the terrors of death's shadow. ¹⁸He is swift on the waters; their part is cursed in the earth; he does not face the way of the vineyards. ¹⁹Drought and heat eat up the snow waters; Sheol *those who* have sinned. ²⁰The womb shall forget him; the worm shall suck on him; he shall be remembered no more; and injustice shall be broken like a tree. ²¹He ill-treats the barren *that* bear not, and does no good to the widow. ²²He also draws the mighty with his strength; He rises up, and no one is sure of life. ²³He gives security to him, and he leans on *it*; yet His eyes are on their ways. ²⁴They are lifted up for a little while, but they are not; and they are brought low; they are gathered in like all *others*, and wither like the heads of ears of grain. ²⁵And if not, then who will prove me a liar, and make my speech into nothing?

CHAPTER 25

¹And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said: ²Rule and fear *are* with Him. *He* makes peace in His high places. ³Is there

any number of His armies? And on whom does His light not rise? ⁴How then can man be justified with God? Or how can *one* who is born of a woman be pure? ⁵Behold, even *the* moon—and it is not bright—and the stars are not pure in His eyes; ⁶how much less man *who is* a maggot; and the son of man *who is* a worm!

CHAPTER 26

¹And Job answered and said: ²How have you helped the powerless, or saved *the* arm with no strength? ³How have you advised *the ones* not wise; or fully declared wise plans? ⁴With whom have you spoken words? And whose breath came forth from you?

⁵The departed spirits are made to writhe from beneath the waters, and their inhabitants. ⁶Sheol is naked before Him, and the Pit has no covering. ⁷He stretched out the north over the empty place; and he hung the earth on nothing. ⁸He binds up *the* waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud does not burst under them. ⁹He covers the face of *His* throne, spreading His cloud over it. ¹⁰He has described a circle with darkness on the surface of the waters to the boundary of light. ¹¹The pillars of the heavens tremble and are stunned at His rebuke. ¹²With His power He quiets these, and by His understanding He shatters pride. ¹³By His Spirit the heavens were beautiful; His hand pierced the fleeing snake. ¹⁴Lo, these *are* the edges of His ways; yea, what a whisper of a word we hear of Him! And the thunder of His might, who can understand?

CHAPTER 27

¹And Job continued the uplifting of his discourse, and said: ²As God lives, He has taken away my judgment; yea, the Almighty has made my soul bitter. ³As long as my breath *is* in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils; ⁴my lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. ⁵Far be it from me that I should justify you. Until I die, I shall not retract my integrity from me. ⁶I hold fast by my righteousness, and I will not abandon it; my heart shall not shame me *any* of my

days. ⁷Let my enemy be like the wicked, and he who rises against me as the perverse. ⁸For what *is* the hope of the ungodly when He cuts off, when God pulls out his soul? ⁹Will God hear his cry when distress comes upon him? ¹⁰Will he delight in the Almighty? Will he call on God at every time?

¹¹I will teach you by the hand of God; that which *is* with the Almighty I will not hide. ¹²Behold, all of you have seen it yourselves; when then do you become vain *with* this vanity? ¹³This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the inheritance of ruthless men *that they* shall receive from the Almighty. ¹⁴If his sons become numerous, *the sword is* for them; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. ¹⁵Those remaining of him shall be buried in death, and his widows shall not weep. ¹⁶Though he heaps up silver like the dust, and prepares clothing like the clay; ¹⁷he may prepare, but the just shall put *it* on; and the innocent shall divide the silver. ¹⁸He builds his house like a moth, and like a booth that a watchman makes. ¹⁹The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered; he opens his eyes, and he is not. ²⁰Fears shall overtake him like waters; a tempest steals him away in the night. ²¹The east wind lifts him up and he is gone; for it whirls him out of his place. ²²For it will hurl at him, and will not spare; from its hand he will surely flee. ²³He shall clap His hands at him, and shall hiss him from his place.

CHAPTER 28

¹Surely there is a mine for the silver, and a place *where* they refine gold. ²Iron is taken out of the earth, and bronze is smelted *from* stone. ³He sets an end to darkness, and to every extremity He searches out a stone of darkness and death-shade. ⁴He opens a shaft far from the visitor; they are forgotten by *man's* foot; they hang far from men; they swing to and fro. ⁵*As to* the earth, out of it comes bread; and under it, it is turned up like fire. ⁶The place of sapphires *is in* its stones, and it has dust of gold. ⁷*There is* a path not known to birds of prey, nor has a falcon's eye caught sight of it; ⁸the sons of pride have not

trodden on it; the lion has not passed by it. ⁹He places his hand on the flint places; He overturns mountains by the roots. ¹⁰He cuts out rivers among the rocks, and His eye sees every precious thing. ¹¹He restrains the floods from overflowing; and He brings the hidden thing *to* light. ¹²But where shall wisdom be found? And where *is* the place of understanding? ¹³Man does not know its value, nor is it found in the land of the living. ¹⁴The deep says, *It is* not in me; and the sea says, *It is* not with me. ¹⁵Pure gold cannot be given instead of it; and silver cannot be weighed as its price. ¹⁶It cannot be weighed against the gold of Ophir, against precious onyx, or sapphire; ¹⁷gold and crystal cannot be ranked with it, *nor* its exchange a vessel of fine gold. ¹⁸Coral and rock crystal cannot be mentioned; yea, the getting of wisdom *is* above jewels. ¹⁹The topaz of Ethiopia cannot be ranked with it; it cannot be weighed against pure gold. ²⁰Where then does wisdom come from, and where *is* the place of understanding? ²¹Yea, it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the heavens; ²²the Place of Ruin and death say, *We* have heard its fame with our ears. ²³God knows its way, and He knows its place. ²⁴For He looks to the ends of the earth, *and* sees under all the heavens; ²⁵making a weight for the winds, and measuring out the waters by measure. ²⁶When He made a decree for the rain, and a way for the flash, the thunderclap, ²⁷then He saw it, and declared it; He prepared it, and He also searched it out. ²⁸And to man He said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom! And to turn from evil *is* understanding.

CHAPTER 29

¹And Job continued the lifting up of his discourse, and said: ²Oh that I *were* as in months past, as *in* the days when God watched over me; ³when His lamp shone on my head, *when* I walked *through* darkness by His light; ⁴as I was in the days of my harvest, when the intimacy with God *was* on my tent; ⁵when the Almighty *was* yet with me *and* my children *were* around me; ⁶when I washed my steps with curds, and the rock poured out rivers of oil; ⁷when I went out to the gate by the city;

when I prepared my seat in the street. ⁸The young men saw me and hid themselves; the aged rose up, stood up; ⁹the princes held back with words, and they laid a hand on their mouth; ¹⁰the leaders' voice was hidden; yea, their tongue clung to the roof of their mouth.

¹¹For the ear heard, and blessed me; and the eye saw, and witnessed for me. ¹²For I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the orphan who had no helper to him. ¹³The blessing of the perishing came on me; and I made the widow's heart to sing. ¹⁴I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my judgment was like a robe and a diadem. ¹⁵I was eyes to the blind, and feet for the lame. ¹⁶I was father to the poor, and the cause which I did not know, I searched out. ¹⁷I broke the fangs of the perverse, and cast the prey out of his teeth. ¹⁸Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply days like the sand. ¹⁹My root was open to the waters, and the dew lay all night on my branch. ²⁰My glory was fresh with me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. ²¹They listened to me and waited, and kept silence for my counsel. ²²After my words, they did not go on, and my speech dropped on them. ²³And they waited for me like the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain. ²⁴I laughed on those when they did not believe; and they did not make the light of my face to fall. ²⁵I chose out their way, and sat as chief; and I lived like a king among the troops; as the mourners, and he who comforts.

CHAPTER 30

¹But now those that are younger than I laugh at me; those whose fathers I would have refused to set with the dogs of my flock. ²Also, what profit for me was the strength of their hands; or full vigor had perished from them? ³They are lifeless with want and hunger, those who gnaw the dry ground which was formerly waste and desolation; ⁴those plucking mallow by the bushes, and broom roots for their food; ⁵they are driven from the midst; they shouted against them as a thief; ⁶they dwell in the chasms of the torrents, in the

holes of the earth, and in rocks. ⁷They bray among the bushes; they huddle together under the nettles; ⁸sons of fools; yea, sons without a name; they have been whipped out of the land. ⁹And now I am their song; yea, I am their byword. ¹⁰They despise me, and they keep away from me; they do not spare spit from my face; ¹¹Because He has loosed His bow-string, and afflicted me, they also have thrown off the bridle in my presence. ¹²On my right hand a brood rises; they push away my feet and raise their destructive ways against me. ¹³They have broken down my path; they profit by my ruin; they have no helper. ¹⁴They come on, as through a break; they roll on under a ruin. ¹⁵Terrors are turned on me; they pursue my soul like the wind, and my goods pass away like a cloud. ¹⁶And now my soul is poured out within me; days of affliction have seized me. ¹⁷The night pierces my bones on me, and my gnawings never lie down. ¹⁸By the great force of my disease my garment is disfigured; it chokes me like the mouth of my coat. ¹⁹He has cast me into the mire; and I have become like dust and ashes.

²⁰I cried to You, but You did not answer me. I stood up, and You considered me. ²¹You changed to be cruel to me; You assault me with the might of Your hand; ²²You lift me up to the wind; You cause me to ride on it; and You melt me in a storm. ²³For I know that You will bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living. ²⁴Surely He will not stretch out His hand to the ruin-heap; behold, they cry for help in their misfortune. ²⁵Did I not weep for him whose day is hard; and my soul grieved for the poor? ²⁶When I looked for good, then evil came; and when I waited for light, then darkness came. ²⁷My bowels have boiled, and not rested; the days of affliction confront me. ²⁸I go in mourning, with no sun; I stood up in the assembly, and I cried out. ²⁹I am a brother to jackals, and a companion to daughters of the ostrich. ³⁰My skin is blackened on me, and my bones are burned with heat. ³¹And my lyre has turned to mourning, and My flute vibrates to the sound of weeping.

CHAPTER 31

¹I made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I look intently on a virgin? ²For what *is* the portion from God above? And *what is* the legacy from the Almighty on high? ³Is it not disaster to the perverse, and calamity to the workers of iniquity? ⁴Does He not see my ways, and count all my steps? ⁵If I have walked with vanity, or my foot has hurried to deceit, ⁶let me be weighed in a just balance so that God may know my integrity. ⁷If my step has turned aside out of the way, or my heart has walked after my eyes, and if any blot has held fast to my hands, ⁸let me sow, and let another eat; and let my harvests be rooted out. ⁹If my heart has been enticed by a woman; or I have laid wait at my neighbor's door, ¹⁰let my wife grind to another, and let others crouch over her. ¹¹For that *would be* a shameful scheme, and is iniquity *for* judges. ¹²For it *is* a fire that devours to the Place of Ruin, and it would root up all my gain. ¹³If I despised the cause of my male slave or my slavegirl when they contended with me, ¹⁴what then shall I do when God rises up? And when He calls me to account, what shall I answer Him? ¹⁵Did He who made me in the belly not make him? And did not One shape us in the womb? ¹⁶If I have withheld from the desire of the poor, or I have caused the widow's eyes to fail, ¹⁷or have eaten my bit alone, and the orphan has not eaten it—¹⁸for from my youth he grew up with me as *with* a father, and from my mother's womb I guided her—¹⁹if I have seen any perish for lack of clothing, or there was no covering for the needy; ²⁰if his loins have not blessed me, and he warmed himself with the fleece of my flock; ²¹if I have lifted up my hand against the orphan when I watched in the gate *as* my help; ²²let my shoulder fall from the back, and let my arm be broken from the elbow. ²³For trouble *from* God *is* a terror to me, and I could not do *the thing* because of His majesty. ²⁴If I have made gold my hope, or have called fine gold my trust; ²⁵if I rejoiced because my wealth *was* great; or because my hand had gotten much; ²⁶if I looked to the light when it shone, or the moon marching in splendor, ²⁷and my heart was secretly enticed, or my

mouth has kissed my hand; ²⁸this also *would be* an iniquity *for* the judges; for I would have denied God above.

²⁹If I rejoiced at the ruin of my enemy, and I was excited when evil found him; —³⁰also I have not allowed my mouth to sin by asking his life with a curse—³¹if the men of my tent did not say, Who can find one not being satisfied from his meat — ³²the stranger did not sleep in the street, *for* I opened my doors to the traveler— ³³if I covered my transgressions like Adam, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom, ³⁴then let me fear before a great multitude, and let the scorn of families frighten me; and I will be silent, *and* not go out the door. ³⁵Oh that I had one to hear me! See, my mark! Let the Almighty answer me, and let my Accuser write an indictment. ³⁶Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, and bind it *like* crowns to me. ³⁷I would tell Him the number of my steps. Like a prince, I would go near Him. ³⁸If my land cries out against me, or its furrows weep together; ³⁹if I have eaten its strength without silver, or have caused its owner to expire; ⁴⁰let thorns come forth instead of wheat, and a weed instead of barley.

The words of Job are finished.

CHAPTER 32

¹And these three men rested from answering Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes. ²Then burned the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram; his wrath burned against Job, because he had justified himself rather than God. ³Also his wrath burned against his three friends, because they had not found *any* answer, yet they had condemned Job. ⁴And Elihu had waited for Job with words, because they *were* older than he in days. ⁵When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men, then his anger burned. ⁶And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I *am* young, and you *are* very aged; so I held back and was afraid to make my knowledge known to you. ⁷I said, Days will speak, and many years will make wisdom known. ⁸But it is a spirit in man giving them perception, even the breath of the Almighty. ⁹*It is* not the great that are wise, nor the aged who

perceive justice; ¹⁰so then I say, Listen to me; I will declare my knowledge, I also. ¹¹Behold, I waited for your words; I listened to your reasons while you searched out words; ¹²yea, I paid attention to you, and behold, not one of you proved Job wrong, *nor* answered his sayings; ¹³that you not say, We have discovered wisdom. *It is* God who will scatter him, not man. ¹⁴And he has not ordered words against me, and I will not answer him with your words.

¹⁵They are broken; they do not reply again; words have departed from them. ¹⁶Shall I wait because they do not speak, because they stand, not answering again? ¹⁷I also will answer my share; I will declare my knowledge, I also. ¹⁸For I am full of words; the spirit inside me pressed on me; ¹⁹behold, my breast *is* like wine that has no vent; it bursts like new wineskins. ²⁰I will speak so that I may be relieved; I will open my lips and answer. ²¹I will not now lift up the face of a man, nor eulogize *any* man. ²²For I do not know how to eulogize; else after a little my Maker will take me away.

CHAPTER 33

¹However, Job, now hear my speech and listen to all my words. ²Behold, now I have opened my mouth; my tongue has spoken in my mouth. ³My words *shall be* from my upright heart; and my lips will clearly speak knowledge. ⁴The Spirit of God made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. ⁵If you are able, answer me; set yourself in order before me. Stand up! ⁶Behold, I *am* toward God as you; I also was formed from the clay. ⁷Behold, my terror shall not frighten you; and my burden shall not be heavy on you. ⁸Surely you have spoken in my ears, and I have heard the sound of words. ⁹*You said*, I *am* pure, without transgression; I *am* clean, and no iniquity *is* in me; ¹⁰behold, He finds alienation on me; He considers me His enemy; ¹¹He puts my feet in the stocks; He watches all my paths. ¹²Behold, you are not right *in* this. I will answer you, for God is greater than man. ¹³Why do you contend against Him, since He does not give account *to you* for *any* of His matters? ¹⁴For in one way God may

speak, and in a second, *but* one does not notice it. ¹⁵In a dream, a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men; while *they* slumber on the bed, ¹⁶then He opens the ear of men and seals their instruction, ¹⁷that He may turn man *from his* deed; that He might conceal pride from man. ¹⁸He holds back his soul from the Pit, and his life from passing by the sword. ¹⁹He is also chastened with pain on his bed, and enduring strife *in* his bones; ²⁰so that his life loathes bread, and his soul desirable food. ²¹His flesh wastes away, not seen; and his bones laid bare, they were not seen. ²²Yea, his soul draws near to the Pit, and his life to the dealers of death. ²³If there is a messenger for him, a mediator, one among a thousand, to declare for man his uprightness, ²⁴then let Him be gracious to him and say, Deliver him from going down to the Pit, for I have found a ransom! ²⁵His flesh shall be fresher than in vigor; let him return to the days of his youth. ²⁶He will pray to God, and He will accept him, and he will see His face with exultation; for He will restore to man his righteousness. ²⁷He will observe to men, and say, I have sinned, and I have perverted uprightness; and it was not equally repaid to me; ²⁸He has redeemed my soul from passing over into the Pit, and my life shall see the light. ²⁹Lo, all these things God does two *or* three times with a man, ³⁰to bring back his soul from the Pit, to be illuminated with the light of the living.

³¹Pay attention, O Job; listen to me; be silent, and I will speak. ³²If you have anything to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify you. ³³If not, you listen to me; be silent, and I will teach you wisdom.

CHAPTER 34

¹And Elihu answered and said: ²O wise men, hear my words; and you who know, listen to me; ³for the ear tries words as the palate tastes food. ⁴Let us choose for ourselves what is right; let us know among ourselves what is good. ⁵For Job has said, I am righteous; also, God has taken away my right; ⁶should I lie against my right? My wound *is* incurable, *yet I am* without rebellion. ⁷What man *is* like Job, who drinks up derision like water; ⁸who

goes in company with those who work iniquity, and walks with wicked men? ⁹For he has said, It is no benefit *for* a man when he is accepted with God. ¹⁰So, O man of heart, listen to me; far be it from God to do wickedness; and the Almighty, to do evilly. ¹¹For He repays man's work to him; and according to a man's day, He causes him to find. ¹²Yea, surely God will not do evilly, nor will the Almighty pervert justice. ¹³Who has given the earth as a deposit with Him? Or who has laid the whole world? ¹⁴If He sets His heart on him, *if* He gathers his spirit and his breath to Himself, ¹⁵all flesh shall perish together, and man shall return to dust.

¹⁶But if *you have* understanding, hear this; listen to the sound of my words: ¹⁷Shall one who hates justice restrain *it*? Or will you condemn a righteous, mighty one ¹⁸who says to a king, O worthless one; to nobles, O evil one? ¹⁹*Much less to Him* who does not accept the face of rulers, nor regard the rich before the poor; for all of them *are* the work of His hands. ²⁰In a moment they die, and a people are shaken at midnight; yea, they pass away, and the mighty will be taken without a hand. ²¹For His eyes *are* on the ways of a man, and He sees all his steps. ²²There is no darkness nor shadow of death, to hide there those who work iniquity.

²³For He does not still impose on man to go before God in judgment. ²⁴He will break mighty men in pieces, without inquiry; and make stand others in their place. ²⁵So He knows their works; and He overturns in the night, so that they are crushed.

²⁶He strikes them for evil deeds in the place of the spectators; ²⁷for so they turned from following Him, and they did not consider all His ways *so as* ²⁸to cause the cry of the poor to come to Him. For He hears the cry of the afflicted. ²⁹And He gives rest; who then can condemn? And when He hides *His* face, who then can see Him? Even *it may be* against a nation and a man together, ³⁰from the reigning of ungodly men, from *being* snares for the people.

³¹For has any said to God, I have taken away; I will not pervert? ³²Besides what I see, You teach me; if I have done iniquity, I will not do it again. ³³Must He repay you

because you rejected *it*? For you must choose, and not I; therefore, speak what you know. ³⁴Men of heart will say to me, and a wise man who hears me *will say*, ³⁵Job has spoken without knowledge, and his words *are* not with insight. ³⁶Would that Job may be tried to the end, because *his* answers *are* like men of iniquity. ³⁷For he adds rebellion to his sin; he claps *his* hands among us, and multiplies his words against God.

CHAPTER 35

¹And Elihu answered and said: ²Do you think this to *be* just, you *that* say, I am more just than God? ³For you say, What will it benefit you? What shall I profit more than *if* I had sinned? ⁴I will answer your words, and your friends with you. ⁵Observe the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds, they are higher than you. ⁶If you sin, what do you do against Him? Or *if* your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to Him? ⁷If you are righteous, what do you give to Him? Or what does He receive from your hand? ⁸Your wickedness *is* for a man like yourself; and your righteousness *may profit* a son of man. ⁹From the multitude of tyrannies, they cry out; they cry because of the arm of the many. ¹⁰But no one says, Where *is* God my Maker, who gives songs in the night, ¹¹teaching us more than the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens? ¹²There they cry, but He does not answer, because of the pride of evildoers. ¹³Surely, God will not hear vanity, nor will the Almighty look upon it.

¹⁴How much less when you say you do not see Him! Judgment *is* before Him, and you are waiting for Him. ¹⁵And now, because His anger has not visited, and He does not recognize great stupidity, ¹⁶even Job vainly opens his mouth; he multiplies words without knowledge.

CHAPTER 36

¹And Elihu continued, and said: ²Wait for me a little, and I will show you that *there are* yet words for God. ³I will bring my knowledge from afar, and I will credit righteousness to my Maker. ⁴For truly

my words *are* not false; the perfect One in knowledge *is* with you.

⁵Behold, God *is* mighty, and He does not despise. *He is* mighty in strength of heart. ⁶He will not keep the wicked alive, but He gives justice to the afflicted. ⁷He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous, but *they are like* kings on the throne; yea, *He* causes them to sit forever, and they are very high. ⁸And if they are bound in chains, or caught in cords of affliction, ⁹then He declares to them their work and their transgressions, that they have behaved proudly.

¹⁰He also opens their ear to instruction, and commands that they turn back from iniquity. ¹¹If they hear and serve, they shall spend their days in good, and their years in pleasures. ¹²But if they do not obey, they shall pass away by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge. ¹³But the ungodly in heart heap up anger; they cry not when He has bound them. ¹⁴Their soul dies in youth, and their life *ends* among the sodomites.

¹⁵He delivers the afflicted by his affliction, and opens their ears by oppression. ¹⁶And he also would have lured you from the mouth of distress *to* a wide place not cramped under; and the setting of your table *would be* full of fatness. ¹⁷But you have filled up the judgment of the wicked; judgment and justice take hold; ¹⁸for *beware* wrath, that He not lure you with His scorn; then a great ransom cannot turn you aside. ¹⁹*If* your cry for help is set in order, *then* not in distress, but with all the strong forces?

²⁰Do not desire the night, when people are cut off in their place. ²¹Beware! Do not turn to iniquity; for you have chosen this rather than affliction.

²²Behold, God is exalted in His power. Who is a teacher like Him? ²³Who has appointed Him His way; or who can say, You have done wrong? ²⁴Remember that you magnify His work, of which men have sung; ²⁵every man has seen it; man beholds *it* from afar. ²⁶Behold, God *is* great, and we do not know; the number of His years cannot be searched out. ²⁷For He draws up the drops of water; they distill rain into mist. ²⁸Which the clouds drip down, and drop upon men plentifully.

²⁹Also can any understand the spreading of the clouds, the crashing of His canopy?

³⁰Behold, He spreads His light about Him, and He covers the bottom of the sea. ³¹For He judges the people by them; He gives plenty of food. ³²He covers His hands with the lightning, and commands it to strike the mark; ³³its thunder tells about Him; also the cattle, as to, what is coming.

CHAPTER 37

¹My heart also trembles at this, and it leaps from its place. ²Listen carefully to the thunder of His voice, and the rumbling that comes out from His mouth. ³He lets it loose under the whole heavens, and His lightning to the wings of the earth. ⁴After it, a voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice; and He will not hold them back when His voice is heard. ⁵God thunders wondrously with His voice; He does great things, and we do not know. ⁶For He says to the snow, Fall *on* the earth; also to the shower of rain, and the shower of *heavy* rains. ⁷He seals up the hand of every man, so that all men may know His work. ⁸Then the beast goes into its lair, and they stay in their dens. ⁹Out of the storeroom comes the tempest, and cold from scattering winds. ¹⁰Ice is given by God's breath, and the expanse of waters is frozen. ¹¹Yea, He loads the cloud with moisture; He scatters His lightning cloud; ¹²and it is turned around by His guidance, so that they may do whatever He commands them on the face of the world of the earth. ¹³Whether as a whip, or for His land, or for mercy, He finds it.

¹⁴Listen to this, O Job; stand still and consider the wonderful works of God. ¹⁵Do you know when God placed them, and caused the lightning of His cloud to shine? ¹⁶Do you know the balance of the clouds, the wonderful works of Him who is perfect in knowledge; ¹⁷*how* your garments *are* warm when the earth is still from the south wind? ¹⁸Can you beat out the expanse with Him, hard like a cast mirror? ¹⁹Make us know what we shall say to Him; *for* we cannot arrange *our* case because of darkness. ²⁰Shall it be told to Him that I would speak? If a man speaks, surely he will be swallowed up. ²¹And now men cannot look upon the light

when it is bright in the clouds; when the wind has passed and cleared them.²²Golden *splendor* comes out of the north; God is awesome in His majesty.²³We cannot find Him, the Almighty; *He* is exalted in power; and He does not violate justice and abundant righteousness.²⁴So, men, fear Him; He does not regard any who *are* wise of heart.

CHAPTER 38

¹And Jehovah answered Job out of the tempest and said: ²Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Now gird up your loins like a man, for I will question you; and you teach Me. ⁴Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare if you know understanding. ⁵For *do you* know who has set its measurements? Or who has stretched a line on it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk? Or who has cast its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it burst out; it came forth from the womb? ⁹When I made the clouds to clothe it, and darkness its navelband; ¹⁰and I broke My limit on it, and set bars and doors; ¹¹and I said, You shall come to here, but no further; and here your proud waves shall be set?

¹²Have you commanded the morning from your days, *and* caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the wings of the earth; that the wicked might be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is turned like clay *under* a seal; and they stand out like a garment. ¹⁵And their light is withheld from the wicked, and the high arm shall be broken. ¹⁶Have you gone to the springs of the sea; or have you walked in searching of the deep? ¹⁷Have death's gates been opened to you; or have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Declare, if you know it all! ¹⁹Where is this, the way light dwells; and where is the place of darkness, ²⁰that you should take it to its territory, and that you should perceive the paths to its house? ²¹You know, for then you were born, and the number of your days is great.

²²Have you entered into the storehouses

of the snow, or have you seen the store-houses of the hail, ²³which I have reserved for the time of distress, for the day of battle and war? ²⁴How is it, the way the light is distributed; *and how does* the east wind spread itself on the earth? ²⁵Who has cut a channel for the flood; or a way for the thunderclaps, ²⁶to make rain fall on the earth *where* no man is, a wilderness *and* no man in it; ²⁷to satisfy the waste and desolation, and to cause the source of grass to sprout? ²⁸Is there a father for the rain? Or who has begotten the drops of dew? ²⁹From whose womb comes forth the ice; and the frost of the heavens, who fathered it? ³⁰The waters hidden like stone, and the face of the deep is captured. ³¹Can you bind the bands of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion? ³²Can you bring out the constellations in their season; or can you guide the Bear with its sons? ³³Do you know the limits of the heavens; can you establish their rulership on the earth? ³⁴Can you lift your voice to the clouds, so that floods of water may cover you? ³⁵Can you send lightnings, that they may go and say to you, Here we *are*? ³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts; or who has given understanding to the mind? ³⁷Who can by wisdom number the clouds; or who can lay down the jars of the heavens, ³⁸when the dust is melted *into* hardness, and the clods cling fast together? ³⁹Will you hunt the prey for the lion, or fill the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰when they crouch in dens, *and* sit in the cover of their hiding-place? ⁴¹Who provides food for the raven when its young ones cry to God *and* wander about without food?

CHAPTER 39

¹Do you know the time when the wild goats of the rock bear? Do you observe the calving of deer? ²Can you tell the months they fulfill; or do you know the time for their bearing, ³when they crouch *and* bring forth; they send out their pangs? ⁴Their young ones are strong; they multiply with grain; they go forth and do not return to them. ⁵Who has sent out the wild ass free; or who has untied the bands of the wild ass? ⁶To whom have I assigned the desert *for* his home, and the salt land *for* his dwellings? He laughs at the turmoil of

the city; he does not hear the driver's shouts; ⁸he seeks out mountains *for* his pasture; and he searches after every green thing. ⁹Will the wild ox consent to be your servant, or spend the night by your feed-trough? ¹⁰Can you tie the wild ox in the furrow *with* his rope? Or will he harrow the valleys for you? ¹¹Will you trust him because his strength *is* great; or will you leave your labor to him? ¹²Will you have faith in him, that he will return your seed, and bring *it* to your grain-floor?

¹³The wing of the ostriches flap joyously, though not the stork's pinions *for* flight. ¹⁴For she leaves her eggs to the earth, and lets them warm on the dust; ¹⁵and forgets that a foot may crush it, or the beast of the field may trample it; ¹⁶she treats her young roughly, as if not hers; for her labor *is* vanity without fear; ¹⁷because God has made her forget wisdom; and He has not given to her a share in understanding. ¹⁸At the time she lifts up on high, she laughs at the horse and its rider.

¹⁹Have you given the horse *its* strength; have you clothed its neck *with* a mane? ²⁰Can you make him leap like a locust; the majesty of his snorting *is* terrifying? ²¹They paw in the valley, and he rejoices in *his* strength; he goes out to meet the weapons; ²²he mocks at fear, and is not terrified; and he does not turn back from the sword. ²³The quiver rattles against him, the flashing spear and the javelin. ²⁴He swallows the ground with quivering and trembling, and he does not stand still for the sound of the ram's horn. ²⁵When the ram's horn *sounds*, he says, Aha! And he smells the battle from a distance, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

²⁶Does the hawk soar from your understanding? Will he spread his wings toward the south? ²⁷Or does the eagle mount up at your mouth, and make his nest on high? ²⁸He lives and stays *on the* rock, on the crag of the rock and *the* stronghold. ²⁹From there he seeks food; his eyes see afar off. ³⁰And his young brood also sucks up blood —and where the pierced ones *are*, there he *is*.

CHAPTER 40

¹And Jehovah answered Job and said: ²Shall a reprovor contend with the

Almighty? He who reproves God, let him answer it.

³Then Job answered Jehovah and said: ⁴'Behold, I am vile! What shall I answer You? I will put my hand to my mouth. ⁵Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; yea, twice, but I will go no further.

⁶And Jehovah answered Job out of the tempest and said: ⁷Gird up your loins like a man, *and* I will question you; and you teach Me. ⁸Will you also set aside My judgment; will you condemn Me so that you may be justified? ⁹And *have* you an arm like God; or can you thunder with a voice like His? ¹⁰Adorn yourself with majesty now, and with grandeur, and clothe yourself with glory and honor; ¹¹pour forth the outbursts of your anger; yea, look on everyone who is proud, and bring him down low; ¹²look on everyone who is proud *and* humble him; and trample the wicked in their place; ¹³hide them in the dust together; bind their faces in darkness. ¹⁴And I also will confess to you that your right hand can save you.

¹⁵Now behold Behemoth, which I made along with you; he eats grass like an ox; ¹⁶see, now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force in the muscles of his belly; ¹⁷he hangs his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together; ¹⁸his bones *are like* tubes of bronze; his bones like bars of iron; ¹⁹he *is* the first in the ways of God; his Maker brings near his sword. ²⁰For the mountains yield food for him, and all the beasts of the field play there. ²¹He lies under the lotus, in the hiding-place of the reed and the marsh; ²²the lotus trees cover him *in* its shadow; the willows of the brook circle him. ²³Behold, he is confident, even if Jordan burst forth against his mouth. ²⁴Shall *any* take him before his eyes, or pierce *his* nose with snares?

CHAPTER 41

¹Can you draw out the leviathan with a hook, or hold down his tongue with a cord? ²Can you put a reed rope into his nose, or pierce his jaw with a thorn? ³Will he multiply pleas for help to you; or will he speak soft words to you? ⁴Will he cut a covenant with you; will you take him for a

slave forever? ⁵Will you play with him as with a bird; or will you tie him up for your maidens? ⁶Shall *your* partners bargain over him; shall they divide him among the merchants? ⁷Can you fill his skin with barbed irons, or his head with fishing spears? ⁸Put your hand on him; remember the battle; you will not do it again!

⁹Behold, his hope has been made false; will he not be cast down at the sight of him?

¹⁰None *is* so fierce as to dare to stir him up; who then *is* able to stand before Me?

¹¹Who has gone before Me that I should repay? All under the heavens, it *is* Mine! ¹²I will not keep silent *as to* his limbs, or the matter of *his* powers, or the grace of his frame. ¹³Who can take off the the face of his covering; who can come with his double bridle? ¹⁴Who can pry open the doors of his face? Terror *is* all around his teeth.

¹⁵The rows of shields *are* his pride, shut up with a tight seal; ¹⁶one is so near to another that no air can come between them; ¹⁷they are joined to one another; they clasp each other, so that they cannot be separated.

¹⁸His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes *are* as the eyelids of the dawn. ¹⁹Out of his mouth go burning torches; sparks of fire fly out. ²⁰Smoke goes out of his nostrils like a boiling pot *fired by* reeds. ²¹His breath kindles coals; and the flame goes out from his mouth. ²²Strength abides in his neck and terror dances before him. ²³The folds of flesh cleave together, cast firm on him; he cannot be moved. ²⁴His heart is cast hard as a stone, even cast hard as a piece of riding millstone. ²⁵The mighty are afraid from his arising; from the crashings they miss the way. ²⁶The sword, the spear, the dart, and the javelin overtake him, *but* will not hold. ²⁷He counts iron as straw, bronze as rotten wood. ²⁸A son of a bow cannot make him flee; slingstones are turned to stubble by him; ²⁹darts are counted as straw; he laughs at the shaking of a javelin.

³⁰Points of potsherds *are* under him; he spreads sharp *marks* on the mire. ³¹He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment; ³²he makes a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be gray-headed. ³³There is nothing like him on earth, one made without fear. ³⁴He beholds all high things; he is king over all the sons of pride.

CHAPTER 42

¹And Job answered Jehovah and said: ²I know that You can do all, and *no* purpose is withheld from You. ³Who *is* this hiding counsel without knowledge? So I declared, but did not understand *things* too wonderful for me; yea, I did not know. ⁴I pray, Listen, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You will make me know. ⁵I have heard of You by hearing of the ear, but now my eye has seen You; ⁶therefore, I despise *myself*, and I have repented on dust and ashes.

⁷And it happened, after Jehovah spoke these words to Job, Jehovah said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My anger flows against you and your two friends. For You have not spoken the right about Me, as My servant Job. ⁸And now take for you seven bulls and seven rams and go to My servant Job, and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. And My servant Job will pray for you. Surely I will lift up his face so as not to do with you *according to your* folly, in that you have not spoken the right about Me, as My servant Job. ⁹And Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as Jehovah spoke to them. And Jehovah lifted the face of Job. ¹⁰And when he prayed for his friends, Jehovah turned the captivity of Job — and Jehovah added to Job all which *had been*, to double. ¹¹And all his brothers and all his sisters came to him; and all knowing him before. And they ate bread with him in his house and consoled him and comforted him as to all the evil that Jehovah had brought on him. And they each gave him a piece of money, and each one ring of gold.

¹²And Jehovah blessed the latter *days* of Job more than the earlier *days*. And to him were fourteen thousand sheep and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. ¹³And he had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch. ¹⁵And in all the land not was found *any* women as beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them inheritance among their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived a hundred and forty years. And he saw his sons, and his grandsons, *even* four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, *being* old and full of days.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

PSALM 1

¹Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, and has not stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of scorners. ²But his delight is only in the law of Jehovah, and he meditates in His law day and night. ³And he shall be planted like a tree by the rivulets of waters, which will give its fruit in its seasons; and its leaf will not wither; and all which he does will prosper. ⁴Not so are the wicked; but are only as chaff which the wind drives about. ⁵On account of this the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶For Jehovah is knowing the way of the righteous — and the way of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 2

¹Why have the nations raged and the peoples are meditating on vanity: ²The kings of the earth set themselves; yea, the rulers have plotted together against Jehovah and His anointed, saying, ³We will break Their bands in two, and throw off Their cords from us. ⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; Jehovah shall mock at them. ⁵Then He will speak to them in His anger, and He will terrify them in His wrath; ⁶Yea, I have set My king on My holy mount on Zion.

⁷I will declare concerning the statute of Jehovah: He said to Me, You are My Son. Today I have begotten You. ⁸Ask of Me, and I will give the nations as Your inheritance; and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

¹⁰Now, then, be wise, O kings; be taught, O judges of the earth: ¹¹Serve Jehovah with fear; yea, rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little.

O the blessings of all those who flee to Him for refuge!

PSALM 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from his son Absalom

¹O Jehovah, how my adversaries have multiplied! Many are the ones who rise against me. ²Many are saying of my soul, There is no salvation for him in God. Selah.

³But You, O Jehovah, are a shield around me; my glory and He who lifts up my head. ⁴I cried to Jehovah with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain. Selah.

⁵I laid down, and slept; I awoke, for Jehovah kept me. ⁶I am not afraid of myriads of people who have been set against me all around. ⁷Arise, O Jehovah! Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the wicked.

⁸Salvation belongs to Jehovah; Your blessing is on Your people. Selah.

PSALM 4

To the chief musician, for stringed instruments, A Psalm of David.

¹Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness. You gave room to me in distress. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²O sons of men, until when shall My glory be for a reproach? Will you love vanity? Will you run after a lie? Selah.

³But know that Jehovah has set apart the godly for Himself; Jehovah hears when I call to Him. ⁴Tremble and do not sin; speak within your own heart on your bed and be still. Selah.

⁵Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and trust in Jehovah. ⁶Many are saying, Who will show us any good? O Jehovah, lift up the light of Your face on us. ⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the time their grain and their wine grew. ⁸I will both lie down in peace and sleep; for You alone, O Jehovah, will make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

To the chief musician, for flutes. A Psalm of David.

¹Give ear to my words, O Jehovah; consider my meditation. ²Attend to the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for I will pray to You. ³You will hear my voice in the morning, O Jehovah, I will set myself for You in the morning, and I will look up. ⁴For You are not a God enjoying wickedness; nor shall evil live with You. ⁵The boasters shall not set themselves before Your eyes; You hate all workers of iniquity. ⁶You shall destroy those speaking lies; Jehovah will despise the man of blood and deceit.

⁷But I, in the plenty of Your grace, I will come into Your house; I will worship in Your fear toward Your holy temple, O Jehovah.

⁸Lead me in Your righteousness, because of my enemies; make straight Your way before me. ⁹For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is engulfing ruin; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. ¹⁰O God, Hold them guilty; let them fall from their own counsels. Drive them away in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You. ¹¹But let all who put their trust in You rejoice; let them shout for joy forever, because You cover them. And let those who love Your name be joyful in You. ¹²For You, O Jehovah, will bless the righteous; You will surround him with favor, as with a shield.

PSALM 6

To the chief musician, for eight-stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

¹O Jehovah, do not rebuke me in Your anger; nor chasten me in the heat of Your fury: ²have mercy on me, O Jehovah, for I am weak; heal me, O Jehovah, for my bones are troubled. ³My soul also is greatly troubled —; and You, O Jehovah, until when? ⁴O Jehovah, return, deliver my soul; save me for Your mercy's sake. ⁵For there is no memory of You in death; who shall give thanks to You in Sheol? ⁶I am weary in my groaning; I shall make by bed swim in all the night; I melt my couch with my tears. ⁷My eye is dim because of grief;

it wastes away because of all my vexers.

⁸Depart from me, all workers of iniquity, for Jehovah has heard the voice of my weeping. ⁹Jehovah has heard my plea; Jehovah will receive my prayer. ¹⁰Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back, ashamed in a moment.

PSALM 7

A song of David, which he sang to Jehovah on the words of Cush the Benjamite.

¹O Jehovah my God, I seek refuge in You; save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me; ²lest he tear my soul like a lion, breaking and there be no one to deliver. ³O Jehovah, my God, if I have done this, if there is iniquity in my hands: ⁴if I have repaid evil to my friend or if I have plundered my vexer without cause — ⁵let the enemy pursue and overtake my soul; and trample down my life to earth, and lay my honor in the dust. Selah.

⁶Arise, O Jehovah, in Your anger; be lifted up at the rage of my vexers; and awake for Me! You have commanded judgment. ⁷And the assembly of the peoples shall surround You; and over it You will return on high; ⁸Jehovah will judge the people. O Jehovah, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity on me. ⁹O let the evil of the wicked come to an end; and You will establish the just; for the righteous God is a trier of hearts and reins. ¹⁰My defense is on God, who saves the upright of heart.

¹¹God is a righteous judge; and God is angry with evildoers every day. ¹²If he will not turn, He will whet His sword; He has trod His bow, He made it ready; ¹³yea, He has fitted for him instruments of death. He will make His arrows hot for pursuers. ¹⁴Behold, he writhes with iniquity and he will conceive mischief; and he has fathered falsehood; ¹⁵he dug a pit and bored it, and has fallen into the ditch which he has made. ¹⁶His mischief shall return on his own head, and his violence shall come down on his own crown.

¹⁷I will thank Jehovah according to His righteousness, and will praise the name of Jehovah most high.

PSALM 8

*To the chief musician, on the harp
A Psalm of David.*

¹O Jehovah, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth; *You* have set Your glory above the heavens! ²Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, *You* have ordained strength, because of Your vexers, to cause the enemy and the avenger to cease.

³When I look upon Your heavens, the work of Your fingers: the moon and the stars which *You* have fixed; ⁴what is man that *You* are mindful of him, and the son of man, that *You* visit him? ⁵For *You* have made him lack a little from God; *and* have crowned him *with* glory and honor. ⁶*You* made him rule over the works of Your hands; *You* have put all under his feet—⁷all flocks and oxen, and also the animals of the field, ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, *all that* pass through the sea-paths.

⁹O Jehovah, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

*To the chief musician, To die for the Son.
A Psalm of David.*

¹I will give thanks, O Jehovah, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful acts; ²I will be glad and rejoice in *You*; I will praise Your name, O Most High. ³When my enemies turn back, they will fall and perish before *You*. ⁴For *You* have maintained my right and my cause; *You* sat on the throne judging right. ⁵*You* have rebuked the nations; *You* have destroyed the wicked; *You* have put out their name forever and ever. ⁶*The* desolations of the enemy are ended forever; and *You* have uprooted the cities; their memory has perished *with* them. ⁷But Jehovah is seated forever; He has established His throne for judgment. ⁸And He shall judge the world in righteousness; He shall judge the peoples in uprightness.

⁹Jehovah also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of distress. ¹⁰And those who know Your name will put their trust in *You*; for *You*, Jehovah, have not forsaken those who seek *You*. ¹¹Sing praises to Jehovah who dwells in Zion;

declare His deeds among the nations. ¹²For He remembers them, the seeker of bloodshed; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

¹³Be gracious to me, O Jehovah; see my affliction from my haters, be lifting me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴so that I may declare all Your praises in the gates of the daughter of Zion; I will rejoice in Your salvation. ¹⁵The nations have sunk into the pit they made; their foot is caught in the net they hid. ¹⁶Jehovah has been known, He has executed judgment; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. A meditation, Selah.

¹⁷The wicked shall be turned to Sheol, all the nations forgetting God. ¹⁸For the needy shall not forever be forgotten; the hope of the poor shall *not* perish forever.

¹⁹Arise, O Jehovah! Do not let man have strength; let the nations be judged before Your face. ²⁰O Jehovah, put fear in them; let the nations know they *are but* men. Selah.

PSALM 10

¹Why do *You* stand far away, O Jehovah? Will you hide in times of distress? ²The wicked in his pride will pursue the poor; they will be caught in the schemes which they have devised. ³For the wicked boasts of his soul's desire, and he has blessed the covetous; he has despised Jehovah. ⁴The wicked through pride of his face will not seek—there is no God in all of his schemes. ⁵His ways are perverted at all times. Your judgments *are* high from his sight; *as for* all his vexers, he puffs at them. ⁶He has said in his heart, I shall not be moved! From generation to generation never in evil. ⁷His mouth *is* full of cursing and deceit and injury; under his tongue *are* mischief and vanity. ⁸He sits in the hiding-places of the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; his eyes watch against the poor. ⁹He lies in wait secretly like a lion in his den; he lies in ambush to catch the poor; he seizes the poor, drawing him into his net; ¹⁰and being crushed, he bows; and the poor have fallen by his strong ones. ¹¹He has said in his heart, God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will not see forever.

¹²Arise, O Jehovah! O God, lift up Your hand; do not forget the lowly ones. ¹³Why does the wicked *one* despise God? He has said in his heart, You will not inquire into us. ¹⁴You have seen, for You take note of mischief and vexation, to repay with Your hand. The poor leaves *himself* to You; You are the helper of the orphan. ¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked and evil one; search out his wickedness *until* You find none.

¹⁶Jehovah *is* king forever and ever; the nations have perished out of His land. ¹⁷O Jehovah, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart. Your ear will hear, ¹⁸to judge the orphan and the crushed. No more shall the man of the earth continue to terrify.

PSALM 11

To the chief musician A Psalm of David.

¹I sought refuge in Jehovah — how can you say to my soul, *Flee like a bird* to your hill. ²For behold! The wicked will tread the bow; they fixed their arrow on the string, in order to shoot with it at the upright of heart in the dark.

³If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? ⁴Jehovah *is* in His holy temple; Jehovah, His throne *is* in the heavens; His eyes see; His eyelids will examine the sons of man. ⁵Jehovah tries the righteous, but His soul hates the wicked and the lover of violence. ⁶He shall rain snares on the wicked; fire and brimstone and a scorching wind *shall be* the portion of their cup. ⁷For Jehovah *is* righteous; He loves righteous deeds; the upright look upon His face.

PSALM 12

To the chief musician, on eight. A Psalm of David.

¹Help, O Jehovah, for the saint ceases to be; for the faithful fail from among the sons of men. ²They speak vanity, each man with his neighbor, *with* flattering lips and a double heart they speak. ³Jehovah shall cut off all *with* flattering lips and the tongue that speaks great things; ⁴who say, We shall be strong by our tongue; our lips

are our own; who *is* lord over us? ⁵For the pain of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, I will now rise up, says Jehovah; I will set in safety; he pants for it.

⁶The words of Jehovah *are* pure words, *like* silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times. ⁷You shall keep them, O Jehovah; You shall preserve them from this generation forever. ⁸The wicked walk around on every side, when evil is exalted by the sons of men.

PSALM 13

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

¹Until when will You forget me, O Jehovah? Forever? Until when will You hide Your face from me? ²Until when shall I set counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart every day; until when shall my enemy be lifted up over me? ³Look! Answer me, O Jehovah, my God! Make my eyes gleam, lest I sleep the death; ⁴lest my enemy say, I have overcome him *and* my foes rejoice when I am shaken. ⁵But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. ⁶I will sing to Jehovah, because He has rewarded me.

PSALM 14

To the chief musician A Psalm of David.

¹The fool has said in his heart, There is no God! They acted corruptly; they did hatefully in deeds; there is none doing good. ²Jehovah looked down from Heaven on the sons of mankind, to see if there were *any* discerning *and* seeking God: ³they have all turned aside; together they have become filthy; there is none doing good; not even one!

⁴Have all evildoers not known, eating My people as they eat bread? They have not called on Jehovah. ⁵There they were afraid of terror, for God *is* in the righteous generation. ⁶You have shamed the counsel of the afflicted, for Jehovah *is* his refuge. ⁷Who will bring the salvation of Israel out of Zion? When Jehovah brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice; Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 15

A Psalm of David.

¹O Jehovah, who shall dwell in Your tabernacle? Who shall live in Your holy mountain? ²He who walks uprightly and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart; ³he does not backbite with his tongue, nor do evil to his friend; nor lift up a reproach against his neighbor. ⁴In his eyes, the reprobate has been despised, but he honors those who fear Jehovah: He has sworn to his hurt, and will not change it. ⁵He has not given his silver at interest; nor has *he* taken a bribe against the innocent; he who does these things shall not be shaken forever.

PSALM 16

A Secret Treasure of David.

¹Watch over me, O God, for I take refuge in You. ²You have said to Jehovah, You *are* my Lord; My goodness is not apart from You. ³As for the saints who *are* in the earth, they are the excellent ones; all my delight *is* in them. ⁴Their sorrows shall multiply *if* they run *after* another *god*. I will not pour out their drink offering of blood; and I will not take their names on my lips.

⁵Jehovah *is* the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; You shall surely uphold my destiny. ⁶The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yea, I *have* a beautiful inheritance. ⁷I will bless Jehovah, who counseled me; my reins also teach me *in* the nights.

⁸I have set Jehovah always before me; for *He is* at my right hand: I shall not be shaken. ⁹So my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh shall also rest in hope; ¹⁰for You will not leave My soul in Sheol; You will not give Your Holy One to see corruption. ¹¹You will make Me know the way of life. In Your presence *are* fullness of joy; at Your right hand *are* pleasures forever.

PSALM 17

A Prayer of David.

¹O Jehovah, hear righteousness; listen to my cry; give ear to my prayer, not in

lips of deceit. ²Let my judgment go out from Your face; Your eyes see uprightly. ³You will test my heart; You will visit in the night; You will refine me; You will find nothing; my thoughts do not pass beyond my mouth.

⁴As to the work of men, by the words of Your lips I keep *from* the paths of the violent. ⁵My steps have kept in Your tracks, so that my strides have not slipped. ⁶I have called on You, for You will answer me, O God; bow down Your ear to me *and* hear my word. ⁷Set out your wonderful loving-kindness, O Savior of those who trust *in* You by Your right hand, from those rising against *You*. ⁸Keep me as the pupil, the daughter of the eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings, ⁹from the face of the wicked who stripped me; against *my* soul, my enemies go all around me. ¹⁰They are enclosed in their own fat; their mouth speaks proudly; ¹¹now they have hemmed in our steps; they set their eyes to cast *me* to the earth; ¹²like a lion who longs to tear, and like a young lion sitting in hidden dens.

¹³Arise, O Jehovah, go before his face and bow him down! Deliver my soul from the wicked, by Your sword, ¹⁴from men, by Your hand, O Jehovah, from men of the world whose portion *is* in *this* life, and their belly You fill with Your treasure; they are satisfied with sons, and will leave their riches to their babes. ¹⁵As for me, in righteousness I will look upon Your face; when I awaken, I shall be satisfied *by* Your image.

PSALM 18

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of Jehovah, who spoke the words of this song to Jehovah in the day that Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all his foes, and from the hand of Saul. And he said:

¹I love You, O Jehovah, my strength. ²Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my rock — I seek refuge in Him; *He is* my shield and the horn of my salvation, my high tower. ³I will call on Jehovah, who is to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death hemmed me in;

yea, the floods of ungodly men overwhelmed me; ⁵cords of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me. ⁶In my distress I called on Jehovah and I cried to my God; He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry went before Him, into His ears. ⁷Then the earth shook and trembled; and the foundations of the mountains moved and were shaken, because it angered Him. ⁸A smoke went up out of His nostrils, and fire devoured out of His mouth; coals were kindled from it. ⁹He also bowed the heavens and came down; and darkness *was* under His feet; ¹⁰and He rode on a cherub, and *He* flew; yea, he soared on the wings of the wind; ¹¹He made darkness His covering, His pavilion all around Him, darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies. ¹²Out of the brightness before Him, His dark clouds passed through, hailstones and coals of fire. ¹³Jehovah also thundered in the heavens; and the Highest uttered His voice — hailstones and coals of fire. ¹⁴Yea, He sent out His arrows and scattered them; and He shot out lightnings and confounded them. ¹⁵Then the stream beds of waters were seen, and the foundations of the earth were bared, at Your rebuke, O Jehovah, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

¹⁶He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters; ¹⁷He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from my haters; for they were stronger than I. ¹⁸They went before my face in my day of calamity, but Jehovah was my support. ¹⁹And He brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me; ²⁰Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands, He has repaid me. ²¹For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²²For all His judgments *were* before me, and I did not turn away His statutes from me. ²³For I was upright with Him, and kept myself from my guilt. ²⁴And Jehovah has returned to me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands before His eyes.

²⁵With the merciful, You reveal Yourself as merciful; with an upright man, You

reveal Yourself as upright; ²⁶with the pure, You reveal Yourself as pure; and with the crooked, You appear perverse; ²⁷for You will save an afflicted people, but will bring down haughty eyes. ²⁸For You will light my lamp; Jehovah my God will make my darkness light. ²⁹For through You I can run through a troop; and through my God I have leaped over a wall. ³⁰*As for God, His way is perfect; the word of Jehovah is purified; He is a shield to all who seek refuge in Him.*

³¹For who *is* God besides Jehovah? Or who *is* a Rock except our God? ³²*It is* God who girds me with strength, and gives my way *to be* perfect; ³³setting my feet like the deer, and making me stand on my high places; ³⁴teaching my hands to war, so that a bow of bronze is bent by my arms. ³⁵You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; and Your right hand holds me up; and Your condescension has made me great. ³⁶You have made a wide place under me for my steps, so that my ankles have not stumbled. ³⁷I have pursued my enemies, and have overtaken them; nor did I turn till they were consumed. ³⁸I have shattered them, and they cannot rise up; they fell under my feet. ³⁹And You have girded me with strength for the battle; You have bowed under me those rising against me. ⁴⁰And You have given me the neck of my enemies, that I might cut off my haters. ⁴¹They cried, but no one is there to save; to Jehovah, but He did not answer them. ⁴²And I crushed them like the dust before the wind; I emptied them out like the mire of the streets.

⁴³You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me head of the nations; a people I have not known shall serve me. ⁴⁴At the hearing of the ear they listen to me; the sons of foreigners shall bow down to me. ⁴⁵The sons of foreigners shall faint, and come trembling out of their strongholds.

⁴⁶Jehovah lives! And blessed be my rock! And let the God of my salvation be exalted! ⁴⁷*He is the God who avenges me, and speaks to people under me. He delivers me from my enemies; yea, You lift me up from among those rising up against me. You have delivered me from*

the violent man. ⁴"On account of this I will extol You, O Jehovah, among the nations, and I will sing praises to Your name, ⁵"magnifying the salvations to His king, and working mercy to His anointed, to David and to his seed forever.

PSALM 19

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse inscribes His handiwork. ²Day by day *they* pour forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words *where* their voice *is* not heard. ⁴Their measuring-line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world; in them He has set up a dwelling-place for the sun, ⁵and he comes forth like a bridegroom from his canopy. He rejoices like a hero to run a race; ⁶his going forth from the end of the heavens, and his orbit to their ends; and nothing is hidden from his heat.

⁷The law of Jehovah *is* perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of Jehovah *is* pure, making the simple wise. ⁸The precepts of Jehovah *are* right, rejoicing the heart; the commands of Jehovah *are* clear, giving light to the eyes. ⁹The fear of Jehovah *is* clean, enduring forever; the judgments of Jehovah *are* true, they are righteous altogether. ¹⁰*They are* more precious than gold, even much fine gold, and sweeter than honey and drops from the honeycomb. ¹¹Also Your servant is warned by them; in keeping of them *is* great reward. ¹²Who can discern errors? Acquit me from secret *faults*, ¹³also withhold Your servant from presumptuous sins; do not let them rule over me; then I shall be upright, and shall be innocent from great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing before You, O Jehovah, my rock and my Redeemer.

PSALM 20

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

¹May Jehovah answer you in the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob set

you on high. ²He sends your help from the sanctuary, and upholds you out of Zion. ³He will remember all your offerings, and make fat your burnt sacrifices. Selah. ⁴He will give you according to your heart, and fulfill all your plans. ⁵We will rejoice in Your salvation, and in the name of our God set up banners; may Jehovah fulfill all your prayers.

⁶Now I know that Jehovah saves His anointed; He answers him from His holy Heaven with the saving strengths of His right hand. ⁷These *trust* in chariots, and these in horses, but we will make mention in the name of Jehovah our God. ⁸They have bowed down and have fallen, but we have risen and stand upright.

⁹Save, O Jehovah! The King will answer us in the day of our calling.

PSALM 21

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

¹The king rejoices in Your strength, O Jehovah; and how greatly does he rejoice in Your salvation. ²You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the prayer of his lips. Selah.

³For You will precede him *with* the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of pure gold on his head. ⁴He asked life from You: You gave to him length of days forever and ever. ⁵His glory *is* great in Your salvation; You have laid honor and majesty on him. ⁶For You have set him blessings forever; You have rejoiced him in the joy of Your face. ⁷For the king trusts in Jehovah, and in the mercy of the Most High he will not be shaken. ⁸Your hand shall find out all Your enemies; Your right hand shall find out Your haters. ⁹You shall set them as a fiery furnace in the time of Your presence; Jehovah will swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire will devour them. ¹⁰You shall destroy their fruit from the earth, and their seed from the sons of men. ¹¹For they stretched forth evil against You; they imagined a plot; they cannot prevail, ¹²for You shall make them turn the back; against their faces You shall make ready Your *arrows* on Your strings.

¹³Be exalted, O Jehovah, in Your strength; so we will sing, and sing psalms of Your power.

PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have You forsaken me, and are far from my deliverance, *and from* the words of my groaning? ²O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and in the night, but there *is* no silence to me. ³But You *are* holy, being enthroned on Israel's praises. ⁴Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. ⁵They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You, and were not ashamed. ⁶But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of mankind, and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me scornfully laugh at me; they open the lip; they shake the head, *saying*, ⁸He rolled on Jehovah, let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, since He delights in him.

⁹For You *are He* who took me out of the womb; on my mother's breasts You caused me to trust. ¹⁰I was cast on You from the womb; from my mother's belly, You *are* my God. ¹¹Be not far from me; for trouble is near; because no one is there to help. ¹²Many bulls have circled around me; strong *bulls* of Bashan have surrounded me. ¹³They opened their mouth on me, like a lion ripping and roaring. ¹⁴I am poured out like waters, and all my bones *are* spread apart; my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue clings to my jaws; ¹⁶and You appoint me to the dust of death; for dogs have encircled me; a band of spoilers have hemmed me in, piercers of my hands and my feet. ¹⁷I count all my bones; they look, they stare at me. ¹⁸They divide my garments among them, and they made fall a lot for my clothing. ¹⁹But You, O Jehovah, be not far off; O my Strength, hurry to help me! ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my only one from the paw of the dog. ²¹Save me from the lion's mouth; and from the horns of the wild oxen. You have answered me.

²²I will declare Your name to my brothers; I will praise You in the midst of the assembly. ²³You who fear Jehovah, praise Him; all the seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and all the seed of Israel, fear Him. ²⁴For He has not despised nor

hated the affliction of the afflicted; and He has not hidden His face from him, but when He cried to Him, He heard. ²⁵My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly; I will pay my vows before His fearers. ²⁶The meek shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Jehovah shall praise Him; your heart shall live forever. ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn back to Jehovah; and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. ²⁸For the kingdom *is* Jehovah's; and *He is* the ruler among the nations. ²⁹All the fat *ones* of the earth have eaten, and have worshiped; all those going down to the dust shall bow before Him; and he kept not his own soul alive. ³⁰A seed shall serve Him; it shall be spoken of the Lord to the *coming* generation; ³¹they shall come and shall declare His righteousness to a people that shall *yet* be born; for He has done *it*.

PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

¹Jehovah *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me to restful waters; ³He restores my soul; He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table for me before my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. ⁶Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah for as long as *my* days.

PSALM 24

A Psalm of David.

¹The earth *is* Jehovah's, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who live in it. ²For He has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. ³Who shall go up into the hill of Jehovah? And who shall stand in His holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to guile, and has not

sworn in deceit. ⁵He shall lift up the blessing from Jehovah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶*This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, O God of Jacob. Selah.*

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ⁸*Who is this King of glory? Jehovah strong and mighty! Jehovah mighty in battle!* ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; even lift up, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰*Who is this King of glory? Jehovah of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah.*

PSALM 25

A Psalm of David.

¹To You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, I trust in You; do not let me be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me. ³Yea, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those who sin without cause be ashamed. ⁴Make me know Your ways, O Jehovah; teach me Your paths; ⁵lead me in Your truth, and teach me; for You *are* the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day long. ⁶Remember, O Jehovah, Your compassions and Your mercies; for they *are* from eternity. ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth, or my transgressions. According to Your mercy, remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Jehovah. ⁸Good and upright *is* Jehovah; therefore He will teach sinners in the way. ⁹He will guide the meek in justice; and He will teach the meek His way. ¹⁰All the paths of Jehovah *are* mercy and truth to the keepers of His covenant and His testimonies. ¹¹For Your name's sake, O Jehovah, even pardon my iniquity; for it *is* great.

¹²What man *is* he who fears Jehovah? He teaches him the way he should choose. ¹³His soul shall abide in good, and his seed shall inherit the earth. ¹⁴The secret of Jehovah *is* with those who fear Him; and He will make them know His covenant. ¹⁵My eyes *are* ever toward Jehovah; for He shall bring my feet out of the net. ¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I *am* lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷The

straits of my heart are enlarged; O bring me out from my straits. ¹⁸Look on my affliction and my pain, and lift up all my sins. ¹⁹Look on my enemies, for they are many; they hate me *with* a violent hatred. ²⁰Keep my soul and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I have sought refuge in You. ²¹Let purity and uprightness keep me, for I wait on You. ²²Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his distresses.

PSALM 26

A Psalm of David.

¹Judge me, O Jehovah, for I have walked in my integrity; I also have trusted in Jehovah; I shall not slide. ²Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me; purify my reins and my heart. ³For Your mercy *is* before my eyes; and I have walked in Your truth. ⁴I have not sat with lying men; and I will not go in with hypocrites; ⁵I have hated the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. ⁶I will wash my hands in innocence; so I will go around Your altar, O Jehovah, ⁷to cause to hear with the voice of thanksgiving, and recount all Your wonderful works. ⁸O Jehovah, I have loved the place of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells. ⁹Do not take away my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men, ¹⁰in whose hand *is* a plot, and their right hand is full of a bribe. ¹¹But I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be gracious to me. ¹²My foot stands in an even place; in the assemblies, I will bless Jehovah.

PSALM 27

A Psalm of David.

¹Jehovah *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Jehovah *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When the evildoers, my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat my flesh, they stumbled and fell. ³If an army should camp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war rises against me, in this I am trusting. ⁴*One thing* I have asked from Jehovah, it I will seek: my dwelling in the

house of Jehovah all the days of my life, to behold the delight of Jehovah, and to inquire in His temple. ⁵For in the day of evil He shall hide me in His shelter; in the secrecy of His tabernacle, He shall hide me; He shall set me up on a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies, my encirclers, and I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises to Jehovah.

⁷Hear, O Jehovah, my voice *when* I call and favor me, and answer me. ⁸My heart said to You, Seek my face; Your face, O Jehovah, I will seek. ⁹Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help—do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. ¹⁰When my father and my mother forsake me, then Jehovah will take me up. ¹¹Teach me Your way, O Jehovah, and lead me in a level path, because of those who watch me. ¹²Deliver me not into the soul of my enemies; for false witnesses have risen against me, and he that puffs out violence. ¹³*I would have fainted* unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah in the land of the living.

¹⁴Hope in Jehovah; be strong and He will make strong your heart; yea, hope in Jehovah!

PSALM 28

A Psalm of David.

¹I will call to You, O Jehovah; my Rock, be not deaf to me, lest, *if* you be silent from me I *may* be compared with those going down into the Pit. ²Hear the voice of my prayers in my crying to You, when I lift my hands to the oracle of Your holiness. ³Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity; who speak peace with their neighbors, yet evil *is* in their hearts. ⁴Give to them according to their deeds, and according to the evil of their practices; as *is* the work of their hands, give to them, repay their deeds to them. ⁵Because they pay no attention to the works of Jehovah, and to the works of His hands, He will destroy them, and not build them up.

⁶Blessed *be* Jehovah, because He has heard the voice of my prayers. ⁷Jehovah *is*

my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; yea, my heart greatly rejoices; and I will thank Him with my song. ⁸Jehovah *is* their strength, and He *is* the stronghold of the salvations of His anointed. ⁹Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; and feed them, and lift them up forever.

PSALM 29

A Psalm of David.

¹Give to Jehovah, sons of mighty ones; give to Jehovah glory and strength. ²Give to Jehovah the glory of His name; worship Jehovah in the majesty of holiness. ³The voice of Jehovah *is* on the waters; the God of glory thunders; Jehovah *is* above many waters. ⁴The voice of Jehovah in power; the voice of Jehovah in majesty. ⁵The voice of Jehovah breaks the cedars; yea, Jehovah breaks Lebanon's cedars. ⁶He also makes them skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of Jehovah is cutting through the flame of fire. ⁸The voice of Jehovah shakes the wilderness; Jehovah shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of Jehovah causes the does to calve, and uncovers the forests. And in His temple, all of it *is* saying, Glory!

¹⁰Jehovah sits upon the flood; yea, Jehovah sits *as* King forever. ¹¹Jehovah will give strength to His people; Jehovah will bless His people with peace.

PSALM 30

A Psalm; a Song of Dedication of the House of David.

¹I will exalt You, O Jehovah; for You have lifted me up, and have not allowed my foes to rejoice over me. ²O Jehovah my God, I cried to You, and You have healed me. ³O Jehovah, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You have kept me alive, from going down into the Pit. ⁴Sing praises to Jehovah, O saints of His; and give thanks to the memory of His holiness. ⁵For His anger *is* only a moment; in His favor *is* life. Weeping may endure in the evening, but joy *comes*

in the morning. ⁶And in my prosperity, I shall *surely* say, I shall never be moved forever. ⁷O Jehovah, in Your favor You have made my strong mountain to stand; You hid Your face; I was troubled; ⁸I will call to You, O Jehovah, and I will pray to Jehovah.

⁹What profit *is* in my blood, in going down to the Pit? ¹⁰Shall the dust thank You; shall it declare Your truth? Hear, O Jehovah, and favor me; O Jehovah, be my helper. ¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; You have loosed my sackcloth and have clothed me *with* gladness. ¹²So *my* glory shall praise You, and not be quiet; O Jehovah, my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

PSALM 31

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

¹In You, O Jehovah, I sought refuge; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness. ²Bow down Your ear to me; deliver me quickly; be a strong rock to me, for a house of fortresses to save me. ³For You *are* my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake lead me and guide me. ⁴Bring me out of the net that they hid for me, for You *are* my strength. ⁵Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Jehovah, God of truth. ⁶I have hated those keeping worthless idols; but I trust in Jehovah. ⁷And I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy; for You have seen my affliction; You have known the distresses in my soul; ⁸and have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.

⁹Be gracious to me, O Jehovah, for I am in trouble; my eye has wasted away with grief, my soul and my belly. ¹⁰For my life is ending with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones have wasted away. ¹¹I was a reproach among all my foes, but especially to my neighbors; and a fear to my friends; those who saw me outside fled from me. ¹²I am forgotten like one dead from the heart; I am like a perishing vessel. ¹³For I have heard the slander of many; fear *is* all around, because of their

plottings together against me, they planned to take away my life. ¹⁴But I trusted in You, O Jehovah; I said, You *are* my God. ¹⁵My times *are* in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who pursue me. ¹⁶Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your mercy. ¹⁷Let me not be ashamed, O Jehovah; for I have called upon You; let the wicked be ashamed; let them be silent in Sheol. ¹⁸Let the lying lips be silenced; which speak recklessly against the righteous, with pride and scorn.

¹⁹How great *is* Your goodness which You have laid up for those who fear You; You have worked for those who trust in You before the sons of mankind. ²⁰In the secrecy of Your presence You shall hide them from man's plots; You shall cover them in a booth, from the strife of tongues. ²¹Blessed *be* Jehovah, for He has worked His mercy wondrously to me in a besieged city. ²²For I said in my haste, I am cut off from Your eyes; surely you heard the voice of my prayers when I cried to You.

²³O love Jehovah, all you saints of His; Jehovah preserves the faithful, and abundantly repays the proud doer. ²⁴Be strong, and He will make your heart stronger, all you who hope in Jehovah.

PSALM 32

A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.

¹Blessed is he whose transgression *is* lifted, whose sin *is* covered. ²Blessed *is* the man to whom Jehovah does not charge iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. ³When I kept silence, then my bones became old, through my howling all day. ⁴For by day and by night Your hand was heavy on me; my sap was turned into the drouhts of summer. Selah.

⁵I confessed my sin to You, and I have not hidden my iniquity; I said, I will confess over my transgression to Jehovah; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

⁶On account of this let every godly one pray to You; at a time of finding, surely, when great floods come, they will not reach him. ⁷You *are* my hiding-place;

You preserve me from trouble; You surround *me* with songs of deliverance. Selah.

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel *you*, My eye *shall be* on you. ⁹Be not like the horse, like the mule, *with* no understanding; with bit and bridle, his gear, to be held in, *that* they do not come near you. ¹⁰The wicked *has* many sorrows; but he who trusts in Jehovah, mercy embraces him. ¹¹Be glad in Jehovah and rejoice, you righteous *ones*; and all you upright in heart shout for joy.

PSALM 33

¹Rejoice in Jehovah, O righteous *ones*; praise *is* becoming to the upright. ²Give thanks to Jehovah with the lyre; sing to him with a harp of ten strings. ³Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, with shouts of joy. ⁴For the word of Jehovah *is* right, and all His works *are* in truth. ⁵*He* loves righteousness and judgment; the mercy of Jehovah fills the earth. ⁶Through Jehovah's word the heavens were made; and all their host by the breath of His mouth. ⁷The waters of the sea *were* gathered like a heap, setting the depths in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear Jehovah; let all dwellers in the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast. ¹⁰Jehovah brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹Jehovah's counsel stands forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God *is* Jehovah, the people He has chosen for His inheritance. ¹³Jehovah looks down from Heaven; He sees all the sons of mankind. ¹⁴From His dwelling-place He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth. ¹⁵He forms the heart; He understands all their works. ¹⁶The king is not saved by great force; a mighty man is not saved by great strength. ¹⁷A horse *is* a vain thing for safety; nor does he save by his great strength. ¹⁸Behold, the eye of Jehovah *is* to those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy; ¹⁹to deliver their soul from

death, and to keep them alive in famine. ²⁰Our soul waits for Jehovah; He *is* our help and shield.

²¹For our heart rejoices in Him, because we trust in His holy name. ²²Let Your mercy be upon us, O Jehovah, even as we trust in You.

PSALM 34

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; and he drove him away, and he went.

¹I will bless Jehovah at all times; His praise *shall* always *be* in my mouth. ²My soul shall make its boast in Jehovah; the humble shall hear and be glad. ³O magnify Jehovah with me; and let us exalt His name together. ⁴I sought Jehovah, and He answered me, and delivered me out of all my fear. ⁵They looked to Him and were filled with light; and their faces were not ashamed. ⁶This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard, and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷The Angel of Jehovah camps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them. ⁸Taste and see that Jehovah *is* good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him. ⁹O fear Jehovah, His holy ones, for they who fear Him lack nothing. ¹⁰The young lions have lacked and been hungry; but they who seek Jehovah shall not lack any good thing.

¹¹Come, listen to me, *my* sons, I will teach you the fear of Jehovah. ¹²Who *is* the man who desires life, who loves days in order to see good? ¹³Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile; ¹⁴depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵The eyes of Jehovah *are* on the righteous; and His ears *are open* to their cry. ¹⁶The face of Jehovah *is* against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth. ¹⁷*The righteous* cry, and Jehovah hears, and saves them out of all their distresses. ¹⁸Jehovah *is* near those who are broken-hearted, and saves those who have a contrite spirit. ¹⁹Many are the evils of the righteous, but Jehovah helps him out of them all, ²⁰keeping all his bones; not one of them is broken. ²¹Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous

shall become guilty. ²²Jehovah is redeeming the soul of His servants; and none of those who trust in Him shall be guilty.

PSALM 35

A Psalm of David.

¹O Jehovah, contend with those who contend with me; fight those who fight against me. ²Take hold of a shield and buckler, and arise as my help. ³Draw out the spear and close ranks to meet my pursuers; say to my soul, I *am* your salvation. ⁴Let those who seek my soul be ashamed and disgraced; let them be turned back and brought to confusion, those who plot evil to me. ⁵Let them be as chaff before the wind, and the Angel of Jehovah driving away. ⁶Let their way be dark and slippery, and the Angel of Jehovah their pursuer. ⁷For they have hidden their pit-net for me without cause; without cause they have dug for my soul. ⁸Let destruction come on him; he will not know; and let his net which he concealed catch him; let him fall in it, into destruction. ⁹And my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah; it will rejoice in His salvation. ¹⁰All my bones shall say: O Jehovah, who *is* like You, who delivers the poor from those stronger than he; yes, the poor and needy from his plunderer?

¹¹Witnesses of violence rise up; they asked me what I did not know; ¹²they rewarded me evil for good, bereaving my soul. ¹³But in their sickness, my clothing *was* sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fastings; and my prayer returned to my bosom. ¹⁴I walked as a friend, as to my brother; as one who mourns a mother; I was bowed down mourning. ¹⁵But they rejoiced in my trouble, and assembled; the defamers assembled themselves against me, and I knew not; they tore and were not silent, ¹⁶with the ungodly, mockers *for* a cake, gnashing their teeth on me. ¹⁷O Lord, how *long* will You look on? Draw back my soul from their desolations, my only one from the lions.

¹⁸I will thank You in the great assembly, and I will praise You among a mighty people. ¹⁹Let not my lying enemies rejoice over me, *do not let* those who hate

me without cause wink *with* the eye. ²⁰For they do not speak peace; but they devise deceitful things against the quiet ones of the earth. ²¹And they open their mouth wide against me; they say, Aha! Aha! Our eyes have seen. ²²You have seen, O Jehovah; do not keep silence, O Jehovah; O Lord, do not be far from me. ²³Stir Yourself and awaken to my judgment, to my cause, my God and my Lord. ²⁴Judge me, O Jehovah my God, according to Your righteousness; and do not let them rejoice over me. ²⁵Let them not say in their hearts, Aha! Our soul! Let them not say, We have swallowed him up. ²⁶Let them be ashamed and be confounded together, the ones who rejoice at my evil; let them be clothed *with* shame and dishonor, who magnify themselves against me. ²⁷Let those who delight in my justification shout and rejoice; and they shall say without ceasing: Jehovah be magnified, delighting in the peace of His servant. ²⁸And my tongue will speak of Your righteousness *and* of Your praise all the day.

PSALM 36

To the chief musician; of the servant of Jehovah; of David.

¹The oracle of transgression to the wicked; within my heart *is this*: There is no fear of God before his eyes. ²For he flatters himself in his own eyes, in order to find his iniquity, in order to hate *it*. ³The words of his mouth *are* wickedness and deceit; he ceases to act wisely, to do good. ⁴He plots evil on his bed; he sets himself on a way *that is* not good; he does not hate evil.

⁵Your mercy, O Jehovah, *is* in the heavens; Your faithfulness to the dust *clouds*. ⁶Your righteousness *is* like the hills of God; Your judgments *are* a great deep; O Jehovah, You preserve animal and man. ⁷How precious *is* Your mercy, O God! And the sons of men trust in the shadow of Your wings. ⁸They shall be satisfied from the abundance of Your house; and You make them drink the torrent of Your pleasures. ⁹For with You *is* the fountain of life; in

Your light, we see light. ¹⁰O continue Your mercy to the ones knowing You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart. ¹¹Do not let the foot of pride come to me; and let not the hand of the wicked move me. ¹²There the workers of evil have fallen; they are cast down and are not able to rise.

PSALM 37

A Psalm of David.

¹Do not inflame yourself with evil-doers; and do not be envious against workers of perversity; ²for they soon wither like grass and fade like the green herb. ³Trust in Jehovah and do good; live in the land and feed on faithfulness. ⁴And delight yourself in Jehovah, that He may give you your heart's desire. ⁵Roll your way on Jehovah, and trust in Him; and He will work. ⁶And He will bring forth your righteousness like the light; and your judgment like the noon-day. ⁷Rest in Jehovah and wait patiently for Him; inflame not yourself with him who prospers *in* his way, with the man practicing evil wiles. ⁸Abstain from anger and cease from fury; also do not inflame yourself to do evil. ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off; and the ones waiting on Jehovah, they shall inherit the earth. ¹⁰*It is* but a little, and the wicked shall not be; yes, you shall search his place, and he is not.

¹¹But the meek shall inherit the earth, and *they* shall delight themselves in abundant peace.

¹²The wicked plots against the righteous, and gnashes on him with his teeth; ¹³the Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming. ¹⁴The wicked have drawn out the sword and they have trodden their bow, to cause the poor and needy to fall; to kill those who walk uprightly. ¹⁵Their sword shall enter into their heart, and their bows shall be broken. ¹⁶A little to the righteous *is* better than the abundance of many wicked. ¹⁷For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but Jehovah upholds the righteous. ¹⁸Jehovah knows the days of the upright; and their

inheritance shall be forever. ¹⁹They shall not be ashamed in an evil time; and they shall be full in days of famine. ²⁰But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of Jehovah *shall be* like the beauty of pastures; they are consumed like smoke; they are consumed.

²¹The wicked borrows and never repays, but the righteous is gracious and giving. ²²For His blessed ones inherit the land, and those cursed by Him shall be cut off. ²³The steps of a man are ordered from Jehovah, and He will delight in his way. ²⁴Though he falls, he is not cast down; for Jehovah upholds his hand. ²⁵I have been young and am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging bread. ²⁶All the day long *he is* gracious and lends, and his seed *is* for a blessing.

²⁷Depart from evil and do good, and live forevermore. ²⁸For Jehovah loves judgment and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever; but the wicked's seed shall be cut off. ²⁹The righteous shall inherit the earth and live on it forever. ³⁰The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue speaks judgment. ³¹The law of his God *is* in his heart; his steps do not slide. ³²The wicked spies on the righteous and seeks to kill him. ³³Jehovah does not leave him in his hand, nor *allow* him to be found guilty in his judgment. ³⁴Wait on Jehovah and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the earth; you shall see when the wicked are cut off. ³⁵I have seen the wicked ruthless, even spreading himself out like a luxuriant, native tree; ³⁶yet he passes away, and, lo, he is not; and I looked for him, but he could not be found.

³⁷Watch the perfect and behold the upright one; for the end of *that* man *is* peace. ³⁸But the transgressors are destroyed together; the end of the wicked is cut off. ³⁹But the salvation of the righteous *is* from Jehovah; *He is* their strength in the time of distress. ⁴⁰And Jehovah helps them and delivers them; He shall deliver them from the wicked and save them, because they trust in Him.

PSALM 38

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

¹O Jehovah, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, and do not chasten me in Your fury. ²For Your arrows sink in me, and Your hand presses heavily on me. ³There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger; nor peace in my bones because of my sin. ⁴For my iniquities have passed over my head; as a heavy burden too heavy for me. ⁵My wounds have putrefied and rotted, because of my foolishness. ⁶I am bent down, I am bowed down exceedingly; I went mourning all the day long. ⁷For my loins are filled with a burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. ⁸I am exceedingly benumbed and crushed I howl from the groanings of my heart. ⁹My Lord, all my desire is before You, and my sighing is not hidden from You. ¹⁰My heart throbs; my power forsakes me! And the light of my eyes, they also are not with me. ¹¹My lovers and my friends stand apart from my stroke, and my neighbors have stood far off. ¹²And those seeking my life lay a snare; yea, those seeking my evil speak ruin, and they utter deceits all the day long. ¹³But like a deaf one I do not hear; and I am like a dumb one who does not open his mouth. ¹⁴And I am as a man who is not hearing, and who has no rebukes in his mouth. ¹⁵For I hope in You, O Jehovah; O Lord my God You will answer. ¹⁶For I said, Lest they rejoice over me in the slipping of my foot; they exalt themselves over me. ¹⁷For I am ready to fall and my pain is before me always. ¹⁸For I will confess my perversity; I am anxious from my sin. ¹⁹And my enemies are living; they are strong; and my haters multiply by falsehood. ²⁰And those who repay evil for good, they attack me, because the good follows me. ²¹O Jehovah, do not forsake me! O my God, do not be far from me; ²²make haste to help me, O my Lord, my salvation.

PSALM 39

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

¹I said, I will keep my ways from sinning with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a muzzle while the wicked are before me. ²I became dumb, keeping still; from good I was silent, and my pain was stirred. ³My heart was hot within me; while the fire burned I was meditating; I spoke with my tongue: ⁴O Jehovah, make me to know my end and the limit of my days, what it is. Let me know how lacking I am. ⁵Behold, like a handbreadth You gave my days, even my life was non-existence before You; ⁶surely every man walks about in shadow; surely they are in an uproar in vain; he heaps up and does not know who is gathering them. ⁷And now what do I await, Lord? My hope is in You. ⁸Deliver me from all my transgressions; do not set me forth as the reproach of the fool. ⁹I was dumb; I did not open my mouth, because You had done it. ¹⁰Remove Your stroke from me; I am consumed by the blow of Your hand. ¹¹You correct a man with rebukes over perversity; and as a moth You consume what he desires. Surely every man is vanity. Selah.

¹²Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and give ear to my cry. Do not be silent at my tears, for I am an alien with You, a sojourner, as were all my fathers. ¹³Look away from me and I will be cheerful before I go away and be no more.

PSALM 40

To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹Waiting I have waited on Jehovah; and He bowed to me and heard my cry. ²And He drew me up from the pit of tumult, out of the miry clay; and He set my feet on a rock; He directed my steps. ³And He put a new song of praise to our God in my mouth; many shall see and shall fear and shall trust in Jehovah. ⁴Blessed is the man who sets Jehovah as his trust, and does not

turn to the proud or those who turn *to* a lie. ⁵Many things have You done, O Jehovah my God; Your works of wonder and Your purposes toward us; there is none to set in order to You; I will declare and I will speak — they are more than can be counted.

⁶Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; You have opened ears to Me. You have not asked burnt offering and sin offering. ⁷Then I said, Lo, I come, in the roll of the Book *it is written of Me*; ⁸I delight to do Your will, O My God; and Your law is within My inmost soul. ⁹I have announced righteousness in the great assembly; behold, I will not restrain My lips; O Jehovah You know. ¹⁰I have not concealed Your righteousness in My heart; I speak Your faithfulness and Your salvation. I have not hidden Your loving-kindness and Your truth for the great assembly. ¹¹Do not withhold Your tender mercies from Me, O Jehovah; let Your loving-kindness and Your truth always watch over Me.

¹²For evils have surrounded me until *there is* no number; my iniquities have taken hold on me and I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me. ¹³Be pleased to deliver me, O Jehovah; hasten to my help. ¹⁴Let be ashamed and humbled together those seeking my soul, to destroy it; let those delighting *in* my evil be driven back and disgraced. ¹⁵Let them be desolate until *it is* the reward for their shame; *for* they are saying to me, Aha! Aha! ¹⁶Let all who are seeking You be glad in You and always say, May Jehovah be magnified, those loving Your salvation. ¹⁷But *I am* poor and needy; the Lord will take thought for me. You *are* my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.

PSALM 41

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹Blessed is he who acts wisely toward the poor; Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil. ²Jehovah will watch over him and keep him alive; he shall be blessed on the earth, and You will not deliver him to the soul of his enemies. ³Jehovah will

uphold him on the couch of sickness; You change all his bed in his sickness. ⁴I said, O Jehovah be gracious to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. ⁵My enemies speak evil of me, *saying*, When will he die and his name perish. ⁶And when he comes to see *me* he speaks vanity; his heart gathers iniquity to itself; he goes outside and speaks. ⁷All my haters whisper together against me; they plot evil against me, *saying*, A thing of ruin is poured out on him; and, He who lies down shall not rise again.

⁸Even a man *desiring* my welfare, I trusted in him, eating of my bread; *this one* has lifted up *his* heel against me. ⁹But You, O Jehovah, be gracious to me and raise me up, and I will repay them. ¹⁰By this I know that You delight in me, because my enemy does not exult over me. ¹¹And I, in my integrity You uphold me, and You set your face before me forever.

¹²Blessed *be* Jehovah God of Israel, even from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen!

PSALM 42

To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation for the sons of Korah.

¹As the deer pants after the channels of water, so my soul pants after You, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God? ³My tears have been my food by day and by night, while *they* say to me all the day long, Where *is* your God? ⁴When I remember these things and I pour out my soul on me — for I passed over with the throng; I led them to the house of God with the voice of rejoicing and praise, a host keeping the feast.

⁵O my soul, why are you cast down and moan within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet thank Him *for* the salvation of His presence. ⁶O my God, my soul is cast down within me; on account of this I remember You from Jordan-land and from the Hermons, from Mount Mizar. ⁷Deep calls to deep through the voice of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and Your billows have passed over me. ⁸Jehovah will command His loving-kindness by day, and His song *shall be* with me in the night,

a prayer to the God of my life. ⁷I will say to God my rock, Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning when the enemy oppresses me? ¹⁰My oppressors reproach me with crushing in my bones, when they say to me every day, Where is your God?

¹¹O my soul, why are you cast down? And why do you moan within me? Hope in God, for I yet thank Him for the salvation of my face and my God.

PSALM 43

¹Judge me O God, and strive for my cause against a nation not godly. Deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. ²For You *are* the God of my strength; why have You cast me off? Why do I go mourning when the enemy oppresses? ³O send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me and bring me to the mount of Your holiness and to Your tabernacles. ⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, to God the joy of my delight, and I will thank with the lyre, O God my God. ⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why do you moan within me? Hope in God, for I will still thank Him, the salvations of my face, and my God.

PSALM 44

To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation for the Sons of Korah.

¹We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us the work You did in their days, in the days of old. ²You drove out nations *with* Your hand and planted them. You brought evil on peoples and expelled them. ³For they did not inherit the land with their own sword; yea, their own arm did not save them. But *it was* Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your face, because You favored them. ⁴You *are* He, my king, O God; command deliverances for Jacob. ⁵Through You we will push our enemies; through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us. ⁶For I will not trust in my bow, and my sword shall not save me. ⁷But You have saved us from our

adversaries and have put to shame those who hate us. ⁸We boast in God all the day long; and we praise Your name forever. Selah.

⁹Now You have cast us off and have shamed us. And You do not go forth with our armies. ¹⁰You make us turn back from the adversary; yea, those who hate us plunder for themselves. ¹¹You have given us like sheep *for* food and have scattered us among the nations. ¹²For no gain You have sold Your people, and You *are* not increased by their price. ¹³You made us a disgrace to our neighbors, a scorn and a mockery to those around us. ¹⁴You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples. ¹⁵My humiliation *is* before me all the day long; yea, the shame of my face covers me, ¹⁶because of the slanderer's voice and the blasphemer, before the face of the enemy and avenger.

¹⁷All this has come upon us, and we have not forgotten You nor dealt falsely with Your covenant. ¹⁸Our heart has not turned back and our steps *have not* swerved from Your way, ¹⁹though You have crushed us in the place of jackals and covered us over with the death-shade. ²⁰If we have forgotten the name of our God, and have spread our hands to an alien god, ²¹shall not God search out this? For He knows the secrets of the heart. ²²Yea, for Your sake we are slain all the day long; we are counted as sheep of slaughter. ²³Be aroused! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Awake! Do not cast us off forever. ²⁴Why do You hide Your face *and* forget our affliction and distress?

²⁵For our soul bows down to the dust; our belly holds fast to the earth. ²⁶Arise *for* our help and redeem us for the sake of Your mercy.

PSALM 45

To the Chief Musician, Concerning the Lilies. For the sons of Korah. A Poem; a Song of the Beloved.

¹My heart is overflowing *with* a good matter. I am speaking *of* my works to the king; my tongue *is* the pen of a rapid writer. ²You are the fairest of the sons of

man; grace has poured into Your lips; on this account God has blessed You forever. ³Gird Your sword on *Your* thigh, Mighty One: *with* Your glory and Your majesty. ⁴And ride prosperously *in* majesty, on the matter of truth and meekness *and* right, and Your right hand shall teach You fearful things. ⁵Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies — peoples fall under You. ⁶Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; the scepter of Your kingdom *is* a scepter of uprightness. ⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness; on account of this God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your fellows.

⁸All Your garments *smell* of myrrh and aloes *and* cassia, out of ivory palaces by which they make You glad. ⁹King's daughters *are* among Your precious ones; the queen stands at Your right hand in gold of Ophir. ¹⁰Listen, O daughter, and look, and incline your ear, and forget your people and your father's house. ¹¹And the King will desire your beauty, for He *is* your Lord, and you shall worship Him. ¹²And the daughter of Tyre with a gift, the rich among the people, will implore your face. ¹³The king's daughter *is* all glorious within, her clothing braided gold. ¹⁴She shall be led to the King in embroidered work; her companions, the virgins, shall be brought to You after her.

¹⁵They shall be led with gladness and rejoicing; they shall go in to the King's palace. ¹⁶Your sons shall be in the place of your fathers; You will make them for rulers in all the earth. ¹⁷I will make remembered Your name in every generation and generation; on this account people shall thank You forever and ever.

PSALM 46

To the Chief Musician. For the sons of Korah; A song "For the Virgins".

¹God *is* our refuge and strength, very much found *to be* a help in distresses. ²On account of this we will not fear when the earth changes and when mountains *are* slipping into the heart of the seas. ³Let its waters foam; let the mountains shake in its swelling. Selah.

⁴*There is* a river, its channels gladden

the city of God, the holy tabernacles of the Most High. ⁵God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God will help her at the turning of the morning. ⁶The nations roared; kingdoms were shaken; He gave forth His voice *and* the earth melted. ⁷Jehovah of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

⁸Come, behold the works of Jehovah, who sets ruins on the earth, ⁹causing to cease wars to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts apart spears; He burns the chariots in the fire. ¹⁰Be still and know that I *am* God! I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth. ¹¹Jehovah of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

PSALM 47

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm for the Sons of Korah.

¹All the peoples clap the hand; shout aloud to God with the voice of shouting. ²For Jehovah Most High is awesome, a great king over all the earth. ³He shall speak peoples under us, even nations under our feet. ⁴He chooses our inheritance for us, the majesty of Jacob whom He loved. Selah.

⁵God has gone up with a shout, Jehovah with the sound of a ram's horn. ⁶Sing praise; sing praise; sing praise to our King! For God *is* the king of all the earth; sing a psalm for edification. ⁷God reigns over the nations; God sits on the throne of His holiness. ⁸The nobles of peoples gather together, the people of the God of Abraham. ⁹For the shields of the earth *are* God's; He is greatly lifted up.

PSALM 48

A Song, A Psalm for the Sons of Korah.

¹Great is Jehovah, and exceedingly to be praised in the city of our God, His holy mountain. ²Beautiful on high, the joy of all the earth, *is* Mount Zion, in the sides of all the north, the city of the great King. ³God is known in her strongholds for a refuge. ⁴For, lo, the kings met together; they passed by together; ⁵they saw, so they

marveled; they were troubled *and* fled away. ⁷Trembling seized them there *and* pain, like a woman in labor.

⁸You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. ⁹As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of Jehovah of hosts, in the city of our God; God establishes it forever. Selah.

¹⁰We have thought on Your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Your temple. ¹¹According to Your name, O God, so *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness. ¹²Mount Zion shall be glad; the daughters of Judah shall shout for joy because of Your judgments. ¹³Walk around Zion; yea, go all around it; count its towers; ¹⁴set your heart on its ramparts; pass between its strongholds; in order that you may report to the coming generation. ¹⁵For this God *is* our God forever and ever; He will be *our* guide *even* unto death.

PSALM 49

To the chief musician, A Psalm for the Sons of Korah.

¹Hear this, all peoples; listen, all inhabitants of the world. ²Both sons of mankind and sons of man together, rich and poor: ³My mouth shall speak wisdoms; and the thoughts of my heart *shall be* of understanding. ⁴I will bow down my ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying on the harp. ⁵Why should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the perversity of my ambassadors will surround me? ⁶Those who trust in their wealth, and in their many riches, boast themselves. ⁷A man cannot at all redeem a brother, nor give to God a ransom for him, ⁸for the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceases forever —⁹for he shall yet live forever; he shall never see corruption. ¹⁰For he sees wise men die; together the fool and the animal-like ones perish and leave their riches to others. ¹¹Their inward *thought is that* their houses *shall last* forever, their dwelling-places to all generations; they call lands after their own names. ¹²But man shall not remain high in honor; he is like the animals; they shall be cut off.

¹³This way of theirs is folly to them, yet

their followers shall be pleased by their mouth. Selah.

¹⁴Like sheep, they are appointed to Sheol; death shall reign *for* them; and upright ones shall rule over them in the morning; and their form *is* for rotting; Sheol *is* home for him. ¹⁵But God will redeem my soul from the hand of Sheol; for He will take me. Selah.

¹⁶Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases; ¹⁷for when he dies, he shall take nothing; his glory shall not go down after him. ¹⁸For in his life he blessed his soul — yea, *men* praise you when you do well for yourself — ¹⁹He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall not see light forever. ²⁰Man, *though high* in honor, but understanding not, is like the animals; they shall be cut off.

PSALM 50

A Psalm of Asaph

¹God, Jehovah God has spoken, and calls to the earth from the rising of the sun to *its* setting. ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone. ³Our God comes, and He is not silent; a fire shall devour before Him; and it shall be very stormy around Him. ⁴He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, to judge His people. ⁵Gather My saints together to Me, those who cut My covenant by sacrifice. ⁶And the heavens shall declare His righteousness, for God Himself *is* judge. Selah.

⁷Hear, My people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God. ⁸I will not reprove you for your sacrifices; yea, your burnt offerings *are* continually before Me; ⁹I will take no bull out of your house, *nor* he-goats out of your folds — ¹⁰for every beast of the forest *is* Mine; the cattle on a thousand hills; ¹¹I know all the birds of the mountains; and all moving in My fields *are* Mine; ¹²if I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world *is* Mine, and the fullness of it — ¹³Will I eat the flesh of mighty *ones*, and will I drink the blood of he-goats? ¹⁴Offer thanksgiving to God; and pay your vows to the Most

High. ¹⁵And call on Me in the day of distress; and I will save you; and you shall glorify Me. ¹⁶But to the wicked, God says, What *is it* to you to declare My statutes, and you take My covenant up on your mouth? ¹⁷Yea, you hate instruction, and toss My words behind you? ¹⁸When you saw a thief, you were pleased with him; and you *have taken* part with adulterers. ¹⁹You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. ²⁰You sit *and* speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. ²¹You have done these things, and I kept silence; you thought *that* surely I would be like yourself; *but* I will rebuke you and set in order before your eyes.

²²Now think of this, you who forget God, lest I tear, and not any to deliver: ²³Whoever offers thanks glorifies Me, and I will show the salvation of God to him who prepares a way.

PSALM 51

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

¹Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your mercy, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies; blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions; and my sin *is* ever before me. ⁴Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done evil in Your eyes; that You might be justified in Your speaking, *and* be clear when You judge. ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. ⁶Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden parts You teach me wisdom. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Cause me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones You have crushed may rejoice. ⁹Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me out from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy

Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³*Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways; and sinners shall be converted to You. ¹⁴Deliver me from the guilt of shedding blood, O God, O God of my salvation; my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare Your praise. ¹⁶For you do not desire sacrifice, or I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

¹⁸Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole offering; then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

PSALM 52

To the chief musician. A Contemplation. A Psalm of David — when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, David has come to the house of Ahimelech.

¹Why do you boast yourself in evil, O hero? The mercy of God *is* all the day. ²Like a sharp razor, your tongue devises ruin, working deceit. ³You love evil more than good; lying more than to speak righteousness. Selah.

⁴You love all devouring words, O deceitful tongue! ⁵God will likewise break you forever; He shall take you away, even pluck you from *your* tent, and uproot you out of the land of the living. Selah.

⁶And the righteous shall see and fear; yea, they *will* laugh over him, *saying*, ⁷Behold, the man who did not make God his strength; but he trusted in his many riches; he was strong in his destruction.

⁸But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. ⁹I will thank You forever, because You have done *it*; and I will hope *in* Your name, for *it is* good before Your saints.

PSALM 53

To the Chief Musician on Mahalath. A Contemplation; A Psalm of David.

¹The fool has said in his heart, *There is no God!* They have done corruptly; they have committed abominable wickedness; there is not one doing good! ²God looked down from Heaven on the sons of mankind, to see if *any* was discerning, who was seeking God: ³Every one has turned away; together they are filthy; not one is doing good; not even one! ⁴Have the workers of evil not known, eating up My people as they eat bread? They have not called on God. ⁵There they feared *with* dread, *where* no dread was; for God has scattered the bones of the one who besieges you; you have put *them* to shame because God rejects them. ⁶Who gives from Zion the salvation of Israel? When God brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice; Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 54

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Contemplation; A Psalm of David — when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Does not David hide himself among us?

¹Save me, O God, by Your name; and judge me by Your strength. ²Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. ³For strangers have risen up against me; and terrifying men seek after my soul; they have not set God before them. Selah.

⁴Behold, God *is* my helper. The Lord *is* with those who uphold my soul. ⁵He shall reward evil to my enemies; cut them off in Your truth. ⁶I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O Jehovah, for *it is* good. ⁷For He has delivered me out of all trouble; and my eye has seen *its desire* on my enemies.

PSALM 55

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Contemplation. A Psalm of David.

¹Give ear to my prayer, O God; and do not hide Yourself from my cry. ²Pay

attention to me, and answer me; I wander and I moan in my complaint, ³from the voice of the enemy; from the oppression of the wicked; for they shake iniquity over me, and in anger they hate me. ⁴My heart is pained within me, and the terrors of death have fallen on me. ⁵Fear and trembling come on me; and horror has covered me. ⁶And I said, Who will give to me wings like a dove? I would fly away and be at rest. ⁷Lo, I would rove far away, fleeing; I would lodge in the desert. Selah.

⁸I would hasten to my escape from the rushing wind, from the tempest. ⁹Swallow up, O Lord; divide their tongue; for I see violence and strife in the city. ¹⁰They go around her on her walls by day and night; and trouble and mischief *are* in her midst. ¹¹Covetings *are* in her midst; oppression and guile will not depart from her streets. ¹²For *it is* not an enemy reproaching me, or I could bear *it*; *it is* not *one* who hates me who *is* magnifying himself against me; or I would hide myself from him. ¹³But *it is* you, a man of my rank, my friend and my associate. ¹⁴We sweetened counsel together; we marched into the house of God with the throng.

¹⁵Desolation be upon them! They go down *into* Sheol alive; for evils *are* among them in their dwelling. ¹⁶I will call to God, and Jehovah will save me. ¹⁷Evening and morning, and at noon, I will complain and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice.

¹⁸He redeems my soul in peace from the war *being waged* against me; for they were many with me. ¹⁹God shall hear and answer them, even He who is enthroned of old. Selah. There are no changes to them; yea, they do not fear God. ²⁰He sent out his hand against those who wish him well; he polluted his covenant. ²¹The butterings of his mouth were forked, and war *was in* his heart; his words were softer than oil, but they *were* as drawn swords.

²²Cast on Jehovah what *He* has given, and He will keep you; He will not give the righteous to waver, forever. ²³But You, O God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction; men of blood and deceit will not *live out* half their days; but I will trust in You.

PSALM 56

To the Chief Musician. Concerning the silent dove — those far off. Of David, a secret treasure — when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

¹Favor me, O God, for man snuffs me up; all the day fighting oppresses me. ²My watchers panted for me all the day; for many are proudly fighting over me. ³The day I am afraid, I will trust in You. ⁴In God I will praise His word; in God I have trusted; I will not fear; what will flesh do to me? ⁵All the day they pervert my words; all their thoughts *are* against me for evil. ⁶They stir up strife; they hide; they observe my footprints as they wait for my soul. ⁷Is escape for them by iniquity? In anger the peoples cast down, O God.

⁸You have counted my wandering; O put my tears in Your bottle; *are they* not in Your Book? ⁹Then my enemies will turn back in the day I call; this I know, for God *is* for me. ¹⁰In God I will praise the word; in Jehovah I will praise the word. ¹¹In God I have trusted; I will not fear; what will man do to me? ¹²On me, O God, *are* Your vows; I will render to You thank offerings. ¹³For You have delivered my soul from death. *Do You* not keep my feet from falling, *so that I* may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57

To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

¹Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for my soul trusts in You; yea, in the shadow of Your wings I will make my hiding-place, until the great destruction passes by. ²I will cry to God most High, to God who works for me. ³He shall send from Heaven and save me; He will shame the one who crushes me. Selah. God shall send His mercy and His truth. ⁴My soul *is* among lions; I lie *among* those who are set on fire, the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue *is* a sharp sword. ⁵Be praised above the heavens, O God; let Your glory *be* over the whole earth.

⁶They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul *is* bowed down; *they have* dug a pit before me; they have fallen into it. Selah.

⁷My heart *is* fixed, O God, my heart *is* fixed; I will sing and give praise. ⁸Wake up my glory! Wake up, harp and lyre! I will stir the morning-dawn with praise. ⁹I will praise You among the peoples, O Lord, I will sing to You among the nations. ¹⁰For Your mercy *is* great to the heavens, and Your truth to the clouds. ¹¹Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Your glory over the whole earth.

PSALM 58

To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David.

¹Will you indeed speak righteousness in silence? Do you judge uprightly, O sons of men? ²Yes, in heart you work the evil of your hands in the land. ³The wicked *are* estranged from the womb; *they go* astray from the belly, speaking lies. ⁴Their poison *is* like the poison of a snake; like the deaf adder, he stops his ear, ⁵which will not hear the charmer's voice, skillful caster of spells. ⁶O God, break their teeth in their mouth; break out the big teeth of the young lions, O Jehovah. ⁷Let them melt away like waters; they flow off to them; he treads his arrows; *let them be* as though *they were* cut off, ⁸as a snail goes *into* melting, a miscarriage of a woman; they do not see the sun. ⁹Before your pots can feel the thorns, whether green or glowing, He shall sweep it away. ¹⁰The righteous shall rejoice when he sees vengeance; he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. ¹¹And man will say, Truly, a fruit *is* to the righteous; truly, there *is* a God judging in the earth.

PSALM 59

To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

¹Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; set me on high from the ones who rise up against me. ²Deliver me from the workers of evil, and save me from bloody

men. ³For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul; mighty ones gather against me; not *for* my transgression, and not my sin, O Jehovah. ⁴Without *my* fault they run and prepare themselves; awaken to help me, and look.

⁵And You, O Jehovah God of hosts, the God of Israel: Awake to visit all the nations; be not merciful to any plotting evil. Selah.

⁶They return at evening; they howl like a dog, and go around the city. ⁷Behold, they bellow with their mouth; swords *are* in their lips; for *they say*, Who hears? ⁸But You, O Jehovah, shall laugh at all the nations. ⁹O my Strength, to You let me watch; for God *is* my strong tower.

¹⁰The God of my mercy shall meet me; God shall let me see *my desire* on my enemies. ¹¹Do not kill them, lest my people forget; scatter them by Your power and bring them down, O Jehovah our shield. ¹²For the sin of their mouth is the word of their lips, and let them be captured in their pride, and for cursing and lying *which* they tell. ¹³Consume *them* in Your anger; consume, so that they may not be; and they shall know that God *is* ruling in Jacob, to the ends of the earth. Selah.

¹⁴Yes, they shall return at evening; let them howl like the dog and go around the city; ¹⁵let them wander up and down for food, and growl if they are not satisfied. ¹⁶But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing of Your mercy in the morning. For You have been my strong tower, and my hiding-place in the day of my trouble. ¹⁷To You, O my strength, I will sing; for God *is* my strong tower, the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

To the Chief Musician. On the Lily of Testimony. A secret treasure of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim, and with Aram-Zobah, when Joab returned, and struck twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

¹O God! You cast us off; You broke us; You who were angry; take us back. ²You made the earth tremble; You tore it; heal its breaks, for it is shaking. ³You have shown Your people hardship; You made

us drink the wine of trembling. ⁴You have given a banner to those who fear You, to lift it up because of the truth. Selah.

⁵Save *with* Your right hand and answer me, that Your beloved may be delivered. ⁶God has spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth. ⁷Gilead *is* Mine, and Manasseh *is* Mine; Ephraim *is* the strength of My head; Judah *is* My lawgiver; ⁸Moab *is* My washpot; over Edom I will cast out My shoe; over me, Philistia, shout in triumph. ⁹Who will bring me *into* the strong city? Who will lead me into Edom? ¹⁰Have not You, O God, cast us aside? And will You not go forth with our armies, O God? ¹¹Give us help against *our* foe, for vain is the deliverance of man. ¹²Through God we shall do mighty things; for He shall tread on our foes.

PSALM 61

To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. Of David.

¹Hear my cry, O God, and listen to my prayer. ²From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart faints; O lead me to the Rock *that* is higher than I. ³For You have been my shelter, a strong tower before the enemy. ⁴I will dwell in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.

⁵For You, O God, have heard my vows; You appointed the inheritance of those who fear Your name. ⁶You will add days to the days of the king; his years will be as generations to generations. ⁷He shall sit enthroned forever before God; appoint mercy and truth to preserve Him. ⁸So I will sing praise to Your name forever, so that I may pay my vows day by day.

PSALM 62

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

¹Only to God is my soul silent; from Him *comes* my salvation. ²He alone *is* my rock and my salvation, my strong tower; I shall not be greatly moved. ³Until when will you break in against a man?

You will shatter him, all of you, like a bowing wall, a tottering fence. ⁴Surely, they plotted to cast *him* down from his excellent dignity; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse in their heart. Selah.

⁵Only be silent to God, O my soul, for my hope comes from Him. ⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation, my strong tower; I shall not be shaken. ⁷On God is my salvation and my glory; my strong rock, my refuge is in God. ⁸Trust in Him at every time, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.

⁹Surely the sons of men *are* vanity, the sons of man *are* a lie; they go up in the scales; they *are* higher than vanity together. ¹⁰Trust not in oppression, and do not be vain in robbery; if riches increase to you, do not set your heart *on* them. ¹¹God has spoken once; twice I have heard this, that power *belongs* to God; ¹²Also mercy *belongs* to You, O Lord, for You reward a man according to his work.

PSALM 63

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

¹O God, You *are* my God; I earnestly seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You, as in a dry and weary land without water. ²Therefore I have seen you in the holy place, seeing Your power and Your glory. ³For Your loving-kindness is better than life; my lips give praise to You. ⁴So I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. ⁵My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips, ⁶when I remember You upon my bed, I will think on You in the night-watches. ⁷For You have been a help to me, and I will rejoice under the shadow of Your wings. ⁸My soul is cleaved after You — Your right hand upholds me. ⁹And those who seek to destroy my life shall go into the depths of the earth. ¹⁰They shall pour him out by the sword; they shall be a serving for jackals. ¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him shall

glory, because the mouth of liars shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹O God, hear my voice in my complaint; guard my life from the terror of the enemy. ²Hide me from the secret company of plunderers, from the tumult of evildoers, ³who sharpen their tongue like a sword; they tread their arrows, a bitter word, ⁴so that they may shoot at the innocent from a lurking place; suddenly they shoot at him, and fear not. ⁵They make themselves strong in an evil plan; they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, Who shall see them? ⁶They search into injustice, *saying*, We have finished a well-laid plan. And the inward part of man and the heart *are* deep! ⁷But God shall shoot an arrow at them; their wounds shall suddenly appear. ⁸So they shall be confounded; their tongue falls upon themselves; everyone seeing them shall flee. ⁹And all men shall fear and shall declare the work of God; yea, they shall in wisdom consider His work. ¹⁰The righteous shall rejoice in Jehovah, and shall trust in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM 65

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm and Song of David.

¹To You silence is praise, O God, in Zion; and to You is a vow paid. ²To You who hears prayer, all flesh comes. ³Things of iniquity are mightier than I; our transgressions, You atone for them. ⁴Blessed is the one You choose and cause to come near You, he shall dwell in Your courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple. ⁵You will answer us in righteousness by awesome things, O God of our salvation; the Confidence of all the ends of the earth and the sea, of those afar off. ⁶By Your strength the mountains are set, banded together with might. ⁷You still the roaring of the sea, the roar of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.

⁸And the inhabitants of the uttermost parts are afraid of Your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and the evening to rejoice. ⁹You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water—You provide their grain, for in this way You have prepared it. ¹⁰You fill its terraces with water. You deepen its furrows; You make it soft with showers; You bless the sprouting of it. ¹¹You crown the year of Your goodness, and Your tracks drop with fruitfulness. ¹²The pastures of the wilderness drop, and the little hills gird themselves *with joy*. ¹³The meadows are outfitted with flocks; the valleys are also covered with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

PSALM 66

To the Chief Musician. A Song. A Psalm.

¹Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ²Sing out the honor of His name; give glory to His praise. ³Say to God, *How fearful are Your works!* Through the greatness of Your power, Your enemies pretend obedience to You. ⁴All the earth shall worship You; and they sing to You; they praise Your name. Selah.

⁵Come and see God's works, who is awesome in His acts toward the sons of men. ⁶He turns the sea into dry land; they go through the river on foot; there we will rejoice with Him. ⁷He rules by His power forever; His eyes search out the nations; let not the rebels exalt themselves. Selah.

⁸Bless our God, O peoples, and make heard the voice of His praise; ⁹who holds our soul in life, and does not allow our foot to slide. ¹⁰For You, O God, have proved us; You have tested us as silver is refined. ¹¹You have brought us into the net; You laid afflictions on our loins. ¹²You have let men ride at our head; we went through fire and through water; but You brought us out to plenty. ¹³I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows, ¹⁴which my lips have opened, and in my trouble my mouth has spoken. ¹⁵I will offer burnt sacrifices of fatlings to

You, with the incense of rams; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah.

¹⁶Come, hear, and let me tell, all you who fear God, what He has done to my soul. ¹⁷I cried to Him with my mouth, and exaltations *were* under my tongue. ¹⁸If I had regarded iniquity in my heart, Jehovah would not have heard. ¹⁹Surely God has heard; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰Blessed *be* God, who has not turned away my prayer, and His mercy from me!

PSALM 67

To the Chief Musician, for stringed instruments. A Psalm. A song.

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, *and* cause His face to shine *upon* us. Selah. ²That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. ³Let the peoples thank You, O God; let all the peoples thank You. ⁴O let the peoples be glad and sing for joy; for You shall judge the peoples uprightly and govern the peoples on earth. Selah.

⁵Let the peoples give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples give thanks to You. ⁶The earth has given its increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. ⁷God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

PSALM 68

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.

¹God rises up *and* His enemies are scattered; and those who hate Him flee from His face. ²As smoke is driven away, You drive *them* away; as wax melts before the fire, the wicked perish in God's presence. ³But the righteous are glad; they shout for joy before God; yea, they exult with gladness. ⁴Sing to God, sing praise to His name; lift up for Him who rides in the deserts; by His name Jehovah; yea, exult in His presence. ⁵God in His holy dwelling *is* a father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows. ⁶God causes the lonely to live at home; He brings out those who are bound with chains, while the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

⁷O God, when You marched before Your people, when You walked on through the wilderness. Selah. ⁸The earth shook, and the heavens dropped before God, this Sinai before God, the God of Israel. ⁹O God, You sent down a shower of plenty, by which You upheld Your inheritance when it was weary; You established it. ¹⁰Your flock lived in it; You, O God, have prepared for the poor in Your goodness.

¹¹Jehovah gave the word; those who bore it *were* a great army. ¹²Kings of armies fled, they ran away; yea, she who stayed home has divided the plunder. ¹³When you lie among the sheepfolds, the wings of a dove are covered with silver, and their feathers with gleaming gold. ¹⁴When the Almighty scatters kings in it, it snows on *Mount Salmon*. ¹⁵The mountain of Bashan *is* God's mountain; the Bashan range *is* a mountain of peaks. ¹⁶Why do you gaze in envy, O mountain range, *at the* mountain God desired for His dwelling? Yea, Jehovah will dwell *in it* forever. ¹⁷The chariots of God are myriads, thousands of changes, the Lord among them; *in* Sinai, in the holy place. ¹⁸You have gone up on high; You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men; yea, to dwell *among* the rebellious, O Jehovah God.

¹⁹Blessed *be* the Lord: day by day He bears burdens for us, the God of our salvation. Selah.

²⁰Our God *is* the God of salvation; and to Jehovah the Lord *are* the issues of death. ²¹Yea, God will crush His enemies' head; the hairy crown of him who walks on in his guilt. ²²The Lord said, I will bring back from Bashan; I will bring back *My people* from the depths of the sea; ²³so that your foot may be dashed in the blood of your enemies, the tongue of *your* dogs in it. ²⁴They have seen Your processions, O God; the goings of my God, my King, in the holy place. ²⁵The singers went before, then the musicians *came*; among *them were* the virgins playing the timbrels. ²⁶O bless God in the congregations, the Lord, from the fountain of Israel. ²⁷There is little Benjamin their ruler; the leaders of Judah *in* their crowd, *and* the leaders of Zebulun, the

leaders of Naphtali.

²⁸Your God has commanded your strength; O God, be strong, *in* this You have worked out for us. ²⁹Because of Your temple over Jerusalem, kings shall bring a present to You. ³⁰Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds, the herd of bulls, with the calves of the peoples, trampling down with pieces of silver. He scatters the people who delight in war. ³¹Let nobles be brought out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall run up her hands to God. ³²Sing to God, kingdoms of the earth; *and* praises to the Lord. Selah.

³³To Him who rides on the heavens of heavens of old; lo, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice. ³⁴Ascribe strength to God over Israel; His majesty and His strength in the skies. ³⁵O God, *You are* overwhelming out of Your holy places; the God of Israel *is* He who gives strength and powers to the people. Blessed *be* God!

PSALM 69

To the Chief Musician. Concerning the Lilies. Of David.

¹Save me, O God, for the waters have come in to *my* soul. ²I sink in deep mire, and there is no standing; I have come into deep waters where the floods overflow me. ³I am weary from my crying, my throat is scorched; my eyes fail while I wait for my God. ⁴They who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; they who would destroy me are mighty, my lying enemies; then I restored what I did not take by violence.

⁵O God, You know my foolishness; and my guiltiness *is* not hidden from You. ⁶O Jehovah of hosts, do not let those who wait on You be ashamed for my sake; let not the ones who seek You be ashamed for my sake, O God of Israel. ⁷Because I suffered reproach for Your sake, shame has covered my face. ⁸I have become a stranger to my brothers, and a foreigner to my mother's children. ⁹For the zeal of Your house has consumed me; and the reproaches of the ones who reproach You have fallen on me. ¹⁰When I humbled my soul with fasting, it also was to my

reproach; ¹¹I also made sackcloth my clothing, and I became a mockery to them. ¹²They who sit in the gate spoke of me; and I was the song of drunkards. ¹³But *as for* me, my prayer *is* to You, O Jehovah, at a time of favor, O God! In the plentitude of Your mercy answer me, in the truth of Your salvation. ¹⁴Deliver me out of the mire, that I may not sink; let me be delivered from those who hate me; and out of the deep waters. ¹⁵Let not the floodwaters overflow me, nor let the deep swallow me up; and let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

¹⁶Hear me, O Jehovah, for Your mercy *is* good; in the plentitude of Your tender mercies, turn toward me. ¹⁷And do not hide Your face from Your servant; for I am distressed; hear me quickly; ¹⁸draw near my soul; redeem it; ransom me because of my enemies. ¹⁹You know my reproach and my shame, and my dishonor; my enemies *are* all before You. ²⁰Reproach has broken my heart, and I am faint; and I waited for one to show pity, but *there was* no one; and for comforters, but I found none. ²¹They also gave me gall in my food; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. ²²Let their table be a trap before them; and to those at ease a snare. ²³Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see; and cause their loins *to* be troubled continually. ²⁴Pour out Your wrath on them; and let the glow of Your anger overtake them. ²⁵Let their home be made desolate; let no one dwell in their tents. ²⁶For whom You have stricken, they have persecuted; and they gossip to the pain of those You pierced. ²⁷Put iniquity to their iniquity; and do not let them enter into Your righteousness. ²⁸Blot them out from the Book of Life; yea, let them not be written with the righteous.

²⁹But I *am* poor and in pain; O God, Your salvation shall set me on high. ³⁰I will praise God's name in a song; and I will magnify Him with thanks. ³¹And it shall please Jehovah more than bulls, horned or hoofed bull. ³²The humble have seen *and* are glad; you who seek God, your heart shall live. ³³For Jehovah hears the needy, and He does not despise His prisoners. ³⁴Let the heavens and the

earth praise Him, the seas, and everything that moves in them. ³⁵For God will save Zion; and He will build the cities of Judah, and they shall live there and possess it. ³⁶And His servants' seed shall inherit; and they who love His name shall live in it.

PSALM 70

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

¹O God, deliver me! Hurry, O Jehovah, to help me! ²Let those who seek after my soul be ashamed and turned pale; let them be turned backward and shamed, those who desire my evil. ³Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame, those who say, Aha, aha! ⁴Let all those who seek You rejoice, and be glad in You; and let those who love Your salvation forever say, Let God be magnified. ⁵But I *am* poor and needy, come quickly to me, O God; You *are* my help and my deliverer; O Jehovah, do not wait any longer.

PSALM 71

¹I put my trust in You, O Jehovah, let me not be put to shame forever. ²In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; bow down Your ear to me and save me. ³Be a rock of strength for me, to which I may always go; You have given a command to save me; for You *are* my rock and my fortress. ⁴O my God, deliver me out of the hand of the wicked, and out of the palm of the unjust and the ruthless. ⁵For You *are* my hope, O Lord Jehovah, my trust from my youth. ⁶I have rested on You from the belly; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb; my praise *shall* always be of You. ⁷I am like a wonder to many, but You *are* my strong tower. ⁸My mouth is filled *with* Your praise, *with* your glory all the day long.

⁹Do not cast me off now at the time of my old age. Do not forsake me when my strength fails. ¹⁰For my enemies speak against me; and those who lurk for my soul plot together. ¹¹And *they* say, God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him, for there is no one to deliver. ¹²O

God, do not be far from me; O my God, come quickly to help me. ¹³Let them be ashamed; let those who are enemies of my soul be consumed; let them be covered with reproach, and let those seeking evil for me *be* dishonored; ¹⁴and I will always hope, and I will add more on all your praise. ¹⁵My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day; for I do not know the numbers. ¹⁶I will come in the strength of the Lord Jehovah; I will speak of Your righteousness, of Yours alone. ¹⁷O God, You have taught me from my youth; and until now I have declared Your wonders. ¹⁸And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not leave me; until I have manifested Your strength to the generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.

¹⁹And, Your righteousness, O God, is to the heights, *You* who have done great things. O God, who *is* like You? ²⁰Who has shown me great and evil distresses; You will turn *me*; You make me live; and You will turn from the depths of the earth; You will bring me up. ²¹You will multiply my greatness and surround and comfort me. ²²I will also thank You with a harp; O my God, I will sing Your truth to You with the lyre, O holy One of Israel. ²³My lips shall shout for joy, for I will sing praise to You; also my soul which you have redeemed. ²⁴And my tongue shall muse on Your righteousness all the day; because those seeking my evil are disgraced; they are put to shame.

PSALM 72

Of Solomon.

¹Give the king Your judgments, O God; and Your righteousness to the king's son. ²Your people He shall judge in righteousness, and Your poor in justice. ³The mountains will lift up peace to the people; and the little hills through righteousness. ⁴He shall judge the poor of the people; and He shall save the sons of the needy; and He shall crush the oppressor. ⁵They shall fear You with the sun; and before the moon in all generations. ⁶He shall descend like rain on the mown grass; like showers that water the earth. ⁷In His days the righteous shall flourish, and

plenty of peace, till the moon *is* not. ⁸He shall also rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ⁹Those dwelling in the desert will bow before Him, and His enemies will lick the dust. ¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. ¹¹Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. ¹²For He shall save the needy who cries, and the poor *with* no helper. ¹³He shall have pity on the poor and needy; and He saves the souls of the needy ones. ¹⁴He shall redeem their souls from oppression and violence; and their blood shall be precious in His eyes.

¹⁵And He shall live, and the gold of Sheba shall be given to Him; and prayer shall be made for Him continually; He shall bless Him all the day long. ¹⁶A fullness of grain shall be in the earth on top of the mountains; its fruit shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth. ¹⁷His name shall be forever; His name shall continue before the sun; and they shall bless themselves by Him; all nations shall call Him blessed.

¹⁸Blessed is Jehovah God, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things. ¹⁹And blessed is His glorious name forever; and the whole earth is filled with His glory! Amen and amen!

²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse have ended.

PSALM 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are of a pure heart. ²And *as for me*, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps nearly made to slip. ³For I was jealous of the proud; I looked upon the peace of the wicked. ⁴For there are no pangs to their death; but their body *is* fat. ⁵They are not in the misery of mortal man; and with men they are not touched. ⁶So pride enchains them; violence covers them *like* a robe. ⁷Their eyes go out with fatness; they have passed the imaginations of the heart. ⁸They scoff and speak in malice; from on high they speak cruelty. ⁹They set their mouth in the heavens; and their tongues

walk through the earth. ¹⁰Because of this His people shall return here; and waters of a full *cup shall be drained* by them. ¹¹And they say, How does God know? and, Is there knowledge in the Most High? ¹²Behold! These *are* the ungodly, who are always at ease; they increase their riches.

¹³Surely I have purified my heart in vain; and I have washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴For all the day long I was touched; and my chastening is at the mornings. ¹⁵If I say, This is the way I will speak; behold, I would deceive a generation of Your children. ¹⁶And *although* I thought, *that I might* understand this, it *was* painful in my eyes, ¹⁷until I went into the sanctuary of God; now I understood their end. ¹⁸Surely, You will set their feet in slippery places; You will make them fall into ruin. ¹⁹How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away with terrors! ²⁰Like a dream *at the time* from dreaming, O Lord, in awaking You will despise their image. ²¹For my heart was in a ferment, and I was pierced *in* my reins. ²²And I *was* brutish and did not know; I *was like* animals with You. ²³Yet I *was* continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand. ²⁴You shall guide me by Your counsel; and afterward *You* will take me *to* glory. ²⁵Whom have I in Heaven? And I have no desire on earth besides You. ²⁶My flesh and my heart waste away; God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷For, lo, those who are far from You shall be lost; You have cut off all who go whoring away from You. ²⁸*As for me, it is good for me to draw near to God; I have made my refuge in the Lord Jehovah, to declare all Your works.*

PSALM 74

A Lesson, of Asaph.

¹O God, have You cast *us* off forever; will Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? ²Remember Your congregation; You purchased *them* in days before; You redeemed *us as* the rod of

Your inheritance, this Mount Zion in which You have dwelt. ³Lift up Your steps to the perpetual desolations; *the* enemy who has done all evil in the sanctuary. ⁴Your vexers have roared in the middle of Your congregation; they set up their own signs *for* signs. ⁵He is known as one bringing axes in on high, against the thick trees. ⁶And now together they break down its carved work with the axe and hammers. ⁷They have cast fire in Your sanctuary; they have polluted the place where Your name dwells on the earth. ⁸They said in their hearts, Let us rage against them together; they have burned up all the meeting-places of God in the land. ⁹We did not see our signs; there is no longer a prophet; nor *any* among us who knows until when. ¹⁰O God, until when shall the enemy defame *You*? Shall the enemy scorn Your name forever? ¹¹Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? From out of Your bosom, consume *them*.

¹²For God *is* my King of old, who works salvation in the midst of the land. ¹³You broke the sea by Your strength; You burst the heads of sea-monsters in the waters. ¹⁴You cracked open the heads of leviathan; You made him food for the people of the wilderness. ¹⁵You divided the fountain and the torrent; You dried up mighty rivers. ¹⁶The day *is* Yours, the night *is* also Yours; You have established the light and the sun. ¹⁷You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; You have formed the summer and winter. ¹⁸Remember this: the enemy has defamed, O Jehovah; and a foolish people have scorned Your name. ¹⁹Do not give the soul of Your turtle-dove to the wild beasts; You will not forever forget the life of Your afflicted ones. ²⁰Look to *Your* covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full, the abodes of violence. ²¹O let not the ill-treated ones turn back ashamed; let the poor and needy praise Your name. ²²Arise, O God, contend for Your cause; remember Your reproach from the fool all the day. ²³Do not forget the voice of Your enemies; the noise of those rising up against You is going up continually.

PSALM 75

To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

¹We have given thanks to You, O God; we have given thanks; for Your name is near; Your wonderful works have been told. ²When I take the appointed time, I shall judge in uprightness. ³The earth and all of its inhabitants are melting away; I set firm its pillars. Selah.

⁴I said to the boastful, Do not boast; and to the wicked, Do not lift up the horn. ⁵Do not lift up your horn on high, do *not* speak with a stiff neck. ⁶For exaltations are not from the east, nor from the west, nor from the desert; ⁷but God *is* the judge; *He* puts down this *one* and lifts up this *other*. ⁸For a cup is in the hand of Jehovah; and the wine foams, it is fully mixed; and He pours out from it; surely all the wicked of the earth must drain its dregs *and* all drink. ⁹But I will witness forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. ¹⁰And I will cut off all the horns of the wicked; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

PSALM 76

To the Chief Musician. For stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song of Praise.

¹God *is* known in Judah; His name *is* great in Israel. ²And His abode is in Salem; and His dwelling-place in Zion. ³There He broke the fiery arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah. ⁴You *are* glorious, *more* excellent than the mountains of prey. ⁵The stout-hearted have been stripped; they slept their sleep; and none of the men of might have found their hands. ⁶By Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the horse and chariot have sunk into a sleep. ⁷You, *even* You, are terrifying; and who can stand before You when You are angry? ⁸You have caused judgment to be heard from Heaven; the earth feared and was stilled, ⁹when God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah. ¹⁰For the wraths of man thank You; You encircle Yourself *with* the wraths left over. ¹¹Vow and pay to

Jehovah your God; let all that are around Him bring presents to the Fearful One. ¹²He shall cut off the spirit in princes; *He is* feared by the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

To the Chief Musician. On Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

¹My voice *is* to God, and I cry; my voice *is* to God, and He gave ear to me. ²In the day of my distress I sought the Lord; my hand was open in the night and did not grow numb; my soul refused to be comforted. ³I remember God and am troubled; I meditate and my spirit faints. Selah.

⁴You seized the watches of my eyes; I am troubled, and I cannot speak. ⁵I thought upon the days of old, the years of *bygone* ages. ⁶I will remember my song in the night; I will speak with my own heart, and my spirit carefully searches. ⁷Will the Lord cast off forever; and will He not add to be pleased any more? ⁸Is His mercy gone forever? Has *His* word failed for all generations? ⁹Has God forgotten to be gracious; has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah.

¹⁰And I said, This *is* my sickness, the years of the right hand of the Most High; ¹¹I will remember the works of Jehovah; surely I will remember Your wonders of old. ¹²I will also meditate on all Your works and muse of Your doings. ¹³O God, your way *is* in holiness; who *is* a God great like God? ¹⁴You *are* the God who does wonders; You have revealed Your strength among the peoples. ¹⁵You have redeemed Your people with Your power, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

¹⁶The waters saw You, O God, the waters saw You; they were afraid; yea the deeps trembled. ¹⁷The clouds poured out water; the skies uttered a voice; and Your arrows flew out. ¹⁸The voice of Your thunder in the tempest; lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked! ¹⁹Your way *is* in the sea; and Your path *is* in the great waters; and Your footsteps are not known. ²⁰You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

A Lesson of Asaph.

¹O my people, listen to my law; bow your ears to the words of my mouth. ²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will pour forth dark sayings of old, ³those which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. ⁴We will not hide *them* from their sons; to declare to the coming generation the praises of Jehovah; yea, His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. ⁵For he raised a testimony in Jacob, and set a law in Israel; which he commanded our fathers, to teach them to their sons; ⁶so that a coming generation may know; sons shall be born, *and* they shall rise up and tell their sons, ⁷so that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

⁸And they shall not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that prepared not its heart; yea, whose spirit was not faithful with God. ⁹The sons of Ephraim *were* armed shooters of bows; *yet* they turned back in the day of battle. ¹⁰They did not keep the covenant of God and refused to walk in His law. ¹¹And they forgot His works and His wonders which He had shown them; ¹²He did wonders before their fathers in the land of Egypt, the field of Zoan.

¹³He divided the sea and passed them through; and He caused the waters to stand in a heap. ¹⁴And He led them by a cloud in the day, and all the night with a light of fire. ¹⁵He split the rocks in the wilderness and made them drink, as *from* great floods. ¹⁶And He brought streams out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like torrents. ¹⁷Yet they sinned still more against Him, to provoke the Most High in the desert. ¹⁸And they tested God in their heart, by asking food for their souls. ¹⁹And they spoke against God, saying, Shall God be able to set a table in the wilderness? ²⁰Behold! He struck the rock and the waters gushed out, and the torrents overflowed. Can He also give bread? Will He provide flesh for His people? ²¹So Jehovah heard and He was angry; so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and also anger went up against Israel,

²²because they did not believe in God, and trusted not in His salvation. ²³And He commanded the fine clouds above; and He opened the doors of the heavens; ²⁴and He rained on them manna to eat; and He gave the grain of the heavens to them. ²⁵Man ate the bread of the mighty; He sent them food to the full. ²⁶He made an east *wind* blow in the heavens; and He led out the south *wind* by His power. ²⁷Yea, He rained flesh on them like dust, and winged birds as the sand of the seas. ²⁸And He made them fall amidst His camp, all around to His tents. ²⁹So they ate and were filled full; for their own lust He brought to them. ³⁰They were not estranged from their lust; their food *was* still in their mouths, ³¹and God's wrath came on them and killed the fattest of them; and He struck down the choice ones of Israel.

³²In all this they sinned still, and did not believe in His wonderful works; ³³and He ended their days in vanity, and their years in sudden terror. ³⁴When He killed them, then they sought Him; and they turned and searched for God. ³⁵So they remembered that God *was* their rock, and the Most High God their redeemer. ³⁶But they flattered Him with their mouth, and with their tongues lied to Him. ³⁷For their heart was not steadfast with Him; and they were not faithful in His covenant. ³⁸But He being merciful atoned for iniquity and did not destroy; and He added to turn away His anger, and did not stir up all his wrath. ³⁹For He remembered that they *were* flesh, a breath passing away, and not returning.

⁴⁰How often they disobeyed Him in the wilderness, angering Him in the desert! ⁴¹Yea, they turned back and tested God, and pained the Holy One of Israel. ⁴²They did not remember His hand, on the day He redeemed them from the enemy; ⁴³who set His signs in Egypt, and His wonders in the field of Zoan. ⁴⁴He turned their rivers into blood, also their streams *that* they might not drink. ⁴⁵He sent swarms of flies against them, and they devoured them; also frogs, and they destroyed them. ⁴⁶He also gave their crops to the stripping locust, and their labor to the locust. ⁴⁷He killed their vines with

hail, and their sycamore trees with sleet. ⁴⁸He gave their cattle up to the hail, and their flocks to bolts of fire. ⁴⁹He sent the heat of His anger on them, fury and indignation and distress, a sending of angels of evils. ⁵⁰He leveled a path for His anger; He did not keep back their soul from death, but gave their life over to the plague. ⁵¹And he struck all the firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of strength in the tents of Ham; ⁵²and He led His people forth like sheep; and He led them like a flock in the wilderness. ⁵³And he led them on safely, and they did not fear; but the sea flooded over their enemies.

⁵⁴He brought them to the border of His holy place; this mountain *that* His right hand had gained. ⁵⁵And He cast out the nations before them; and by a line He made a possession fall to them; and He made the tribes of Israel to live in their tents. ⁵⁶Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God; and they did not keep His testimonies; ⁵⁷but they turned back and betrayed, like their fathers; they veered aside like a deceitful bow. ⁵⁸For they enraged Him with their high places; and they provoked Him to jealousy with their molten images. ⁵⁹When God heard, He was angry, and He utterly rejected Israel. ⁶⁰And He left the tabernacle of Shiloh; the tent He dwelt in among men; ⁶¹and delivered His strength into captivity, and His glory into the enemy's hands. ⁶²And He gave His people to the sword; and was angry with His inheritance. ⁶³The fire burned up His young men; and His virgins were not praised. ⁶⁴His priests fell by the sword; and their widows were not able to weep.

⁶⁵Then the Lord awoke, as one asleep; like a mighty man rejoicing *with* wine. ⁶⁶And He drove His enemies backward; He put them to a never-ending shame. ⁶⁷And He refused the tabernacle of Joseph; and He did not elect the tribe of Ephraim; ⁶⁸but He chose the tribe of Judah, the Mount Zion which He loved. ⁶⁹And He built His sanctuary like high places; like the earth He has founded forever. ⁷⁰He also chose His servant

David, and took him from the sheepfolds; ⁷¹He brought him in from the suckling ewes; He brought him to feed His people Jacob, and His inheritance, Israel. ⁷²And he fed them in the integrity of his heart; and guided them in the skillfulness of his hands.

PSALM 79

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; they have defiled Your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in heaps. ²They have given the bodies of Your servants as food for the birds of the heavens; the flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth. ³They have shed their blood like water all around Jerusalem; and there is no one burying. ⁴We have become a shame to our neighbors, a scorn and a mockery to those who are around us. ⁵Until when, O Jehovah? Will You be angry with us forever? Shall Your jealousy burn like fire? ⁶Pour out Your wrath on the nations who have not known You, and on the kingdoms who have not called on Your name. ⁷For *they have* eaten up Jacob, and laid waste to his dwelling-place. ⁸O do not remember for us the sins of our first ones; let Your tender mercies meet us speedily, for we have been brought very low. ⁹Help us, O God of our salvation, for the matter of the glory of Your name; and deliver us and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake.

¹⁰Why should the nations say, Where *is* their God? Let Him be known among the nations before our eyes, the avenging of the blood of Your servants *that* has been poured out. ¹¹Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your arm, preserve the sons of death. ¹²And reward our neighbors sevenfold, *Give* into their bosom their curse with which they have cursed You, O Lord. ¹³Then we Your people, and sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; we will declare Your praise to all generations.

PSALM 80

To the Chief Musician. A Testimony. Concerning the Lilies. A Psalm of Asaph.

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, You dwelling *between* the cherubs. ²Stir up Your might before Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manasseh, and come for salvation. ³O God, turn us again, and make Your face shine, and we will be saved! ⁴O Jehovah God of Hosts, until when will You smoke against the prayer of Your people? ⁵You made them eat with the bread of tears; yea, You made them drink with tears a third time. ⁶You make us a strife for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh to themselves. ⁷O God of hosts, turn us again, and cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved.

⁸You have led a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and have planted it. ⁹You cleared before it, and You have rooted its roots; and it has filled the land. ¹⁰The hills were covered *with* its shadow; and its boughs *were as* the great cedars. ¹¹It was sending its boughs out to the sea, and its branches to the River. ¹²Why have You broken down its walls, so that it is plucked by all who pass by the way? ¹³A boar out of the forest wastes it and the beast of the field feeds on it. ¹⁴O God of hosts, we beg You, return! Look down from Heaven and see and visit this vine, ¹⁵and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and on the Son You made strong for Yourself. ¹⁶*It is* burned with fire, cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Your face. ¹⁷Let Your hand be on the Man of Your right hand; on the Son of man *whom* You have made strong for Yourself. ¹⁸So we will not backslide from You; make us live, and we will call on Your name.

¹⁹O Jehovah, God of hosts, turn us again! Cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved.

PSALM 81

To the Chief Musician. On Gittith. Of Asaph.

¹Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. ²Lift up a

song, and the timbrel *here*, the pleasing lyre with the harp. ³Blow the ram's horn in the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. ⁴For this *was* a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob. ⁵This He ordained *as* a testimony in Joseph, when He went out over the land of Egypt; I heard a lip I did not understand. ⁶I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were freed from the basket. ⁷You called in distress, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

⁸O My people, listen, and I will testify against you, whether you will listen to Me: ⁹There shall be no strange god among you; nor shall you worship a foreign god—¹⁰*I am* Jehovah your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. ¹¹But My people would not listen to My voice; and Israel did not consent to Me. ¹²So I gave them up to the stubbornness of their own hearts; they walked in their own conceits.

¹³O if My people had listened to me! *If* Israel had walked in My ways, ¹⁴I would have subdued their enemies in a little; and I would have turned My hand against their foes — ¹⁵the haters of Jehovah shall be found untrue to Him, and their time *is* forever. ¹⁶Yea, He would caused them to eat from the fat of the wheat; and I would have satisfied you *with* honey out of the rock.

PSALM 82

A Psalm of Asaph

¹God stands in the assembly of God; He judges in the midst of the gods. ²Until when will you judge unjustly, and lift up the faces of the wicked? Selah.

³Judge the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. ⁴Deliver the poor and needy; save out of the hand of the wicked. ⁵They neither know nor will understand; they walk in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶I have said, *You are* gods, and all of you sons of the Most High. ⁷but you shall die as man, and fall like one of the rulers. ⁸Rise, O God, judge the earth; for You shall inherit in all the nations.

PSALM 83

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.

¹O God, do not keep silence to Yourself; do not be speechless; yea, do not be still, O God. ²For lo, Your enemies are roaring; and those who hate You have lifted up *their* head. ³They take shrewd counsel against Your people; *they* plot against Your hidden ones. ⁴They have said, Come, and we will cut them off from being a nation, and, The name of Israel will not be recalled again. ⁵For they plotted together *with* one heart; they have cut a covenant against You; ⁶*even* the tents of Edom, and of the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagarites; ⁷Gebal and Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia and the inhabitants of Tyre. ⁸Also Assyria has joined with them; they were an arm to the sons of Lot. Selah.

⁹Do to them as *to* Midian, as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin at the torrent Kishon. ¹⁰At Endor they were destroyed; they became dung for the ground. ¹¹Make their nobles as Oreb and Zeeb, and all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna; ¹²who said, Let us take possession of God's pastures for ourselves.

¹³O my God, make them as whirling dust, as the stubble before the wind. ¹⁴As the fire burns a forest, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire, ¹⁵so pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your storm. ¹⁶Fill their faces with shame, and they will seek Your name, O Jehovah. ¹⁷Let them be ashamed and terrified forever; yea, let them be confounded and perish. ¹⁸And let them know — Your name *is* Jehovah — that You alone *are* the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM 84

To the Chief Musician. On Gittith. A Psalm for the sons of Korah

¹How lovely *are* Your dwellings, O Jehovah of hosts! ²My soul longs and even faints for the courts of Jehovah; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. ³Even the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *on* Your

altars, O Jehovah of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴Blessed *are* they who dwell in Your house; they will always be praising You. Selah.

⁵Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You; the highways *are* in their hearts. ⁶Passing through the valley of weeping, they will make it a fountain; yea, the rain clothes with blessings. ⁷They go from strength to strength, being seen in Zion before God. ⁸O Jehovah God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

⁹Behold, O God, our shield; and look upon the face of Your anointed. ¹⁰For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand; I have chosen to stand at the threshold in the house of my God, rather than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹For Jehovah God *is* a sun and shield; Jehovah will give grace and glory; He will withhold nothing good from those who walk in integrity. ¹²O Jehovah of hosts, blessed *is* the man who trusts in You!

PSALM 85

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm for the sons of Korah

¹O Jehovah, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob. ²You have taken away the iniquity of Your people; You covered all of their sins. Selah.

³You gathered all of Your wrath; You turned from the heat of Your anger. ⁴O God of our salvation, turn us, and break up Your anger with us. ⁵Will You be angry with us forever? ⁶Will You give us life anew, so that Your people may rejoice in You? ⁷Cause us to see Your mercy, O Jehovah, and give us Your salvation.

⁸I will hear what Jehovah God will say; for He will speak peace to His people, and to His saints; but let them not turn again to folly. ⁹Surely His salvation *is* near to fearers of Him; for glory to dwell in our land. ¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace kissed *each other*. ¹¹Truth shall sprout out of the earth, and righteousness looks down from Heaven. ¹²Yea, Jehovah shall give good,

and our land shall give its produce.
¹Righteousness shall go before Him, and shall make a way for His footsteps.

Psalm 86

A Psalm of David

¹O Jehovah, bow down Your ear, answer me, for I *am* poor and needy.
²Guard my soul, for I *am* godly; O You my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.
³Be gracious to Me, O Lord, for I cry to You daily.
⁴Give joy to the soul of Your servant; for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
⁵For You, O Lord, *are* good and ready to forgive; and rich in mercy to all who call on You.
⁶O Lord, give ear to my prayer; listen to my voice of supplications.
⁷I will call on You in the day of my trouble, for You will answer me.
⁸None among the gods *is* like You, O Lord; nor *any* like Your works.
⁹All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You; yea, Lord, *they* shall glorify Your name.
¹⁰For You *are* great, and do wonderful things; You alone *are* God.

¹¹Teach me Your way, O Jehovah; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.
¹²With all my heart I will thank You, O Lord my God; and I will glorify Your name forevermore.
¹³For Your mercy toward me *is* great; and You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.
¹⁴O God, the proud have risen against me; and the troop of the violent have sought after my life, and have not set You before their eyes.
¹⁵But You, O God, *are* God, full of pity; and gracious, long-suffering and rich in mercy and truth.
¹⁶O turn to me and be gracious to me; give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your handmaid.
¹⁷Show me a token for good, that those who hate me may see and be ashamed, O Jehovah, because You have helped me and comforted me.

PSALM 87

For the Sons of Korah. A Psalm. A Song.

¹His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.
²Jehovah loves the gates of Zion more than all the tents of Jacob.
³Glorious

things *are* spoken of you, O city of God. Selah.

⁴I will mention Rahab and Babylon to those who know me; behold, Philistia and Tyre with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.
⁵And it shall be said to Zion, *This* man and *that* man was born in her; and the Highest Himself shall establish her.
⁶In recording the peoples Jehovah shall mark down, *This man* was born there. Selah.

⁷And the singers, the players of the pipe; all my springs *are* in You.

PSALM 88

A Song. A Psalm for the Sons of Korah, to the Chief Musician on Mahalath, to make humble. A Poem of Heman the Ezrahite.

¹O Jehovah God of my salvation, I have cried in the day, in the night before You.
²Let my prayer come before You; bow down Your ear to my cry.
³For my soul is full with evils; and my life touches Sheol.
⁴I am counted with those who go down to the Pit; I have been like a feeble man,
⁵free among the dead, as pierced ones lying in the grave, whom You remember no more; yea, by Your hand they are cut off.
⁶You have laid me in the lowest pit, in dark places; in the deeps.
⁷Your fury has lain hard upon me, and You afflict *me* with all Your waves. Selah.

⁸You have taken my friends away from me; You have made me a hateful thing to them; *I am* shut up, I cannot go out.
⁹My eye mourns because of affliction; O Jehovah, I have called on You every day; I have spread out my hands to You.
¹⁰For will You do wonders to the dead? Or shall the departed spirits rise *and* thank You? Selah.

¹¹Shall Your mercy be declared in the grave; Your faithfulness amidst ruin?
¹²Shall Your wonders be known in the dark, and Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness.
¹³But to You I have cried, O Jehovah; and in the morning my prayer shall go before You.
¹⁴O Jehovah, why do You cast off my soul; *why* do You hide Your face from me?
¹⁵*I am* afflicted and dying from childhood; I suffer Your terrors; I am distracted.
¹⁶Your fierce wrath

goes over me; Your terrors have cut me off.

¹⁷They surrounded me like waters all the day long; they have come together around me. ¹⁸You have taken lover and friend far from me; he who knows me, *into* darkness.

PSALM 89

A Poem of Ethan the Ezrahite.

¹I will sing of the mercies of Jehovah forever; I will declare with my mouth Your faithfulness to all generations. ²For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever; You shall establish Your faithfulness in the heavens.

³I have cut a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, ⁴I will establish Your seed forever, and build up Your throne to all generations. Selah.

⁵And the heavens shall thank Your wonders, O Jehovah; also Your faithfulness in the assembly of the saints. ⁶For who in the heaven shall be ranked with Jehovah, *who* among the sons of the mighty is like Jehovah? ⁷God is greatly to be feared in the congregation of the saints, and to be adored by all around Him. ⁸O Jehovah God of hosts, *who is* a strong Jehovah like You? And Your faithfulness *is* all around You. ⁹You rule the pride of the the sea; when its waves rise high, You still them. ¹⁰You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. ¹¹The heavens *are* yours, and the earth *is* Yours—the world and its fullness—You founded them. ¹²You have created the north and the south; Tabor and Herman rejoice in Your name. ¹³You have a mighty arm; Your hand is strong, Your right hand is high. ¹⁴Justice and righteousness *are* Your throne's foundation; mercy and truth go before Your face. ¹⁵Blessed is the people knowing the joyful sound; O Jehovah, they shall walk in the light of Your face. ¹⁶They shall rejoice in Your name always; and they are exalted in Your righteousness. ¹⁷For *you are* the glory of their strength; and by Your favor You lift up our horn. ¹⁸For Jehovah *is* our shield, and the Holy One of Israel our King.

¹⁹Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one; and You said, I have laid help on a mighty one. I have exalted a chosen one from the people. ²⁰I have found My servant David; I have anointed him with My holy oil. ²¹My hand shall be fixed with him; and My arm shall make him strong. ²²An enemy will not exact against him; nor the son of iniquity afflict him. ²³And I will beat down his foes before Him, and plague those hating him. ²⁴But My faithfulness and My mercy *is* with him; and his horn shall be exalted in My name. ²⁵And I will set his hand in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. ²⁶He shall cry to Me, My father You *are* my God, and the rock of my salvation. ²⁷And I will make him My firstborn; higher than the kings of the earth. ²⁸I will keep My mercy for him forever; and My covenant shall hold fast with him. ²⁹And I have established his seed forever, and his throne as the days of the heavens. ³⁰If his children forsake My law and do not walk in My judgments; ³¹if they profane My statutes and do not keep My commands; ³²then I will visit their transgressions with the rod, and their sins with stripes. ³³But I will not annul My mercy from him, and I will not be false in My faithfulness. ³⁴I will not profane My covenant, nor change what goes from My lips. ³⁵Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. ³⁶His seed shall be forever, and his throne as the sun before Me. ³⁷Like the moon, it shall be forever; and a faithful witness in the sky. Selah.

³⁸But You have cast off and rejected *us*; You have been angry with Your anointed. ³⁹You have turned away from the covenant of your servant; You have defiled his crown on the ground. ⁴⁰You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin. ⁴¹All who pass by the way plunder him; he is a curse to his neighbors. ⁴²You have set up the right hand of his enemies; You have made all *his* enemies rejoice. ⁴³And you have turned back the edge of his sword, and have not held him up in battle. ⁴⁴You have made his glory to cease and have hurled his throne to the ground. ⁴⁵You have shortened the days of his youth; You have covered him *with* shame. Selah.

⁴⁶O Jehovah, until when will You hide Yourself? Shall Your wrath burn like fire forever? ⁴⁷Remember, I pray, the time of *my* life; for what vanity have you created all the sons of men? ⁴⁸What man lives and never sees death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of Sheol? Selah. ⁴⁹O Lord, where *are* Your former kindnesses, *that* You swore to David in Your faithfulness? ⁵⁰Remember, O Lord, the reproach of Your servants; my bearing in my bosom the insults of the many peoples; ⁵¹*with* which Your enemies have cursed, O Jehovah; *with* which they have cursed the footsteps of Your anointed.

⁵²Blessed *be* Jehovah forever. Amen and amen!

PSALM 90

A Prayer of Moses the Man of God.

¹O Lord, You have been our dwelling-place in all generations. ²Before the mountains were born, or ever You had formed the earth and the world; even from everlasting to everlasting You *are* God. ³You turn man to dust, and say, Return, O sons of men. ⁴For a thousand years in Your eyes *are* as yesterday when it passes, and *as* a watch in the night. ⁵You flooded them away; they *are* *as* a sleep; in the morning *they are* like grass growing; ⁶in the morning it sprouts and shoots up; in the evening it withers and dries up. ⁷For we are consumed by Your anger, and we are troubled by Your wrath. ⁸You have set our iniquities before You, our secret *sins* in the light of Your face. ⁹For all our days pass away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a murmur. ¹⁰The days of our years *are* seventy; and if *any* by strength *live* eighty years, yet their pride *is* labor and vanity; for it soon passes, and we fly away. ¹¹Who knows the power of Your anger? And *as* Your fear *is*, *so is* Your fury. ¹²So teach *us* to number our days, so that we may bring a heart of wisdom. ¹³Return, O Jehovah! Until when? And give pity to Your servants. ¹⁴O satisfy us in the morning with Your mercy, and we will be glad and rejoice all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad according to the days of our affliction, the years in

which we have seen evil. ¹⁶Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your majesty to their sons. ¹⁷And let the delight of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish the works of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish it!

PSALM 91

¹He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide *in* the shade of the Almighty. ²I will say to Jehovah: My refuge and my fortress, my God; I will trust in Him. ³For He delivers you from the fowler's trap, from destruction's plague. ⁴With His feathers He will cover you, and under His wings you shall seek refuge; His truth *is* a shield and buckler. ⁵You shall not fear the terror of night, of the arrow *that* flies by day; ⁶of the plague *that* walks in darkness; of the destruction laying waste at noonday. ⁷A thousand shall fall by your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you. ⁸Only with your eyes you shall look, and see the reward of the wicked. ⁹Because You, O Jehovah, *are* my refuge; you make the Most High your habitation. ¹⁰No evil shall happen to You, nor shall any plague come near Your tent. ¹¹For He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep You in all Your ways. ¹²They shall bear You up in their hands, that You not dash Your foot on a stone. ¹³You shall tread on the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent You shall trample underfoot. ¹⁴Because he has set his love on Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known my name. ¹⁵He shall call on Me and I will answer him; I *will be* with him in distress; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶I will satisfy him *with* length of days and will make him see My salvation.

PSALM 92

A Psalm, A Song for the Sabbath Day.

¹*It is* good to give thanks to Jehovah, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; ²to make Your mercy known in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night; ³on the *ten strings*, and on the harp

—on the lyre with sounding music. ⁴For You have rejoiced me with Your work, O Jehovah; I will shout in the works of Your hands. ⁵O Jehovah, Your purposes are very deep. How great are Your works! ⁶An animal-like man does not know; a fool does not understand this. ⁷When the wicked flourish like grass; and all the evildoers blossom; *it is* for them *to be* destroyed forever. ⁸But You, O Jehovah, *are* exalted forever. ⁹For, lo, Your enemies, O Jehovah; for, lo, Your enemies shall perish; all the evildoers shall be scattered. ¹⁰But You will lift up my horn as the wild ox, and I will be anointed with fresh oil. ¹¹And my eye shall look on my enemies; my ears shall hear the evildoers who rise up against me. ¹²The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³Those planted in the house of Jehovah, in the courts of our God, shall flourish. ¹⁴They shall bear fruit in old age; they shall be fat and fresh; ¹⁵*to* declare that Jehovah *is* upright, my rock! And in Him *is* no evil.

PSALM 93

¹Jehovah reigns! He is clothed with majesty; Jehovah is clothed with strength; He girded Himself; and the world is established; it shall not be shaken. ²Your throne *is* established from then; You *are* from everlasting. ³The floods have lifted up; O Jehovah, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods have lifted their roaring waves. ⁴Jehovah on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *than* the mighty waves of the sea. ⁵Your testimonies are very sure; holiness becomes Your house to length of days, O Jehovah.

PSALM 94

¹O Jehovah, God of vengeance; O God of vengeance, shine forth! ²Lift up Yourself, O judge of the earth; give a just repayment on the proud. ³O Jehovah, until when *shall* the wicked exult? ⁴They gush; they speak impudent things; all the workers of evil speak proudly. ⁵O Jehovah, they crush Your people and

afflict Your inheritance. ⁶They kill the widow and the stranger, and murder the orphan. ⁷Yet they say, The Lord shall not see, nor shall the God of Jacob observe. ⁸Understand, you beastly ones among the people; yea, you fools, when will you be wise? ⁹He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? ¹⁰He who chastises the nations, shall He not punish—He who teaches man knowledge?

¹¹Jehovah knows the thoughts of man, that they *are* vain. ¹²Blessed is the man You chasten, O Jehovah, You teach him out of Your law; ¹³*to* give him rest from troubled days, until the pit is dug for the wicked. ¹⁴For Jehovah will not leave His people; nor will He forsake His inheritance. ¹⁵For judgment shall turn to righteousness; and all the upright in heart shall follow after it. ¹⁶Who will rise up for Me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for Me against the workers of evil? ¹⁷Unless Jehovah *had* been my help, my soul would almost have dwelt in silence. ¹⁸If I said, My foot slides, O Jehovah, Your mercy has held me up. ¹⁹In the multitude of my inward thoughts, Your comforts delight my soul. ²⁰Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship *with* You, devising mischief for a statute? ²¹They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the blood of the innocent. ²²But Jehovah is my tower of defense; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge. ²³And He shall turn their own evil upon them; and He shall cut them off in their own wickedness; and in their evil He shall cut them off. Jehovah our God shall cut them off!

PSALM 95

¹O come, let us sing to Jehovah; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before His face with praise; let us shout for joy to Him with songs. ³For Jehovah *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴The deep places of the earth *are* in His hand; the summits of the mountains also *are* His. ⁵The sea *is* His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. ⁶O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel

before Jehovah our Maker. ⁷For He *is* our God; and we *are* the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice, ⁸do not harden your heart as *in* Meribah; as *in* the day of Massah in the wilderness; ⁹when your fathers tempted Me, they tested Me and they saw My work. ¹⁰For forty years I was disgusted with this generation; and *I* said, They *are* a people who err in heart; and, They do not know My ways, ¹¹to whom I swore in My anger, They shall not enter into My rest.

PSALM 96

¹O sing to Jehovah a new song; sing to Jehovah, all the earth. ²Sing to Jehovah; bless His name, bear news of His salvation day by day. ³Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people. ⁴For Jehovah *is* great and greatly to be praised; He *is* to be feared above all gods. ⁵For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols; but Jehovah made the heavens. ⁶Honor and majesty *are* before Him; strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary. ⁷Give to Jehovah, O families of the people; give to Jehovah glory and might. ⁸Give to Jehovah the glory *due* His name; bring an offering and come in to His courts. ⁹O worship Jehovah in the beauty of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth. ¹⁰Say among the nations, Jehovah reigns; and, The world shall be established, it shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples in uprightness. ¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and the fullness of it. ¹²Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it; then the trees of the forest shall rejoice ¹³before Jehovah; for He comes; for He comes to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His faithfulness.

PSALM 97

¹Jehovah reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of islands be glad. ²Clouds and darkness *are* all around Him; righteousness and judgment *are* the foundation of His throne. ³A fire goes before Him and burns up His enemies all around.

⁴His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw and trembled. ⁵The mountains melted like wax before the face of Jehovah; before the face of Jehovah of the whole earth. ⁶The heavens declare His righteousness and all the people see His glory. ⁷All who serve graven images are shamed, those who boast themselves in idols; all gods bow down before Him.

⁸Zion heard and was glad; yea, the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O Jehovah. ⁹For You, Jehovah, *are* exalted above all the earth; You *are* lifted on high far above all gods. ¹⁰You who love Jehovah, hate evil; He keeps the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. ¹¹Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. ¹²Be glad in Jehovah, O righteous ones; give thanks to the memory of His holiness.

PSALM 98

A Psalm.

¹O sing to Jehovah a new song; for He has done wondrous things; His right hand and His holy arm has saved Him. ²Jehovah has revealed His salvation; He unveiled His righteousness to the eyes of the nations. ³He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth; break out and rejoice and sing praise. ⁵Sing praise to Jehovah with the lyre; with the lyre and the voice of a song. ⁶With trumpets and the sound of a horn, make a joyful noise before Jehovah the King. ⁷Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who live in it. ⁸Let the rivers clap *their* hands; let the heights shout for joy together ⁹before Jehovah; for He comes to judge the earth; with righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples in uprightness.

PSALM 99

¹Jehovah reigns; let the peoples tremble; *He* sits *upon* the cherubs; let the earth quake. ²Jehovah *is* great in Zion; and He *is* high above all the peoples. ³They shall

thank Your great and fearful name; it is holy.

⁴The king's strength also loved judgment; You have established uprightness; You work judgment and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵Exalt Jehovah our God and worship at His footstool; He is holy.

⁶Moses and Aaron were among His priests; and Samuel was among those who called on His name; they called to Jehovah, and He answered them. ⁷He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; they kept His testimonies and the law that He gave to them. ⁸You answered them, O Jehovah our God; You were a God who forgives to them, but taking vengeance on their works. ⁹Exalt Jehovah our God and worship at His holy hill; for Jehovah our God is holy.

PSALM 100

A Psalm of Thanksgiving.

¹Shout joyfully to Jehovah, all you lands. ²Worship Jehovah with gladness; come before His face with joyful singing. ³Know that Jehovah, He is God; He has made us, and not we ourselves — His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving; into His courts with praise; be thankful to Him; bless His name. ⁵For Jehovah is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His faithfulness to generation and generation.

PSALM 101

A Psalm of David.

¹I will sing of mercy and judgment; to You O Jehovah, I will sing praise. ²I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way; O when will You come to me? I will walk in the integrity of my heart in the midst of my house. ³I will set no wicked thing before my eyes; I have hated the work of those who turn aside; it shall not fasten upon me. ⁴A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know evil. ⁵Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, I will cut him off; I will not endure him who has high eyes and a proud heart. ⁶My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, so that they may dwell with Me; he who walks in a perfect

way shall serve Me. ⁷He who works falsely shall not live inside my house; he who speaks lies shall not be established before My eyes. ⁸In the mornings I will cut off all the wicked of the land; so that I may cut off all the evil workers from the city of Jehovah.

PSALM 102

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is faint and pours out his complaint before Jehovah.

¹Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and let my cry come to You. ²Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; bow down Your ear to me in the day I call; answer me quickly. ³For my days are finished in smoke, and my bones glow like a firebrand. ⁴My heart is stricken and dried like grass, so that I forget to eat my bread. ⁵Because of the voice of my sighing, my bones cleave to my flesh. ⁶I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert. ⁷I watch and am like a sparrow alone on the housetop. ⁸My enemies curse me all the day long; those who rave against me have sworn against me. ⁹For I have eaten ashes like bread, and have mixed my drink with weeping; ¹⁰because of Your anger and Your wrath; for You have lifted me and cast me down. ¹¹My days are like a shadow stretched out, and I wither like grass.

¹²But You, O Jehovah, shall dwell forever, and Your memory to generation and generation. ¹³You shall arise; have mercy on Zion; for the time to pity her, yea, the appointed time has come. ¹⁴For Your servants take pleasure in its stones, and pity its dust. ¹⁵So nations shall fear the name of Jehovah, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. ¹⁶When Jehovah shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. ¹⁷He will turn to the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer. ¹⁸This shall be written for the generation to come; and people to be created shall praise Jehovah. ¹⁹For He has looked down from the height of His sanctuary; Jehovah looked from Heaven to the earth; ²⁰to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to set free the sons of death; ²¹to

declare the name of Jehovah in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem; ²²when the peoples and the kingdoms are gathered together to serve Jehovah.

²³He diminished my strength in the way; He shortened my days. ²⁴I said, O my God, do not take me up in the half of my days; Your years *are* through the generation of generations. ²⁵You have laid the foundation of the earth of old; and the heavens *are* the work of Your hands. ²⁶They shall perish, but You shall endure; yea, all of them shall become old like a garment; You shall change them like clothing, and they shall be changed. ²⁷But You *are* He, and Your years shall not be ended. ²⁸The sons of Your servants shall dwell; and their seed shall be established before You.

PSALM 103

Of David.

¹Bless Jehovah, O my soul; and all within me, *bless* His holy name. ²Bless Jehovah, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards; ³who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; ⁴who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you *with* kindness and tender mercies; ⁵who satisfies your desire with good; your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶Jehovah works righteousness and judgments for all the oppressed. ⁷He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel. ⁸Jehovah *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and of much mercy. ⁹He will not always chasten, nor will He keep His *anger* forever. ¹⁰He has not done to us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as the heavens *are* above the earth, so is His mercy mighty over those who fear Him. ¹²As far as the east *is* from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³As the pity of a father over his sons, so Jehovah pities those who fear Him. ¹⁴For He knows how we are made, remembering that *we are* dust. ¹⁵As for man, his days *are* as grass; as the flower of the field, so he flourishes. ¹⁶For the wind passes over it, and it is not; and its place never knows it again. ¹⁷But the

mercy of Jehovah *is* from everlasting, even to everlasting, on those who fear Him; yea, His righteousness *is* to the sons of sons; ¹⁸to those who keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments, to do them.

¹⁹Jehovah has prepared His throne in Heaven; and His kingdom rules over all. ²⁰Bless Jehovah, O angels of His; mighty in strength; doing His word; listening to the voice of His word. ²¹Bless Jehovah, all His hosts; ministers of His, doing His will. ²²Bless Jehovah, all His works in all the places of His dominion; bless Jehovah, O my soul.

PSALM 104

¹Bless Jehovah, O my soul! O Jehovah my God, You are very great; You have put on honor and majesty, ²covering Yourself *with* light like a cloak, and stretching out the heavens like a curtain; ³who lays beams in the waters *of* His upper rooms; setting thick clouds *as* His chariots; walking on the wings of the wind. ⁴He makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flaming fire. ⁵He founded the earth on its foundations; it shall not be shaken forever and ever. ⁶You have covered the deep as with a robe; the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷From Your rebuke, they flee; from the sound of Your thunder, they hurry away. ⁸They go up the mountains; they go down the valleys to the place which You founded for them. ⁹You have set a boundary; they may not pass over; they shall not return to cover the earth. ¹⁰He sends springs into the valleys; they flow between the hills; ¹¹they give drink to every animal of the field; wild asses break their thirst; ¹²over them the birds of the heavens dwell; they give voice from between the branches. ¹³He waters the hills from His upper rooms; the earth is satisfied from the fruit of Your works. ¹⁴He causes the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for the service of man; to bring food out of the earth. ¹⁵And wine cheers the heart of man; oil makes *his* face shine; and bread sustains the heart of man.

¹⁶The trees of Jehovah *are* satisfied; the cedars of Lebanon that He planted; ¹⁷there where the birds nest; the fir trees

are the house of the stork; ¹⁸*high hills are* for the wild goats; *rocks are* a refuge for the badgers. ¹⁹He made the moon for seasons; the sun knows its going down. ²⁰You put darkness, and it is night; in it all the forest animals creep. ²¹The young lions roar for prey, and to seek their food from God. ²²The sun rises; they are gathered, and go to their dens to lie down. ²³Man goes out to his work, and to his labor until the evening.

²⁴O Jehovah, how many are Your works! You have made all of them in wisdom; the earth is full of Your riches. ²⁵This *is* the sea, great and wide on both hands; there *are* creeping things even without number; living things, small and great. ²⁶There the ships go; You formed this great sea-animal to play in it. ²⁷All of them wait for You to give *them* their food in due season. ²⁸You give to them; they gather; You open Your hand, *and* they are filled with good. ²⁹You hide Your face, *and* they are troubled; You gather Your breath, *and* they expire and return to their dust. ³⁰You send out Your Spirit, *and* they are created; and You renew the face of the earth. ³¹The glory of Jehovah shall be forever; Jehovah shall rejoice in His works. ³²He looks to the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke. ³³I will sing to Jehovah during my life; I will sing praise to my God while I exist. ³⁴My thoughts on Him shall be sweet; I will be glad in Jehovah. ³⁵Let sinners perish from the earth and let the wicked be no more; bless Jehovah, O my soul; praise Jehovah!

PSALM 105

¹O give thanks to Jehovah; call on His name; make His deeds known among the peoples.

²Sing to Him; sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonders. ³Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those who seek Jehovah rejoice. ⁴Seek Jehovah and His strength; seek His face without ceasing. ⁵Remember His wonders that He has done; His miracles, and the judgments of His mouth, ⁶O seed of His servant Abraham; O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones. ⁷He *is* Jehovah our God; His judgments

are in all the earth; ⁸He has remembered His covenant forever; the word He commanded to a thousand generations; ⁹which He cut with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac; ¹⁰and He established it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel *for* a perpetual covenant; ¹¹saying, To you I will give the land of Canaan, the portion of your inheritance; ¹²when they were *a few* men of number; very few, and strangers in it. ¹³And they went about from nation to nation; from *one* kingdom to another people. ¹⁴He allowed no man to oppress them; yea, He reproved kings for their sakes; ¹⁵saying, Touch not My anointed; and, Do My prophets no harm. ¹⁶And He called a famine on the land; He broke the whole staff of bread. ¹⁷He sent a man before them—Joseph, *being* sold for a slave; ¹⁸they hurt his feet with chains; his soul came into iron; ¹⁹until the time His word came; the word of Jehovah refined him; ²⁰the king, the ruler of peoples, sent and released him; even set him free; ²¹he made him lord of his house, and ruler over all he owned; ²²to bind his leaders at his will, and to teach his elders wisdom.

²³Israel also came *into* Egypt, and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. ²⁴And He greatly increased His people, and made them stronger than their enemies. ²⁵He turned their heart to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants. ²⁶He sent His servant Moses; *and* Aaron whom He had chosen. ²⁷They put things of His signs among them; yea, miracles in the land of Ham. ²⁸He sent darkness and made it dark; and they did not rebel against His word. ²⁹He turned their waters into blood and killed their fish. ³⁰The land swarmed with frogs in the rooms of their kings. ³¹He spoke, *and* fly-swarms came; *even* gnats in all their borders. ³²He gave hail *for* their rain, flaming fire in their land. ³³He struck their vines also, and their fig-trees; and *He* broke the trees of their borders. ³⁴He spoke, and locusts came; and larvae without number; ³⁵and they ate up all the plants in the land; and ate the fruit of their ground. ³⁶He also struck all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruit of all their vigor.

³⁷And He led them out with silver and

gold; and among their tribes, not one was stumbling. ³⁸Egypt was glad when they went out, for their dread had fallen on them. ³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night. ⁴⁰He asked, and He brought quail; and satisfied them *with* the food *from* the heavens. ⁴¹He opened the rock, and waters gushed out; they went in the dry places *like* a river. ⁴²For He remembered His holy word, and His servant Abraham; ⁴³and He brought His people out with joy; His chosen ones with gladness. ⁴⁴And He gave to them the lands of the nations; and they inherited the labor of the peoples; ⁴⁵so that they might observe His statutes and keep His laws. Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 106

¹Praise Jehovah! Give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever. ²Who can express the mighty deeds of Jehovah, *or* cause all His praise to be heard? ³Blessed are those keeping judgment; he who does righteousness in every season. ⁴Remember me, Jehovah, with the favor of Your people; O visit me with Your salvation, ⁵to see the good of Your chosen ones; to rejoice in the joy of Your nation; to glory with Your inheritance.

⁶We have sinned with our fathers; we did iniquity; we did wrong. ⁷Our fathers did not understand Your wonders in Egypt; they did not remember Your many mercies; and *they* rebelled at the sea, at the Sea of Reeds. ⁸But He saved them for His name's sake, to make known His might. ⁹And He rebuked the Sea of Reeds; and it dried up; and He made them go through the depths, *as* through the wilderness. ¹⁰And He saved them from the hand of the hater, and ransomed him from the hand of the enemy; ¹¹and water covered their enemies; not one of them was left. ¹²Then they believed His words; they sang His praise. ¹³They hurried *and* forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel; ¹⁴and they greedily lusted in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. ¹⁵And He gave their request to them, but sent wasting into their soul. ¹⁶And they were jealous of Moses the saint of

Jehovah, in the camp of Aaron; ¹⁷the earth opened up and swallowed Dathan; and covered the company of Abiram. ¹⁸And a fire burned in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

¹⁹They made a calf in Horeb, and fell down before the casted image; ²⁰and they changed their Glory into the image of an ox eating grass. ²¹They forgot God their deliverer, doing great things in Egypt; ²²wonders in the land of Ham; awesome things by the Sea of Reeds. ²³And He said to destroy them; except Moses His chosen one had stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath from destroying *them*. ²⁴And they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His word. ²⁵And they murmured in their tents, not listening to the voice of Jehovah; ²⁶and He lifted up His hand to them, to make them fall in the wilderness; ²⁷to make their seed fall also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

²⁸They also were joined to Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead; ²⁹and provoked *Him* with their deeds; and a plague broke out among them. ³⁰Then Phinehas stood and intervened; and the plague was stayed; ³¹and it was counted to him for righteousness to generation and generation, forever.

³²And they angered *Him* at the waters of Meribah, and it went ill for Moses because of them; ³³for they provoked his spirit, and he spoke rashly with his lips. ³⁴They did not destroy the peoples, as Jehovah said to them, ³⁵but mixed with the nations, and learned their works. ³⁶And they served their idols, and they became a snare to them. ³⁷Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; ³⁸and they shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan. And the land was defiled with the blood. ³⁹And they were unclean with their works, and went whoring in their acts. ⁴⁰And the anger of Jehovah burned against His people; and He detested His inheritance. ⁴¹And He gave them into the hand of the nations; and those who hated them ruled over them. ⁴²And their enemies oppressed them; and they were humbled under their hand.

⁴³Many times He delivered them, but they rebelled in their plans, and sank in their iniquities. ⁴⁴And He looked on their affliction when He heard their shout; ⁴⁵He remembered *His* covenant for them, and breathed a sigh, according to His many mercies. ⁴⁶And He caused them to be pitted before all their captors.

⁴⁷Save us, O Jehovah our God; and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name; to exult in Your praise.

⁴⁸Blessed is Jehovah God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, Amen! Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 107

¹Give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever. ²Let the redeemed of Jehovah say *so*; whom He redeemed from the hand of the foe; ³and gathered them from the lands; from east and from west; from north and from south.

⁴They wandered in the wilderness, in a desert way; they found no city of dwelling; ⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them; ⁶and they cried to Jehovah in their distress; He delivered them from their straits. ⁷And He guided them in the right way; to go to a city of dwelling. ⁸Let them thank Jehovah *for* His mercy; and His wonders to the sons of man. ⁹He satisfies the thirsty soul, and He fills the hungry soul *with* good.

¹⁰Those who live in the darkness, and in the shadow of death, *being* prisoners in affliction and iron — ¹¹because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High; — ¹²and He humbled their heart by toil; they stumbled, and none *were* helping; ¹³and they cried to Jehovah in their distress; He saved them out of their distresses; ¹⁴He brought them out from darkness and the shadow of death; and He broke their bands apart. ¹⁵Let them thank Jehovah *for* His mercy, and His wonders to the sons of man. ¹⁶For He has broken the gates of bronze; and He cut bars of iron in two.

¹⁷Fools are afflicted from the way of

their rebellion, and from their iniquities; ¹⁸their soul hates every food; and they touch the gates of death; ¹⁹and they cried to Jehovah in their distress; He saved them from their straits; ²⁰He sent His word and healed them; and delivered *them* from all their pitfalls. ²¹Let them thank Jehovah *for* His mercy, and His wonders to the sons of man. ²²And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving; and recount His works with rejoicing.

²³They who go down to the sea in ships, who work in the great waters; ²⁴these see the works of Jehovah, and His wonders in the deep. ²⁵For He speaks and raises stormy wind, and makes its waves high; ²⁶they go up to the heavens; they go down *to* the depths; their soul is melted because *they are* in evil; ²⁷they reel and stagger like a drunken man; and all their wisdom is swallowed up; ²⁸and they cry to Jehovah in their distress; and He saves them out of their straits. ²⁹He settles the storm to a whisper, so that its waves are still; ³⁰and they are glad, because they are quiet; and He led them to their desired haven. ³¹Let them thank Jehovah *for* His mercy, and His wonders to the sons of mankind; ³²and exalt Him in the congregation of the people; and praise Him in the seat of the elders.

³³He sets rivers to a wilderness, and water-springs to thirsty ground; ³⁴a fruitful land to a salty desert; because of the wickedness of those who live in it. ³⁵He puts the wilderness into a water-pond; and dry land into water-springs; ³⁶and He makes the hungry live there, and they may prepare a city of dwelling. ³⁷And they sow the fields, and plant vineyards, and make fruits of produce. ³⁸He also blesses them, so that they multiply greatly; and He does not allow their cattle to diminish; ³⁹but they are diminished and humbled, from coercion, evil and grief. ⁴⁰He pours scorn on nobles, and causes them to wander in a desert; there *is* no path. ⁴¹But He raises the poor up from affliction, and He sets families like a flock. ⁴²The upright shall see and be glad; and all iniquity shuts its mouth. ⁴³Whoever *is* wise, and will observe these things, they shall discern the mercies of Jehovah.

PSALM 108

A Song. A Psalm of David.

¹O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing; yea, I will sing songs even *with* my glory. ²Awake, harp and lyre! I will awake early; ³I will thank You, O Jehovah, among the peoples; and I will sing to You among the nations. ⁴For Your mercy is great above the heavens; and Your truth *reaches* to the clouds. ⁵Be lifted up, O God, above the heavens; and Your glory above all the earth; ⁶so that Your beloved may be delivered; save *by* Your right hand and answer me.

⁷God has spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice; I will portion out Shechem; and I will measure out the valley of Succoth. ⁸Gilead is Mine; and Manasseh is Mine; and Ephraim is the fort of My head; Judah is My lawgiver; ⁹Moab is My washpot; I will throw My shoe out over Edom; I will shout in triumph over Philistia. ¹⁰Who will lead me into the fortified city? Who will lead me over Edom? ¹¹O God, have You not cast us off? And, O God, will You not go out with our armies? ¹²Give help to us from distress; for the deliverance of man is vain. ¹³In God we shall do mighty things, for He shall trample our foes.

PSALM 109

To the Chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

¹O God of my praise, do not be silent; ²for the mouth of the wicked, and the deceitful mouth, are opened against me; they spoke against me *with* a lying tongue. ³And they hemmed me in *with* words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. ⁴In return for my love, they are my enemies; but I *am* in prayer. ⁵And they put on me evil for good; and hatred for my love. ⁶Set a wicked man over him; and let a foe stand at his right hand; ⁷when he is judged, let him go out wicked; and let his prayer become sin; ⁸let his days be few; and let another take his office; ⁹let his sons be orphans, and his wife a widow; ¹⁰and let his sons always beg and wander, and seek *food* out of their ruins; ¹¹let the money-lender lay a snare for all that is his; and let strangers plunder his labor; ¹²let

there be none giving mercy to him; nor *any* to have pity on his orphans; ¹³let his posterity be cut off; let their name be blotted out in the following generation; ¹⁴let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered to Jehovah; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out; ¹⁵let them be always before Jehovah, so that He may cut off the memory of them from the earth; ¹⁶because he did not remember to do mercy; and persecuted the poor and needy man; even to kill the broken-hearted. ¹⁷Yea, he loved cursing, and it came to him; he also had no pleasure in blessing, and it was far from him. ¹⁸As he clothed himself with cursing, as with a robe, even it came into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. ¹⁹Let it be to him as a garment he wraps in, and for a girdle that he always girds on.

²⁰This is the reward of my foes from Jehovah, and of those who speak evil against my soul. ²¹But You, O Jehovah the Lord, work with me for Your name's sake; deliver me because Your mercy is good. ²²For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is pierced within me. ²³As a shadow when it stretches out, I am gone; I am shaken off like the locust. ²⁴My knees stumble from fasting, and my flesh grows lean from fatness. ²⁵And I have become a reproach to them; they looked at me; they shook their heads. ²⁶O Jehovah my God, help me; save me according to Your mercy; ²⁷and they will know that this is Your hand; that You, O Jehovah, have done it. ²⁸They will curse, but You will bless; they rise up and are ashamed; but Your servant will be glad. ²⁹Let those who accuse me be clothed with shame; and cover themselves in their shame as with a robe. ³⁰I will greatly thank Jehovah with my mouth; yea, I will praise Him in the midst of the multitude. ³¹For He shall stand at the right hand of the needy; to save from those judging his soul.

PSALM 110

A Psalm of David.

¹A statement of Jehovah to my Lord: Sit at My right hand, until I place Your enemies as Your footstool. ²Jehovah shall send the rod of Your strength out of

Zion; rule in the midst of Your enemies. ³Your people *shall be* willing in the day of Your power; in the majesties of holiness from the womb of the dawn, to You *is* the dew of Your youth. ⁴Jehovah has sworn and will not repent: You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. ⁵The Lord at Your right hand shatters kings in the day of His anger. ⁶He shall judge among the nations; He shall fill with dead bodies; He shall shatter heads over much land. ⁷He shall drink out of the brook on the way; therefore, He shall lift up the head.

PSALM 111

¹Praise Jehovah! I will thank Jehovah with all *my* heart; in the council of the upright, and of the assembly. ²The works of Jehovah *are* great, sought out by all those desiring them. ³His work *is* honorable and glorious; and His righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has made a memorial for His wonders; Jehovah *is* gracious and full of pity. ⁵He has given food to those who fear Him; He will always remember His covenant. ⁶He has shown to His people the power of His works, to give to them inheritance of the nations. ⁷The works of His hands *are* truth and judgment; all His commandments *are* true, ⁸standing firm forever and ever; *they are* done in truth and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever; holy and awesome *is* His name. ¹⁰The fear of Jehovah *is* the beginning of wisdom; all who practice them *have* a good understanding; His praise is standing forever!

PSALM 112

¹Praise Jehovah! Blessed is the man who fears Jehovah, delighting greatly in His commands. ²His seed shall be mighty on the earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed; ³wealth and riches in his house; and his righteousness is standing forever. ⁴Light rises in the darkness to the upright; *he is* gracious and full of pity, and *of* righteousness. ⁵Good *is* a man showing favor and lending; he will nourish his matters with equity. ⁶For

he shall not be shaken forever; the righteous shall be for a memorial forever. ⁷He shall not be afraid of evil news; his heart *is* fixed, trusting in Jehovah. ⁸His heart *is* upheld; he shall not be afraid *though* he looks on his foes. ⁹He has scattered; he has given to the needy; his righteousness endures forever; his horn shall be lifted up with honor. ¹⁰The wicked shall see and be vexed; he shall gnash his teeth and melt; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

¹Praise Jehovah! Praise, O servants of Jehovah; praise the name of Jehovah. ²Blessed is the name of Jehovah from now on and forevermore. ³From the rising of the sun to its going, Jehovah's name *is* to be praised. ⁴Jehovah *is* high above all nations; His glory above the heavens. ⁵Who *is* like Jehovah our God, who sits on high to dwell; ⁶who humbles Himself to consider *all* in the earth and the heavens! ⁷He raises up the poor from the dust; and He lifts the needy out of the dunghill, ⁸in order to make him sit with nobles, with the nobles of his people. ⁹He causes the barren to live in the house *as* the joyful mother of sons.

Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 114

¹When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; ²Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His kingdom. ³The sea looked and fled; the Jordan turned back; ⁴the mountains skipped like rams; the little hills like lambs! ⁵What *ails* you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? ⁶O mountains, that you skip like rams? O little hills, like lambs? ⁷Tremble, O earth, from the face of the Lord, from the face of the God of Jacob; ⁸who turned the rock *into* a pool of water; the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

¹Not to us, O Jehovah, not to us, but to Your name give glory; for Your mercy;

because of Your truth. ²Why do the nations say, Where *is* their God now? ³But our God *is* in Heaven; He has done all that He has pleased. ⁴Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of man's hands; ⁵they *have* mouths, but they do not speak; they *have* eyes, but they do not see; ⁶they *have* ears, but they do not hear; they *have* a nose, but they do not smell; ⁷their hands do not feel; their feet do not walk; they do not mutter through their throat. ⁸The ones who make them are like them, *and* everyone trusting in them.

⁹O Israel, trust in Jehovah; He *is* their help and their shield. ¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in Jehovah; He *is* their help and their shield. ¹¹You who fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah; He *is* their help and their shield. ¹²Jehovah remembers us; He will bless; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; ¹³He will bless those who fear Jehovah, the small and the great. ¹⁴Jehovah will add *more* on you; on you and on your sons. ¹⁵You *are* blessed to Jehovah, *who* makes heavens and earth. ¹⁶The heavens; the heavens *are* Jehovah's; but He has given the earth to the sons of men. ¹⁷The dead do not praise Jehovah; nor all those who go down into silence; ¹⁸but we will bless Jehovah, from now on and forever. Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 116

¹I love Jehovah because He hears my voice *and* my prayers. ²Because He has bowed His ear to me, I will also call in my days. ³The cords of death hemmed me in; and the pains of Sheol found me; I find distress and sorrow; ⁴then I call on the name of Jehovah: O Jehovah, I beseech You, deliver my soul! ⁵Jehovah *is* gracious and righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful. ⁶Jehovah keeps the simple; I was low, but He saved me. ⁷Return to your rest, O soul; for Jehovah has blessed you. ⁸For You have delivered my soul from death; my eye from tears, my feet from stumbling. ⁹I will walk before the face of Jehovah, in the lands of the living. ¹⁰I believed; so I speak; I was greatly afflicted; ¹¹I said in my alarm, Every man *is* a liar. ¹²What shall I return to Jehovah *for* His benefits to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup

of salvation, and I will call on the name of Jehovah. ¹⁴I will pay my vows to Jehovah now in the presence of all His people.

¹⁵Precious in the eyes of Jehovah *is* the death of His saints. ¹⁶O Jehovah, truly I *am* Your servant now; I *am* Your servant, the son of Your handmaid; You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷I will sacrifice to You the sacrifice of thanks, and will call on the name of Jehovah. ¹⁸I will pay my vows to Jehovah now in the presence of all His people, ¹⁹in the courts of the house of Jehovah; in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 117

¹Praise Jehovah, all nations; praise Him, all peoples; ²for His mercy *is* mighty over us, and the truth of Jehovah *is* forever.

Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 118

¹Give thanks to Jehovah, for He *is* good; because His mercy *endures* forever.

²Let Israel say now that His mercy *endures* forever. ³Let the house of Aaron say now that His mercy *endures* forever.

⁴Let those who fear Jehovah say now that His mercy *endures* forever. ⁵I called

Jehovah from the distress; He answered me in the large place of Jehovah.

⁶Jehovah *is* for me; I will not fear; what can man do to me? ⁷Jehovah *is* for me among those who help me; and I shall see my

desire on those who hate me. ⁸*It is* better to take refuge in Jehovah than to trust in man; ⁹*it is* better to trust in Jehovah than to trust in princes. ¹⁰All the nations surround me; but surely I will destroy them in the name of Jehovah.

¹¹They surround me; yea, they surround me; I surely will destroy them in the name of Jehovah. ¹²They surround me like bees; they are quenched like the fire of thorns; for surely I will cut them off in the name of Jehovah.

¹³Pushing, you pushed me to fall; but Jehovah helped me. ¹⁴Jehovah *is* my strength and my song; and He *is* my

salvation. ¹⁵The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacle of the righteous; the right hand of Jehovah works mightily. ¹⁶The right hand of Jehovah *is* exalted; the right hand of Jehovah acts mightily. ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live and declare the works of Jehovah. ¹⁸Jehovah has grievously chastened me, but He has not given me to death. ¹⁹Open the gates of righteousness to me, I will enter into them; I will thank Jehovah! ²⁰This *is* the gate of Jehovah; the righteous shall enter into it. ²¹I will thank You, for You answered me, and are my salvation.

²²The Stone *which* the builders rejected has become the Head of the corner. ²³This is from Jehovah, it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This *is* the day Jehovah has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵O Jehovah, I beseech You, cause *us* to prosper now. ²⁶Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of Jehovah; we blessed you out of the house of Jehovah. ²⁷Jehovah *is* God, and He gives light to us. Tie the sacrifice with cords, to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You *are* my God, and I will exalt You; My God, I will thank You! ²⁹O give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good; for His mercy *endures* forever.

PSALM 119

Aleth

¹Blessed are the upright in the way, who walk in the law of Jehovah. ²Blessed *are* those keeping His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart. ³They also do not work evil; they walk in His way. ⁴You have commanded to carefully keep Your precepts. ⁵O that my ways were fixed to keep Your statutes! ⁶Then I shall not be ashamed, when I look to all Your commands. ⁷I will thank You with integrity of heart, in my learning the judgments of Your righteousness. ⁸I will keep Your statutes; do not forsake me utterly.

Beth

⁹By what shall a young man purify his way, to keep *it* according to Your word? ¹⁰I have sought You with my whole heart; do not let me wander from Your commands. ¹¹I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You. ¹²Blessed *are*

You, O Jehovah; teach me Your statutes. ¹³I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth with my lips; ¹⁴I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies as over all riches. ¹⁵I will meditate in Your precepts and I will regard Your ways. ¹⁶I will delight in Your statutes. I will not forget Your word.

Gimel

¹⁷Deal bountifully with Your servant *that* I may live, and I will keep Your word. ¹⁸Open my eyes and I will see wonderful things from Your law. ¹⁹*I am* an alien in the earth; hide not Your commandments from me. ²⁰My soul is breaking for the longing to Your judgments in every season. ²¹You have rebuked the proud, the cursed ones who go astray from Your commands. ²²Roll from me reproach and scorn; for I have kept Your testimonies. ²³Princes also sat, speaking against me; *but* Your servant meditates on Your laws. ²⁴Your testimonies also *are* my delight and my counselors.

Daleth

²⁵My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to Your word. ²⁶I have declared my ways, and You answered me; teach me Your statutes. ²⁷Make me understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on Your wonders. ²⁸My soul drops *with* grief; Lift me up according to Your word. ²⁹Remove from me the way of lying, and favor me with Your law. ³⁰I have chosen the way of truth; I have held Your judgments level; ³¹I have clung to Your testimonies; O Jehovah, do not shame me. ³²I will run the way of Your commands, for You shall enlarge my heart.

He

³³O Jehovah, teach me the way of Your statutes, and I will keep it *to* the end. ³⁴Make me understand and I will keep Your law, and observe it with the whole heart. ³⁵Make me walk in the way of Your commands, for in it I delight. ³⁶Bow my heart to Your testimonies, and not to unjust gain. ³⁷Turn my eyes from seeing vanity; in Your way give me life. ³⁸Make Your word sure to Your servant, who *is* devoted to Your fear. ³⁹Turn away my shame which I fear; for Your judgments

are good. ⁴⁰Behold, I have longed for Your precepts; grant to me life in Your righteousness.

Vau

⁴¹By Your word, according to Your salvation, let Your mercies come to me, O Jehovah. ⁴²And I will answer my reprover a word; for I trust in Your word. ⁴³And do not take the word of truth completely out of my mouth; for I have hoped in Your judgments. ⁴⁴And I shall keep Your law continually, forever and ever. ⁴⁵And I will walk in a wide space, for I seek Your commands. ⁴⁶And I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, and will not be ashamed. ⁴⁷And I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I have loved. ⁴⁸And I will lift up my hands to Your commandments that I love; and I will meditate on Your statutes.

Zayin

⁴⁹Remember the word to Your servant, on which You made me hope. ⁵⁰This *is* my comfort in my affliction; for Your word has given me life. ⁵¹The proud have scorned me utterly; I have not veered from Your law. ⁵²I remembered Your judgments from of old, O Jehovah, and I take comfort. ⁵³Hot zeal has seized me because of the wicked forsaking Your law. ⁵⁴Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimages. ⁵⁵O Jehovah, I have remembered Your name in the night and have kept Your law. ⁵⁶This was done to me, because I kept Your commandments.

Cheth

⁵⁷Jehovah *is* my portion; I have said to keep Your words. ⁵⁸I entreated Your face with all *my* heart; favor me according to Your word. ⁵⁹I mused on my ways and turned my feet to Your testimonies. ⁶⁰I hurried and delayed not to keep Your commands. ⁶¹The cords of the wicked encircle me; I have not forgotten Your law. ⁶²At halves of the night I will rise to give thanks to You because of Your righteous judgments. ⁶³I *am* a companion of all who fear You; yea, of those who keep your precepts. ⁶⁴O Jehovah, the

earth is full of Your mercy; teach me Your statutes.

Teth

⁶⁵You have done good with Your servant, O Jehovah, by Your word. ⁶⁶Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I have believed Your commands. ⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I have kept Your word. ⁶⁸You *are* good and do good —teach me Your statutes. ⁶⁹The proud have forged a lie against me; I will keep Your precepts with all *my* heart. ⁷⁰Their heart is like fat, without feeling; I delight in Your law. ⁷¹For my good I was afflicted, to learn Your statutes. ⁷²The law of Your mouth *is* better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

Jod

⁷³Your hands made me and fixed me; give me discernment that I may learn Your commands. ⁷⁴The ones fearing You will see me and rejoice; for I hoped in Your word. ⁷⁵I know, O Jehovah, Your judgments *are* right; and in fidelity You afflicted me. ⁷⁶Please let Your mercy be for my comfort, by Your word to Your servant. ⁷⁷Let Your mercies come to me that I may live; for Your law *is* my delight. ⁷⁸Let the proud be ashamed, for with lies they perverted me; I will muse on Your precepts. ⁷⁹Let fearers of You turn to me, and knowers of Your testimonies. ⁸⁰Let my heart be blameless in Your statutes, that I may not be ashamed.

Kaph

⁸¹My soul *is* being consumed for Your salvation; I hope in Your word. ⁸²My eyes fail for Your word, saying, When will You comfort me? ⁸³For I am like a wineskin in the smoke; I do not forget Your statutes. ⁸⁴As what *are* the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on my persecutors? ⁸⁵The proud have dug pits for me which *are* not according to Your law. ⁸⁶All Your commands *are* faithful; they persecute me *with* lying; help me! ⁸⁷In a little they had finished me on earth; but I did not forsake Your precepts. ⁸⁸Give me life according to Your mercy; and I will keep the testimonies of Your mouth.

Lamed

⁸⁹Your word is settled in Heaven forever, O Jehovah. ⁹⁰Your fidelity *is* to generation and generation; You founded the earth, and it stands. ⁹¹They stand by Your judgments to this day, for all *are* Your servants. ⁹²If Your law *had not been* my delight, then I had perished in my grief. ⁹³I will never forget Your precepts; for with them You gave me life. ⁹⁴*I am* Yours—save me; for I have sought Your precepts. ⁹⁵The wicked waited for me, to destroy me; I will muse on Your testimonies. ⁹⁶I have seen an end to all perfection; Your command *is* exceedingly broad.

Mem

⁹⁷O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all day. ⁹⁸You make me wiser than my enemies by Your commands; for they *are* forever mine. ⁹⁹I have more wisdom than all my teachers; for Your testimonies *are* a meditation to me. ¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged, for I keep Your precepts. ¹⁰¹I have kept my feet from every evil way, to keep Your word. ¹⁰²I turned not from Your judgments; for You have taught me. ¹⁰³How sweet are Your words to my palate! More than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴By Your precepts I know; so then I hate every false way.

Nun

¹⁰⁵Your word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶I have sworn and I rise to *it*, to keep Your righteous judgments. ¹⁰⁷I am greatly afflicted; O Jehovah, give me life according to Your word. ¹⁰⁸Please, O Jehovah, accept the free offering of my mouth, and teach me Your judgments. ¹⁰⁹My life *is* in my hand continually, yet I do not forget Your law. ¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me; yet I do not wander from Your precepts. ¹¹¹I have inherited Your testimonies forever; for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart. ¹¹²I have bowed my heart always to do Your statutes to the end.

Samech

¹¹³I hate the half-hearted; but I love Your law. ¹¹⁴You *are* my covert and my shield; I hope in Your word. ¹¹⁵Depart from me, O evildoers, for I will keep my God's commands. ¹¹⁶Uphold me by Your

word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. ¹¹⁷Hold me up and I will be saved; and I will always look to Your statutes. ¹¹⁸You have trampled all who go astray from Your statutes; for their deceit is falsehood. ¹¹⁹As dross You have made all the wicked of the earth to cease; so I love Your testimonies. ¹²⁰My flesh has shivered because of Your fear; and I have feared Your judgments.

Ayin

¹²¹I have done the just and right *thing*; do not leave me to my oppressors. ¹²²Be surety for Your servant for good; let not the proud oppress me. ¹²³My eyes fail for Your salvation, and for the word of Your righteousness. ¹²⁴Deal with Your servant by Your mercy; and teach me Your statutes. ¹²⁵*I am* Your servant; make me consider and I will know Your testimonies. ¹²⁶*It is* time for Jehovah to work; they have broken Your law. ¹²⁷So I have loved Your commands, more than gold, even fine gold. ¹²⁸So I count wholly right all the precepts; I have hated every false way.

Pe

¹²⁹Your testimonies *are* wonderful; so my soul keeps them. ¹³⁰The entering of Your word gives light, instructing the simple ones. ¹³¹I opened my mouth and panted; for I longed for Your commands. ¹³²Turn to me and favor me, as is the way to those who love Your name. ¹³³Fix my steps in Your word; and let no evil rule over me. ¹³⁴Redeem me from the oppression of man; and I will keep Your precepts. ¹³⁵Make Your face shine on Your servant, and teach me Your statutes. ¹³⁶Rivers of waters run down my eyes for they do not keep Your law.

Tzaddi

¹³⁷O Jehovah, You *are* righteous, and Your judgments right. ¹³⁸You have enjoined Your testimonies *as* exceedingly righteous and faithful. ¹³⁹My zeal has eaten me up for my enemies have forgotten Your word. ¹⁴⁰Your word *is* pure, and Your servant loves it. ¹⁴¹*I am* small and despised; I do not forget Your precepts. ¹⁴²Your righteousness *is* an eternal righteousness; and Your law *is* truth. ¹⁴³Distress and anguish have found me;

Your commands *are* my delight. ¹⁴⁴The righteousness of Your testimonies *are* everlasting; make me know and I will live.

Oph

¹⁴⁵I cried with *my* whole heart; O Jehovah, answer me; I will keep Your statutes. ¹⁴⁶I cried to You; save me and I will keep Your testimonies. ¹⁴⁷I go before the dawn of day and cry; I hope in Your word. ¹⁴⁸My eyes go before the *night* watches, to meditate on Your word. ¹⁴⁹Hear my voice by Your mercy, O Jehovah; give me life by Your judgment. ¹⁵⁰The pursuers of mischief draw near; they are far from Your law. ¹⁵¹You *are* near, O Jehovah, and all Your commands *are* truth. ¹⁵²Of old I have known from Your testimonies, for You have founded them forever.

Resh

¹⁵³Look on my affliction and deliver me; for I do not forget Your law. ¹⁵⁴Contend for my cause and redeem me; give me life according to Your word. ¹⁵⁵Salvation *is* far from the wicked; for they do not seek Your statutes. ¹⁵⁶O Jehovah, Your tender mercies *are* great; give me life according to Your judgments. ¹⁵⁷My persecutors and enemies *are* many; I do not turn from Your testimonies. ¹⁵⁸I saw the traitors and was grieved, because they did not keep Your word. ¹⁵⁹See how I love Your precepts, O Jehovah; give me life according to Your mercy. ¹⁶⁰The sum of Your word *is* true; every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

Shin

¹⁶¹Princes have persecuted me without cause; but my heart has feared at Your word. ¹⁶²I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great spoil. ¹⁶³I hate and despise lying; *but* I love Your law. ¹⁶⁴I praise You seven *times* a day because of Your righteous judgments. ¹⁶⁵Great peace *is* to those who love Your law, and there is no stumbling-block to them. ¹⁶⁶O Jehovah, I have hoped for Your salvation, and have done Your precepts. ¹⁶⁷My soul has kept Your testimonies, and I love them very much; ¹⁶⁸I have kept Your commands and Your testimonies, for all my ways *are* before You.

Tau

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come near You, O Jehovah; give me wisdom according to Your word. ¹⁷⁰Let my prayer come before You; deliver me according to Your word. ¹⁷¹My lips shall pour forth praise when You have taught me Your statutes. ¹⁷²My tongue shall answer Your word; for all Your commands *are* righteousness. ¹⁷³Let Your hand help me; for I have chosen Your precepts. ¹⁷⁴I have longed for Your salvation, O Jehovah; and Your law *is* my delight. ¹⁷⁵Let my soul live, and it will praise You; and let Your judgments help me. ¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant; for I do not forget Your commandments.

PSALM 120

A Song of Ascents

¹In my distress I cried to Jehovah, and He answered me. ²O Jehovah, deliver my soul from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue. ³What shall be given to you, or what shall *one* add to you, O false tongue? ⁴Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of broom!

⁵Woe is me that I sojourned in Meshech; I dwell with the tents of Kedar! ⁶My soul has long dwelt to itself, with him who hates peace. ⁷*I am for* peace; but when I speak, they *are* for war.

PSALM 121

A Song of Ascents.

¹I will lift up my eyes to the hills; where shall my help come from? ²My help *comes* from Jehovah, the Maker of the heavens and the earth. ³He will not give your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴Behold, He who keeps Israel will not slumber nor sleep. ⁵Jehovah *is* your keeper; Jehovah *is* your shade on your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night; ⁷Jehovah shall keep you from all evil; He shall keep your soul. ⁸Jehovah shall keep your going out, and your coming in; from now on and till forever.

PSALM 122

A Song of Ascents; of David.

¹I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of Jehovah. ²Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem. ³Jerusalem is built like a city that is joined to itself, together. ⁴*There* the tribes go up, the tribes of Jehovah; to the testimony of Israel; to give thanks to the name of Jehovah. ⁵For the thrones of judgment were established there, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; those who love you shall prosper. ⁷Peace be within your walls; prosperity in your towers. ⁸Because of my brothers and my companions, I will now say, Peace *be* in you.

⁹Because of the house of Jehovah, our God, I will seek your good.

PSALM 123

A Song of Ascents.

¹I will lift up my eyes on You, O Dweller in Heaven. ²Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their masters; as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* on Jehovah our God, until He shows grace to us. ³Be gracious to us, O Jehovah; be gracious to us! For we are exceedingly filled with scorn. ⁴Our soul is exceedingly filled for itself *with* the contempt of those who are at ease, the scorn of the proud.

PSALM 124

A Song of Ascents, of David.

¹Except that *it was* Jehovah who was for us, O may Israel say; ²except that *it was* Jehovah who was for us when men rose up against us, ³then they would have swallowed us alive, when their anger glowed against us. ⁴Then the waters would have flowed over us; the torrent would have covered our soul; ⁵then the raging waters would have passed over our soul.

⁶Blessed *be* Jehovah, who did not give us as a prey to their teeth. ⁷Our soul has escaped like a bird out of the fowlers'

snare; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. ⁸Our help *is* in the name of Jehovah, the Maker of the heavens and earth.

PSALM 125

A Song of Ascents.

¹They who trust in Jehovah *shall be* like Mount Zion; it is not shaken; it remains forever. ²The mountains *are* all around Jerusalem; and Jehovah *is* all around His people, from this time and forever. ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the lot of the righteous; that the righteous not put forth their hands to evil. ⁴Do good, O Jehovah, to the good, and to the upright in their heart. ⁵And those who turn aside to their crooked ways, Jehovah shall lead them with the evildoers. Peace be upon Israel.

PSALM 126

A Song of Ascents.

¹When Jehovah turned back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was full of laughter, and our tongue *with* joyful shouting; then they said among the nations, Jehovah *will* work great *things* with these. ³Jehovah *did* great things to work with us; we are glad. ⁴Turn her captivity again, O Jehovah, like the south streams. ⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting. ⁶Surely *he who* walks and weeps, bearing a bag of seed, shall come again with joyful shouting, bearing his sheaves.

PSALM 127

A Song of Ascents for Solomon.

¹If Jehovah does not build the house, they who build it labor in vain; if Jehovah does not keep the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. ²*It is* in vain for you to rise early, sit up late, to eat the bread of toils; *for* so He gives His beloved sleep. ³Lo, children *are* an inheritance of

Jehovah; the fruit of the womb *is His* reward. ⁴As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so *are* the sons of the young. ⁵Blessed is the man who has filled his quiver with them; they shall not be ashamed, for they shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

A Song of Ascents.

¹Blessed *is* everyone who fears Jehovah, who walks in His ways. ²For you shall surely eat the labor of your hands; you *shall be* happy, and all *is* good to you. ³Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine by the sides of your house; your sons *shall be* like olive plants around your table. ⁴Behold! So shall the man be blessed who fears Jehovah. ⁵Jehovah shall bless you out of Zion; and you shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life. ⁶Yes, you shall see the sons of your sons. Peace be upon Israel!

PSALM 129

A Song of Ascents.

¹Many times they have afflicted me from my youth, let Israel now say; ²they have afflicted me from my youth many times; yet they have not prevailed over me. ³The plowers plowed on my back; they made their furrows long. ⁴Jehovah *is* righteous; He cuts the cords of the wicked in two. ⁵Let them all be ashamed and turned back, those who hate Zion; ⁶let them be like the grass on the rooftops, which dries up before it draws out; ⁷with which the reaper does not fill his hand; nor the binder of sheaves his bosom.

⁸And those who pass by have never said, The blessing of Jehovah *be* on you; we bless you in the name of Jehovah.

PSALM 130

A Song of Ascents.

¹Out of the depths I have called You, O Jehovah. ²Lord, hear my voice; and let Your ears attend to the voice of my prayers. ³If You will keep iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? ⁴But forgiveness

is with You, in order that You may be feared. ⁵I wait *for* Jehovah; my soul waits, and I hope for His word. ⁶My soul *waits* for the Lord more than morning-watchers *who are* watching for the morning. ⁷Let Israel hope to Jehovah; for with Jehovah *is* mercy; and with Him *is* abundant redemption; ⁸and He shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

PSALM 131

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹O Jehovah, my heart is not proud; nor have my eyes been lofty; nor have I walked in great things, nor in things too wondrous for me. ²Surely I have set *myself* and have quieted my soul, like one weaned by its mother; my soul on me *is* like one weaned. ³Let Israel hope in Jehovah, from now and till forever.

PSALM 132

A Song of Ascents.

¹O Jehovah, remember David *with* all his afflictions; ²how he swore to Jehovah; he vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob; ³If I will go into the tent of my house; if I go up on the couch of my bed; ⁴if I give sleep to my eyes, slumber to my eyelids; ⁵until I search out a place for Jehovah, dwellings for the Mighty One of Jacob. ⁶Lo, we have heard of it at Ephrath; we found it in the fields of the forest; ⁷we will enter into His tabernacles; we will worship at His footstool. ⁸Arise, O Jehovah, into Your rest; You, and the ark of Your strength; ⁹let Your priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Your saints shout for joy. ¹⁰For Your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of Your anointed. ¹¹Jehovah has sworn to David *in* truth; He will not turn from it; I will set *one* of the fruit of your body on the throne for you. ¹²If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimonies which I will teach them, their sons shall also sit on your throne till forever. ¹³Jehovah has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for His dwelling-place. ¹⁴This *is* My rest till forever; I will dwell here; I have desired *it*. ¹⁵I will surely bless her food; I will

satisfy her poor *with* food. ¹⁶And I will clothe her priests *with* salvation; and her saints shall surely shout. ¹⁷I will make the horn of David to sprout; I have prepared a lamp for My anointed. ¹⁸I will clothe his enemies *with* shame; but his crown shall shine upon him.

PSALM 133

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹Behold! How good and how pleasant *is* the living of brothers, even in unity. ²*It is* like the precious oil on the head, that ran down on the beard; Aaron's beard; going down to the mouth of his garments; ³like the dew of Hermon coming down on the mountains of Zion; for there Jehovah commanded the blessing: life till everlasting.

PSALM 134

A Song of Ascents.

¹Behold, bless Jehovah, all servants of Jehovah; who stand in the house of Jehovah at night. ²Lift up your hands *in* the holy place, and bless Jehovah. ³*May* Jehovah bless you out of Zion, *He* who made the heavens and earth.

PSALM 135

¹Praise Jehovah! Praise the name of Jehovah; sing praise, servants of Jehovah; ²*those* who stand in the house of Jehovah, in the courts of the house of our God; ³praise Jehovah! For Jehovah *is* good! Sing praises to His name, for *it is* delightful. ⁴For Jehovah has chosen Jacob to Himself—Israel for His special treasure. ⁵For I know that Jehovah *is* great, and our Lord *is* above all gods. ⁶Every *thing* which Jehovah *was* pleased to do, He did, in the heavens and in the earth; and in the seas and all deep places. ⁷He causes the vapors to rise from the end of the earth; He makes lightnings for the rain; He brings the wind out of His storehouses; ⁸*He* who struck the firstborn of Egypt, from man to animal; ⁹*who* sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, on Pharaoh and on all his servants; ¹⁰*who*

struck great nations, and killed mighty kings; ¹¹Sihon king of the Amorites; and Og king of Bashan; and all the kingdoms of Canaan. ¹²And He gave their land *as* an inheritance, an inheritance to His people Israel. ¹³O Jehovah, Your name *endures* forever; O Jehovah, Your memorial *is* from generation and generation. ¹⁴For Jehovah will judge His people; and He will have pity on His servants.

¹⁵The idols of the nations *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands; ¹⁶*they have* mouths, but they say nothing; *they have* eyes, but they see nothing; ¹⁷*they have* ears, but they hear nothing; yea, there is no breath in their mouths. ¹⁸Those who make them are like them, everyone who is trusting in them. ¹⁹Bless Jehovah, O house of Israel; bless Jehovah, O house of Aaron; ²⁰bless Jehovah, O house of Levi; you who fear Jehovah, bless Jehovah. ²¹Blessed *be* Jehovah out of Zion, *He* who dwells at Jerusalem. Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 136

¹O give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever. ²O give thanks to the God of gods; for His mercy *endures* forever. ³O give thanks to the Lord of lords; for His mercy *endures* forever; ⁴to Him who alone does great wonders; for His mercy *endures* forever; ⁵to Him who by wisdom made the heavens; for His mercy *endures* forever; ⁶to Him who spread the earth on the waters; for His mercy *endures* forever; ⁷to Him who made great lights; for His mercy *endures* forever; ⁸the sun to rule by day; for His mercy *endures* forever; ⁹the moon and the stars to rule by night; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹⁰to Him who struck Egypt in her firstborn; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹¹and brought Israel out from among them; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹²with a strong hand and a stretched out arm; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹³to Him who divided the Sea of Reeds into parts; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹⁴and made Israel pass through the middle of it; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹⁵but shook Pharaoh and his army off in the Sea of Reeds; for His mercy *endures* forever;

¹⁶to Him who led His people in the wilderness; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹⁷to Him who struck great kings; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹⁸and killed majestic kings; for His mercy *endures* forever; ¹⁹Sihon, king of the Amorites; for His mercy *endures* forever; ²⁰and Og, the king of Bashan; for His mercy *endures* forever; ²¹and gave their land for an inheritance; for His mercy *endures* forever; ²²an inheritance to His servant Israel; for His mercy *endures* forever; ²³who remembered us in our low estate; for His mercy *endures* forever; ²⁴and has rescued us from our enemies; for His mercy *endures* forever; ²⁵who gives food to all flesh; for His mercy *endures* forever. ²⁶O give thanks to the God of Heaven; for His mercy *endures* forever.

PSALM 137

¹We sat down by the rivers of Babylon; also, we wept when we remembered Zion. ²We hung our lyres on the willows in its midst. ³For there our captors asked us the words of a song; yea, our plunderers *asked* joy, *saying*, Sing to us a song of Zion. ⁴How shall we sing the song of Jehovah on a foreign soil? ⁵If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget; ⁶let my tongue cleave to my palate, if I do not remember you—if I do not bring up Jerusalem above the head of my joy. ⁷O Jehovah, remember for the sons of Edom the day of Jerusalem; who said, **Make it bare! Make it bare, even to its foundation!** ⁸O daughter of Babylon, O destroyed one! *Blessed is he who shall repay to you your reward which you rewarded to us.* ⁹*Blessed is he who seizes your little ones and dashes them against the stone!*

PSALM 138

A Psalm of David.

¹I will thank You with my whole heart; I will sing praise to You before the gods; ²I will worship toward Your holy temple; and give thanks to Your name for Your mercy, and for Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name. ³You answered me in the day that I cried; You emboldened me in my soul

with strength. ⁴All the kings of the earth shall thank You, O Jehovah; because they have heard the words of Your mouth. ⁵Yes, they shall sing in the ways of Jehovah; for the glory of Jehovah *is* great. ⁶Though Jehovah *is* high, yet He looks upon the lowly; but the proud He knows from afar. ⁷If I walk in the midst of distress, You give me life; You send out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies; and Your right hand delivers me. ⁸Jehovah will perfect *His work* in me; O Jehovah, Your mercy *endures* forever; *You will* not forsake the works of Your hands.

PSALM 139

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

¹O Jehovah, You have searched me and known *me*. ²You know my sitting down, and my rising up; You understand my thought from afar off. ³You sift my path and my lying down, and are acquainted *with* all my ways. ⁴For not a word is on my tongue, but, lo, O Jehovah, You know it all. ⁵You have closed me in behind, and in front; and Your hand *is* laid on me. ⁶*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is set on high; I am not able to reach it.* ⁷Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your face? ⁸If I go up to Heaven, You *are* there; if I make my bed *in* Sheol, behold, You *are there!* ⁹If I take the wings of the morning, dwelling in the uttermost part of the sea, ¹⁰even there Your hand shall lead me; and Your right hand shall seize me. ¹¹If I say: Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night *shall be* light around me. ¹²Even the darkness will not be dark from You, but the night shines as the day; as *is* the darkness, so *is* the light. ¹³For You have possessed my inward parts; You wove me in the womb of my mother. ¹⁴I will thank You, for with fearful *things* I am wonderful; Your works *are* marvelous, and my soul knows *it* very well. ¹⁵My bones were not hidden from You when I was made in secret; when I was woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my embryo; and in Your book all *my members* were written; the

days they were formed, and none was among them.

¹⁷And how precious are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸*If* I should count them, they are more than the sand; when I awake I am still with You. ¹⁹Surely You will slay the wicked, O God; and bloody men, depart from me. ²⁰Who will maliciously speak against You? Your enemies are lifted up with vanity. ²¹O Jehovah, do not I hate those hating You? And am I *not* detesting those rising against You? ²²I hate them *with* a perfect hatred; they have become my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; ²⁴and see if *any* wicked way *is* in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.

¹O Jehovah, deliver me from the evil man; keep me from the violent man; ²who devises evil things in the heart; they gather wars all the day. ³They sharpen their tongues like a snake; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah. ⁴O Jehovah, keep me from the wicked's hands; keep me from the violent man, who plans to trip up my steps. ⁵The proud have hidden cords and a trap for me; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set snares for me. Selah.

⁶I said to Jehovah, You *are* my God; O Jehovah, hear the voice of my prayers. ⁷O Jehovah the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of armor. ⁸O Jehovah, do not grant the desires of the wicked; do not promote his plan, *lest* they be exalted. Selah. ⁹*As for* the leaders of those around me, let the evil of their own lips cover them. ¹⁰Let burning coals fall on them; let them fall into deep pits, so that they do not rise again. ¹¹Do not let a man of tongue be established in the earth; evil shall hunt the violent man, thrust upon thrust. ¹²I know that Jehovah will maintain the cause of the afflicted, the justice of the poor. ¹³Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; the upright shall dwell in Your presence.

PSALM 141

A Psalm of David.

¹O Jehovah, I cry to You; hasten to me; hear my voice when I cry to You. ²Let my prayer be established before You *as* incense; the lifting up of my palms *as* the evening sacrifice. ³O Jehovah, set a guard to my mouth; keep watch on the door of my lips. ⁴Do not let my heart turn aside to any evil thing, to practice deeds in wickedness with men who do evil; and do not let me eat of their delicacies. ⁵Let the righteous strike me; *it is* a mercy; and he *who* rebukes me, *it is* oil of the head; let not my head refuse *it*; for yet my prayer *shall* also *be* against their evils. ⁶Their judges have been dashed against the rock; they shall hear my words; for they are pleasant. ⁷As when one plows and tears the earth, so our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.

⁸But my eyes *are* on You, O Jehovah, my Lord; in You I take refuge; do not make my soul naked. ⁹Keep me from the hands of the trap they laid for me; and from the snares of the workers of evil. ¹⁰Let the wicked fall into their own nets at the same time; I even shall pass by.

PSALM 142

An Instruction of David, a Prayer when he was in the cave.

¹I cry to Jehovah *with* my voice; I pray to Jehovah *with* my voice. ²I pour out my musing before Him; I declare my distress before Him. ³When my spirit faints within me, then You know my path; they have hidden a snare for me in the path *in* which I walk. ⁴I look to the right hand and see, and no one recognizes me; every escape is hidden from me; no one inquires for my soul. ⁵I cried to You, O Jehovah; I said, You *are* my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

⁶Attend to my cry; for I am brought very low; deliver me from those who pursue me; for they are stronger than I. ⁷Bring my soul out from prison to give thanks to Your name; the righteous shall gather around me; for You shall deal bountifully with me.

PSALM 143

A Psalm of David.

¹Hear my prayer, O Jehovah; give ear to my supplications; answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness; ²and do not enter into judgment with Your servant; for not anyone living is just in Your sight. ³For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has beaten my life to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness, like the dead of old. ⁴And my spirit within me has fainted; my heart within me is stunned. ⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. ⁶I spread out my hands to You; my soul *thirsts* to You like a thirsty land. Selah.

⁷O Jehovah, answer me quickly; my spirit is failing; do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like the ones who go down to the Pit. ⁸Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning; for I do trust in You; cause me to know the way I should walk; for I lift up my soul to You. ⁹O Jehovah, deliver me from my enemies; to You I have hidden. ¹⁰Teach me to do Your will; for You *are* my God; Your Spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of justice. ¹¹O Jehovah, because of Your name, make me live; in Your righteousness, bring my soul out of distress. ¹²And in Your mercy cut off my enemies; and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I *am* Your servant.

PSALM 144

A Psalm of David.

¹Blessed *be* Jehovah my rock, who teaches my hands for war, my fingers for battle; ²my mercy and my fortress; my high tower and my deliverer; my shield, and in Him I take refuge; *He* who humbles my people under me. ³O Jehovah, what *is* man that You know him; the son of man, that you esteem him? ⁴Man is like to vanity; his days *are* like a shadow that passes. ⁵Bow down Your heavens, O Jehovah; and come down; touch the mountains and they shall smoke. ⁶Flash out lightning and scatter them; send out your arrows and confound them. ⁷Send Your hand from above; rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, from the

hand of a foreigner's sons, ⁸whose mouths have spoken vanity; and their right hand *is* a right hand of lies. ⁹I will sing a new song to You, O God; I will sing praises to You on a harp of ten strings. ¹⁰*It is You* who gives salvation to kings, who delivers His servant David from the evil sword. ¹¹Rescue me and deliver me from the foreigner's sons, those whose mouths have spoken vanity; and their right hand *is* a right hand of lies; ¹²so that our sons *may be* like plants grown up in their youth; *and* our daughters like cornerstones hewn like a palace building; ¹³*and* our storehouses *may be* full, furnishing kind to kind; our flocks may breed thousands *and* ten thousands outside; ¹⁴our oxen *may be* laden; there is no break and no going out, and no crying in our plazas. ¹⁵Blessed *is* the people that is thus; blessed *is* the people whose God *is* Jehovah!

PSALM 145

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

¹I will exalt you, my God, O king; and bless Your name forever and ever. ²I will bless You every day; and I will praise Your name forever and ever. ³Jehovah *is* great and to be greatly praised; and to His greatness there *is* no finding out. ⁴Generation to generation shall praise Your works; and shall declare Your mighty acts. ⁵I will muse on the glorious honor of Your majesty, and the things of Your wonderful works. ⁶And they shall speak of the might of Your awesome works; and I will declare Your greatness. ⁷They shall express the memory of Your great goodness, and they shall sing of Your righteousness. ⁸Jehovah *is* gracious and merciful, long to anger and of great mercy; ⁹Jehovah *is* good to all; and His tender mercies *are* over all His works. ¹⁰All Your works shall thank You, O Jehovah; and Your saints shall bless You. ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your might; ¹²to make Your might known to the sons of men; yea, the glorious majesty of His kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom *is* a kingdom to all eternities; and Your rule in all, generation and generation. ¹⁴Jehovah upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are

bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all hope to You; and You give them their food in due time. ¹⁶You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷Jehovah is righteous in all His ways, and kind in all His works. ¹⁸Jehovah is near to all who call on Him, to all those who call on Him in truth. ¹⁹He will fulfill the desire of the ones who fear Him; and He will hear their cry and save them. ²⁰Jehovah watches over all who love Him; but He destroys all the wicked. ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah; and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever.

PSALM 146

¹Praise Jehovah; praise Jehovah, O my soul. ²While I live I will praise Jehovah; I will sing praises to my God while I still *am here*. ³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, for there is no salvation in him. ⁴His breath will go out, he returns to the earth; his thoughts perish in that day. ⁵Blessed is *he* who *has* the God of Jacob in his help; his hope is on Jehovah his God; ⁶who made the heavens and the earth, the seas and all that *is* in them; who keeps truth forever; ⁷who executes judgment for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry; Jehovah sets free the prisoners; ⁸Jehovah opens *the eyes of* the blind; Jehovah raises those bowed down; Jehovah loves the righteous; ⁹Jehovah watches over the strangers; He relieves the orphan and the widow; but He warps the way of the wicked. ¹⁰Jehovah shall reign forever; O Zion, your God from generation and generation. Praise Jehovah.

PSALM 147

¹Praise Jehovah; for *it is* good to sing praise to our God; because praise is delightful *and* becoming. ²Jehovah builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their sorrows. ⁴He appoints the number of the stars; He calls to them all by names. ⁵Our Lord is great and of great might; there is no limit to His understanding. ⁶Jehovah relieves the meek; He throws the wicked down to the ground. ⁷Sing to Jehovah with thanksgiving; sing

praise on the lyre to our God, ⁸who covers the heavens with clouds; who prepares rain for the earth; who makes grass to grow *on* the mountains. ⁹He gives the animals their food, to the young ravens that cry. ¹⁰He takes no delight in the strength of the horse; nor any pleasure in the legs of a man. ¹¹Jehovah takes pleasure in those who fear Him; those who hope in His mercy. ¹²Praise Jehovah, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. ¹³For He has made strong the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you. ¹⁴He makes peace *in* your border, He satisfies you *with* the fat of the wheat. ¹⁵He sends His command out *upon* the earth; His word runs very swiftly; ¹⁶He gives snow like wool; He scatters the white frost like ashes; ¹⁷He casts out His ice like crumbs; who can stand before His cold? ¹⁸He sends out His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow. ¹⁹He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel. ²⁰He has not done so with any nation; and they have not known *His* judgments. Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 148

¹Praise Jehovah! Praise Jehovah from the heavens; praise Him in the heights. ²Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts. ³Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light. ⁴Praise Him, O heavens of heavens; and O waters that *are* above the heavens. ⁵Let them praise the name of Jehovah; for He commanded, and they were created. ⁶And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree that they not pass away. ⁷Let the sea-monsters and all deeps praise Jehovah from the earth; ⁸fire and hail; snow and smoke; stormy wind fulfilling His word; ⁹mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; ¹⁰beasts and all livestock; creeping things and birds of the wing; ¹¹kings of the earth and all people; princes and all judges of the earth; ¹²both young men and virgins too; old men and youths. ¹³Let them praise the name of Jehovah; for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heavens. ¹⁴He also lifts up the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints, of the sons of

Israel, a people near to Him. Praise Jehovah!

bind their kings with chains and their nobles with iron bands; ²to execute on them the judgment written; *this is an* honor for all His saints. Praise Jehovah!

PSALM 149

¹Praise Jehovah! Sing to Jehovah a new song, His praise in the assembly of the saints. ²Let Israel rejoice in Him who made him; let the sons of Zion be joyful in their King. ³Let them praise His name in the dance; let them sing praise to Him with the timbrel and lyre. ⁴For Jehovah takes pleasure in His people; He beautifies the meek with salvation. ⁵Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds, *and* the exaltation of God *be* in their throat; and a two-edged sword in their hand, ⁶to execute vengeance on the nations, punishment on the peoples; ⁷to

PSALM 150

¹Praise Jehovah! Praise God in His holy place; praise Him in the expanse of His might. ²Praise Him in His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. ³Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. ⁴Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and pipes. ⁵Praise Him on the sounding cymbals; praise Him with the resounding cymbals. ⁶Let everything that breathes praise Jehovah. Praise Jehovah!

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

CHAPTER 1

¹The Proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: ²To know wisdom and instruction; to understand the words of understanding; ³to receive instruction in prudence, justice, and judgment, and uprightness; ⁴to give sense to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man— ⁵the wise hears and increases learning; and the understanding ones will get wise counsel—⁶to understand a proverb and an enigma; the words of the wise, and their acute sayings.

⁷The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. ⁸My son, hear your father's instruction; and do not forsake the teaching of your mother; ⁹for they *shall be* an ornament of grace to your head, and chains for your neck. ¹⁰My son, if sinners lure you, do not be willing. ¹¹If they say, Walk with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us secretly lurk for the innocent without cause; ¹²let us swallow them up alive as Sheol; and whole, as those who go down *into* the Pit, ¹³we shall find all precious goods; we shall fill our houses *with* plunder; ¹⁴cast in your lot among us; one purse shall be to all of us. ¹⁵My son, do not walk in the way with them! Hold back your foot from their path; ¹⁶for their feet run to evil and they haste to shed blood. ¹⁷For in vain the net is spread in the sight of every bird. ¹⁸And they lie in wait for their own blood; they lurk secretly for their own souls. ¹⁹So are the ways of everyone who gets *unjust* gain; *it* takes away its owner's soul.

²⁰Wisdom cries aloud in the plaza; she gives her voice in the square; ²¹she calls at the head of gathering places; in the opening of the gates; in the city she utters her words; ²²How long will you love to be simple, you simple ones? And will scorners desire scorn for themselves? And will fools hate knowledge? ²³Turn back at my warning; behold, I will pour out my Spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out a hand, and none inclines;

²⁵but you have ignored all my counsel; you did not want my warning; ²⁶I also will laugh in your calamity, I will mock when your dread comes; ²⁷when your dread comes like a storm; and your calamity arrives like a hurricane; when distress and constraint come on you. ²⁸Then they shall call on me, and I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. ²⁹Instead they hated knowledge and chose not the fear of Jehovah. ³⁰They did not want my counsel; they despised all my reproof; ³¹and they shall eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own lusts. ³²For the going astray of the simple kills them; and the ease of fools destroys them. ³³But he who listens to me shall live securely, and shall be at ease from the dread of evil.

CHAPTER 2

¹My son, if you will receive My words, and treasure up My commandments with you, ²so that you attend to wisdom, you shall extend your heart to understanding; ³for if you cry for discernment, lifting up your voice for understanding; ⁴if you seek her as silver, and search for her as hidden treasures; ⁵then you shall understand the fear of Jehovah, and find knowledge of God. ⁶For Jehovah gives wisdom; out of His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding. ⁷He lays up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to the ones who walk in integrity, ⁸to guard the paths of judgment, and He protects the way of His saints. ⁹Then you shall understand righteousness and judgment and honesty; *yea*, every good path. ¹⁰When wisdom enters into your heart; and knowledge is pleasing to your soul; ¹¹discretion shall keep you; understanding shall watch over you; ¹²to deliver you from the evil way; from the man who speaks perverse things; ¹³those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴who rejoice to do evil; they delight in the perversities of the wicked; ¹⁵whose paths *are* crooked, *who are* devious in their tracks. ¹⁶*These will* deliver you from the strange woman, from the foreigner

who flatters *with* her words; ¹⁷who forsakes the guide of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God. ¹⁸For her house leads down to death, and her tracks to the departed spirits. ¹⁹All going in to her do not return; nor do they reach the ways of life. ²⁰Then you may walk in the ways of the good, and keep the ways of the righteous. ²¹For the upright shall live *in* the land; and the perfect shall remain in it. ²²But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth; and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

CHAPTER 3

¹My son, do not forget my law; but let your heart keep my commands; ²for they shall add length of days, and long life and peace to you. ³Mercy and truth will not forsake you; tie them on your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart; ⁴and you shall find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. ⁵Trust in Jehovah with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. ⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear Jehovah and depart from evil. ⁸Healing shall be to your navel and marrow to your bones. ⁹Honor Jehovah with your substance, and with the first-fruits of all your increase; ¹⁰and your barns shall be filled *with* plenty; and your presses shall burst *with* new wine. ¹¹My son, do not reject the chastening of Jehovah; and do not loathe His correction; ¹²for whom Jehovah loves He corrects, even as a father the son he loves.

¹³Happy *is* the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding. ¹⁴For its gain *is* better than the gain from silver; and its produce more than fine gold; ¹⁵she *is* more precious than rubies; and all the things you can desire are not to be compared with her. ¹⁶Length of days *is* in her right hand; riches and honor in her left hand. ¹⁷Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths peace. ¹⁸She *is* a tree of life to the ones who lay hold on her; and happy *are* the ones holding her fast. ¹⁹Jehovah founded the earth by wisdom; He founded the heavens by understanding; ²⁰the depths were broken up by His knowledge; and the clouds dropped down

the dew. ²¹My son, do not let them depart from your eyes; keep sound wisdom and judgment; ²²and they shall be life to your soul, and grace to your neck; ²³then you shall walk in your way safely; and your foot shall not stumble. ²⁴When you lie down, you shall not dread; yea, you shall lie down and your sleep shall be sweet. ²⁵Do not be afraid of sudden terror; nor of the destruction of the wicked, when it comes. ²⁶For Jehovah shall be at your side; and He shall keep your foot from being caught.

²⁷Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do *it*. ²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, Go and come back again; or, Tomorrow I will give; when you have it beside you. ²⁹Do not plan evil against your neighbor, since he lives trustingly by you. ³⁰Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm. ³¹Do not envy the cruel man, and choose not among all his ways. ³²For the perverse one *is* hateful to Jehovah, but His intimacy *is* with the righteous. ³³The curse of Jehovah *is* in the house of the wicked; but He blesses the abode of the just. ³⁴Surely He scorns the scorners; but He gives grace to the lowly. ³⁵The wise inherit honor, but the foolish exalt shame.

CHAPTER 4

¹Sons, hear the instruction of a father; and listen so as to know understanding. ²For I give you good teaching; do not forsake my law. ³For I was my father's son, tender, and an only one in the sight of my mother. ⁴And he taught me and said to me, Let your heart cling to my words; keep my commands and live. ⁵Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forsake and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you. ⁷Wisdom *is* the main thing; get wisdom; and with all your getting, get understanding. ⁸Exalt her, and she will lift you up; she shall bring you to honor when you embrace her. ⁹She shall give a wreath of grace to your head; she shall shield you with a crown of glory.

¹⁰O my son, hear and receive my sayings; and the years of your life *shall be*

many. ¹¹I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in the right tracks; ¹²when you go, your tracks shall not be narrowed; and when you run, you shall not stumble. ¹³Take fast hold of instruction; do not let her go; keep her, for she is your life. ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked; and do not go in the way of evildoers. ¹⁵Avoid it; do not pass by it; turn from it and pass on. ¹⁶For they do not sleep if they have done no evil; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸But the path of the just is as a bright light going on and shining till the day is established. ¹⁹The way of the wicked is as darkness; they do not know at what they stumble. ²⁰My son, listen to my words; bow your ear to what I say; ²¹let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the center of your heart; ²²for they are life to those who find them; and healing to all his flesh. ²³Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. ²⁴Turn away from you the crooked mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. ²⁵Let your eyes look straight ahead; and let your eyelids look straight before you. ²⁶Study the track of your feet; then all your ways will be established. ²⁷Do not turn to the right hand or to the left; turn your foot aside from evil.

CHAPTER 5

¹My son, listen to my wisdom; bow your ears to my understanding; ²so that you may keep judgment, and your lips may keep knowledge. ³For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, and her palate is sweeter than oil; ⁴but afterwards, she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a sword of mouths; ⁵her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. ⁶Lest you should meditate on the path of life, her tracks are movable — you cannot know them.

⁷Then hear me now, O sons, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. ⁸Remove your ways far from her; and do not come near to the door of her house; ⁹lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel; ¹⁰that strangers not be filled with your strength; and your labors be in the house of an alien; ¹¹and you

moan when your end comes; when your flesh and muscle are eaten away; ¹²and say, How I have hated instruction; and my heart despised correction; ¹³and I have not bowed to the voice of my teachers; nor bowed my ears to those instructing me. ¹⁴I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

¹⁵Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well. ¹⁶Should your overflowing springs be scattered outside, like rivers of waters in the streets? ¹⁷Let them be only your own, and not to strangers with you; ¹⁸let your fountains be blessed; and rejoice with the wife of your youth; ¹⁹she is a loving deer, a graceful doe; let her breasts satisfy you every time; and always be ravished in her love. ²⁰And my son, why will you be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace a foreigner's bosom? ²¹For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah; and He ponders all his tracks. ²²His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself; and he shall be held with the cords of his sin. ²³He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his foolishness, he shall go astray.

CHAPTER 6

¹My son, if you are surety for your friend, if you struck your palms with an alien, ²you are snared with the words of your mouth; you are captured with the words of your own mouth. ³My son, do this then, and deliver yourself when you come into the palm of your friend: go lower yourself and be bold to your friend. ⁴Do not give sleep to your eyes, or slumber to your eyelids. ⁵Deliver yourself like a gazelle from a hand of a hunter, and as a bird from the fowler's hand.

⁶Go to the ant, lazy man; consider her ways and be wise; ⁷who, having no guide, overseer or ruler, ⁸provides her bread in the summer; gathers her food in the harvest. ⁹How long will you lie down, O lazy man? When will you arise out of your sleep? ¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber; a little folding of the hands to lie down; ¹¹so shall your poverty come as one walking, and your need like an armed man. ¹²A worthless person, a wicked man, walks with a perverse mouth, ¹³winking with his

eyes; he speaking with his feet; teaching with his fingers; ¹⁴perversity *is* in his heart; he is plotting evil at every time, he sends out strife. ¹⁵On account of this, calamity shall come suddenly; he is quickly broken and there is no healing. ¹⁶These six *things* Jehovah hates; yea, seven are hateful to His soul; ¹⁷a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood; ¹⁸a heart that plots evil plans; feet hurrying to run to mischief; ¹⁹a false witness who breathes lies; and he who causes strife among brothers.

²⁰My son, keep your father's commands; and do not forsake the law of your mother. ²¹Tie them to your heart forever; tie them around your neck. ²²When you go, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall watch over you; and *when* you awaken, it will meditate *with* you. ²³For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law a light; and reproofs of instruction *are* a way of life; ²⁴to keep you from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of the strange woman. ²⁵Do not lust after her beauty in your heart; and do not let her take you with her eyelids. ²⁶For on account of a woman, a harlot, *a man comes to the last* loaf of bread; and *another* man's wife will hunt for the precious soul. ²⁷Can a man take fire into his bosom and his clothes not be burned? ²⁸Or can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be burned? ²⁹*So is* he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; everyone touching her shall not be innocent. ³⁰They do not despise a thief, if he steals to fill his appetite when he is hungry. ³¹But *if* he is found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the goods of his house. ³²He who commits adultery *with* a woman lacks heart; he who does it *is* a destroyer of his own soul. ³³He shall find a wound and dishonor; and his shame shall not be wiped away. ³⁴For jealousy *is* the rage of a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance. ³⁵He will not lift up the face of every ransom; nor will he consent if you multiply the bribes.

CHAPTER 7

¹My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. ²Keep my

commands and live; and my law as the pupil of your eye. ³Tie them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴Say to wisdom, *You are* my sister; and call understanding *your* kinsman; ⁵so that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the alien *with* her flattering words. ⁶For I looked through my lattice, at the window of my house, ⁷and I saw among the simple ones; I observed among the sons a young man lacking heart; ⁸passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house; ⁹in the twilight, in the evening; in the black and darkness of night. ¹⁰And, behold, a woman to meet him, with a harlot's dress, and a guarded heart; ¹¹she is loud and stubborn; her feet do not stay in her own house. ¹²At this time *she* is outside, now in the streets, and *she* lies in wait at every corner; ¹³and she seizes him and kisses him; she hardens her face and says to him, ¹⁴Sacrifices of peace offerings *are* on me; today I have paid my vows; ¹⁵so I came out to meet you, earnestly to seek your face; and I have found you. ¹⁶I have spread my couch with coverings; with striped cloths of Egyptian linen. ¹⁷I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. ¹⁸Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning; let us delight ourselves with caresses. ¹⁹For my husband *is* not at his house; he is going in the way, far away. ²⁰He has taken a bag of silver in his hand; at the day of the full moon, he will enter his house. ²¹With the sum of her persuasion she turned him aside; with the flattering of her lips, she forced him. ²²He goes after her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter; or as one in fetters *goes* to the correction of a fool; ²³until an arrow strikes through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare, and not knowing that it *is* for his soul.

²⁴Now, then, listen to me, O sons; and attend to the words of my mouth: ²⁵Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways; do not go astray in her paths. ²⁶For many *are* the wounded she has caused to fall; and plentiful all her slain ones. ²⁷The ways of Sheol *are* in her house, leading down to the rooms of death.

CHAPTER 8

¹Does not wisdom call? And does not understanding speak? ²She stands in the top of high places, by the wayside, in the houses of the paths. ³She cries beside the gates; in the entrance to the city; *at* the doors. ⁴I call to you, O men, and my voice *is* to the sons of men. ⁵Understand wisdom, simple ones; and be of an understanding heart, fools. ⁶Hear, for I will speak of excellent things; and from the opening of my lips *shall be* right things. ⁷For my mouth shall speak of truth; and wickedness *is* hateful to my lips. ⁸All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; nothing crooked or perverse *is* in them; ⁹they *are* all plain to the understanding one; and right to those who find knowledge. ¹⁰Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge, rather than choice gold. ¹¹For wisdom *is* better than jewels; and all delights cannot be compared to it.

¹²I, wisdom, dwell with sense, and I find knowledge of assurance. ¹³The fear of Jehovah *is* to hate evil; I hate pride and loftiness, and the evil way, and the perverse mouth. ¹⁴Counsel and sound wisdom are Mine; I *am* understanding; I have strength. ¹⁵By Me kings reign, and princes decree righteousness. ¹⁶Rulers and nobles rule by Me, and all the judges of the earth. ¹⁷I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me early find Me. ¹⁸Riches and honor *are* with Me; enduring wealth and righteousness. ¹⁹My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and My increase *is better than* the best silver. ²⁰I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice; ²¹I cause those who love Me to inherit wealth; and I will fill up their treasures.

²²Jehovah possessed Me in the beginning of His way, from then, before His works. ²³I was set up from everlasting; from the beginning, before the earth ever was. ²⁴When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no springs heavy *with* water. ²⁵Before the mountains were settled; before the hills, I was brought forth; ²⁶before He had made the earth, and the fields, or the highest part of the dust of the world. ²⁷When He prepared the heavens, I was there; when He set a circle on the face of the deep; ²⁸when He set the

clouds above; when He made the strong fountains of the deep; ²⁹when He gave to the sea its limit, that the waters should not go beyond His commands; when He decreed the foundations of the earth; ³⁰then I was at His side, like a master workman; and I was *His* delights day *by* day, rejoicing before Him at every time; ³¹rejoicing in the world, His earth; and My delights *were* with the sons of men.

³²And now listen to Me, O sons; for blessed *are those who* keep My ways. ³³Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not refuse it. ³⁴Blessed is the man listening to Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors. ³⁵For whoever finds Me finds life; and he shall obtain favor from Jehovah. ³⁶But he who sins against Me does violence to his own soul; all who hate Me love death.

CHAPTER 9

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has carved out her seven pillars; ²she has slaughtered her slaughter; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her maidens; she cries on the highest places of the city; ⁴The simple one, turn in here; *and to* one lacking heart, she says to him: ⁵Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

⁷He who reproves a scorner gets shame to himself; and he who rebukes a wicked man *gets* his own blot. ⁸Do not reprove a scorner, that he not hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹Give to a wise one, and he will be more wise; teach a just one, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰The fear of Jehovah *is* the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy Ones *is* understanding. ¹¹For by Me your days shall be multiplied; and the years of your life shall be increased. ¹²If you are wise, you shall be wise for yourself; but *if* you scorn, you alone shall bear *it*. ¹³A foolish woman *is* loud; *she is* thoughtlessness; and she knows not what. ¹⁴And she sits at the door of her house, in a seat in the high places of the city; ¹⁵to call those who pass by; who are going straight *on* their ways; ¹⁶The simple one, let him turn in here; and *to the* one lacking heart, she

says to him: ¹⁷Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant. ¹⁸But he does not know that the departed spirits *are* there; her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

CHAPTER 10

¹The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a father rejoice; but the foolish son *is* his mother's sorrow. ²Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivers from death. ³Jehovah will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry; but He pushes away the desire of the wicked. ⁴He who deals *with* a lazy palm *becomes* poor; but the hand of the hard worker makes *him* rich. ⁵He who gathers in summer *is* a prudent son; he who sleeps in harvest *is* a son who causes shame. ⁶Blessings *are* on the head of the just; but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. ⁷The memory of the just *is* blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot. ⁸The wise in heart accepts commands; but the foolish of lips shall be thrust away. ⁹He who walks in integrity walks securely; but he who perverts his way shall be found out. ¹⁰He who winks the eye causes sorrow; but the foolish of lips shall be thrust away. ¹¹The mouth of the righteous *is* a fountain of life; but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. ¹²Hatred stirs up fights; but love covers all transgressions. ¹³Wisdom is found in the lips of him who has understanding; but a rod *is* waiting for him who lacks heart. ¹⁴The wise store up knowledge; but the mouth of the foolish *is* near ruin. ¹⁵The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city; the ruin of the poor *is* their poverty.

¹⁶The labor of the righteous *is* for life; the gain of the wicked *is* for sin. ¹⁷He who heeds instruction *is* in the way of life; but he who refuses reproof is going astray. ¹⁸He who hides hatred *with* lying lips, and he who sends out a slander, he *is* a fool. ¹⁹In the abundance of words, transgression does not cease; but one restraining his lips *is* prudent. ²⁰The tongue of the just *is* as choice silver; the heart of the wicked *is* as a little. ²¹The lips of the righteous feed many; but fools die for lack of heart. ²²The blessing of Jehovah, it makes rich, and he adds no pain with it.

²³To work out evil devices *is* as laughter to the foolish; so wisdom *is* to a man of understanding. ²⁴That which the wicked fears shall come upon him; but the desire of the righteous *is* granted. ²⁵As the storm passes, so the wicked *is* not; but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation. ²⁶Like vinegar to the teeth, and like smoke to the eyes, so *is* the lazy one to those who send him. ²⁷The fear of Jehovah prolongs days; but the years of the wicked shall be cut short. ²⁸The expectation of the righteous *is* joyful; but the hope of the wicked shall perish. ²⁹The way of Jehovah *is* strength to the upright; but ruin *is* to workers of iniquity. ³⁰The righteous shall never be moved; and the wicked shall not dwell in the land. ³¹The mouth of the just flourishes *with* wisdom; but the perverse tongue shall be cut off. ³²The lips of the righteous know what is pleasing; but the mouth of the wicked *knows only* perversities.

CHAPTER 11

¹False balances *are* hateful to Jehovah; but a perfect stone His delight. ²Pride comes—then shame comes—but with the lowly *is* wisdom. ³The integrity of the upright guides them; but the perversity of traitors will devastate them. ⁴Riches do not profit in the day of wrath; but righteousness delivers from death. ⁵The righteousness of the perfect shall make his way right; but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. ⁶The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them; but traitors shall be taken in their lust. ⁷In the death of a wicked man, *his* expectation shall perish, and the hope of the unjust shall be lost. ⁸The righteous is delivered from distress; and the wicked comes *in* his place. ⁹The ungodly is corrupting his neighbor with *his* mouth; but the just is delivered by knowledge. ¹⁰When the righteous prospers, the city rejoices; and at the wicked's perishing *is* singing. ¹¹A city is lifted up by the blessing of the upright; but by the wicked's mouth it is overthrown. ¹²One despising his friend lacks heart—but an understanding man remains silent. ¹³A slanderer is a revealer of secrets; but the faithful of spirit keeps a matter hidden.

¹⁴Without guidance the people fall; but safety *is* in a great counselor. ¹⁵One suffers evil when he is surety for a stranger; but one hating strikers of hands *is* safe. ¹⁶A gracious woman holds to honor; and terrifying *men* hold to riches. ¹⁷A merciful man does good to his own soul; but the cruel troubles his own flesh. ¹⁸The wicked makes a deceitful wage; but one sowing righteousness *has* a reward of truth. ¹⁹So righteousness *leads* to life; but one pursuing evil, to his death. ²⁰Hateful to Jehovah *are* the perverse hearted; but His delight *is* the upright in way. ²¹*Though* hand join to hand, the evil shall not be innocent; but the righteous seed escapes. ²²*As* a ring of gold in a swine's snout, *so* *is* a woman *who* *is* beautiful, yet turning aside discretion. ²³The desire of the righteous *is* only good; the hope of the wicked *is* wrath. ²⁴There is one who scatters yet increases more; but a withholder of just due *comes* only to poverty. ²⁵The blessed soul will be made fat; he who waters will also drink fully. ²⁶One holding back grain, the people curse him; but a blessing *is* to the head of one selling grain. ²⁷He who early *is* seeking good seeks favor; but one pursuing evil, it shall come to him. ²⁸One trusting in his riches, he shall fall; but like a green leaf the righteous shall sprout. ²⁹One troubling his house inherits the wind; and the fool *is* servant to the wise of heart. ³⁰The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he who takes souls *is* wise. ³¹Behold, the righteous shall be rewarded in the earth; much more the wicked and the sinner.

CHAPTER 12

¹Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge; but he who hates correction *is* like a brute animal. ²The good obtain grace from Jehovah; but He will condemn a man of wicked devices. ³A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. ⁴A woman of virtue *is* a crown to her lord; but one causing shame *is* like rotteness in his bones. ⁵The thoughts of the righteous *are* right; the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit. ⁶The words of the wicked ambush *for* blood; but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them. ⁷Over-

throw the wicked, and they *are* not; but the house of the righteous stands. ⁸A man shall be praised according to his wisdom; but he who *is* of a crooked heart shall be despised. ⁹*He who* *is* despised, and *has* a servant, *is* better than one being honored and lacking bread. ¹⁰The righteous knows the life of his animal; but the mercies of the wicked *are* cruel. ¹¹He who tills his land shall be satisfied *with* bread; but he chasing vanities lacks heart. ¹²The wicked desires the net of evils, but the root *of* the righteous gives *fruit*. ¹³In the transgression of the lips *is* the snare of evil; but the righteous will come out from distress.

¹⁴A man shall *be* satisfied with good by the fruit of the mouth; and the dealing of man's hands shall be given back to him. ¹⁵The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes; but he who listens to advice *is* wise. ¹⁶A fool's vexation *is* known in a day; but the astute one covers shame. ¹⁷He who breathes faithfulness reveals righteousness; but a false witness deceit. ¹⁸There *is* a rash speaking like thrusts of a sword; but the tongue of the wise heals. ¹⁹The lips of truth *are* established forever; but a lying tongue *is* only while I wink. ²⁰Deceit *is* in the heart of those who plot evil; but to counselors of peace *is* joy. ²¹No trouble shall happen to the just; but the wicked shall be filled with evil. ²²Lying lips *are* hateful to Jehovah; but those who deal faithfulness *are* His delight. ²³A wise man conceals knowledge; but the heart of fools calls out their folly. ²⁴The hand of the hard worker shall rule; but the deceitful will become forced labor. ²⁵Heaviness in a man's heart makes it droop, but a good word makes it glad. ²⁶The righteous searches out *with* his friend; but the way of the wicked leads them astray. ²⁷The slacker does not start after his game; but the wealth of a working man *is* precious. ²⁸In the way of righteousness *is* life; and in that pathway *is* no death.

CHAPTER 13

¹A wise son *hears* his father's instruction; but a scorner does not hear rebuke. ²From the fruit of his mouth a man eats good; but the desire of the deceiver *is*

violence. ³He who guards his mouth keeps his life; he who opens his lips wide *is* ruined. ⁴The sluggard's soul is craving, but *is not getting*; but the soul of the hard workers shall be made fat. ⁵The righteous hates lying; but the wicked is odious and acts shamefully. ⁶Righteousness keeps the upright one in the way; but wickedness overthrows sin. ⁷There are *those* who act rich, yet *have* nothing at all; and *those* who act poor, yet *have* great wealth. ⁸The ransom of a man's life *is* his riches, but the poor man does not hear rebuke. ⁹The light of the righteous rejoices; but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out. ¹⁰Argument only comes by pride; but wisdom *is* with those who take advice. ¹¹Wealth from vanity shall be diminished; but he who gathers by labor shall increase. ¹²Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but desire fulfilled *is* a tree of life. ¹³He who despises the word shall be destroyed; but he who fears the commandment shall be rewarded. ¹⁴The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. ¹⁵Good sense gives grace; but the way of the treacherous *is* continual. ¹⁶Every prudent one deals with knowledge; but a fool lays open *his* foolishness. ¹⁷A wicked messenger falls into evil; but a faithful ambassador *is* healing. ¹⁸Poverty and shame *shall be* to him who refuses instruction; but he who keeps to correction shall be honored. ¹⁹The desire coming to pass is sweet to the soul; but to depart from evil is hateful to fools. ²⁰He who walks with the wise shall be wise; but a feeder of fools shall be broken. ²¹Evil pursues sinners; but the righteous shall be rewarded *with* good. ²²A good man leaves an inheritance to his son's sons; but the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just. ²³The tilled ground of the poor yields much food; but without justice, it is swept away. ²⁴He who spares his rod hates his son; but he who loves him seeks him *with* correction. ²⁵The righteous eats to the satisfying of his appetite; but the belly of the wicked shall lack.

CHAPTER 14

¹A wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her own hands. ²He who walks in his uprightness

fears Jehovah; but the perverse in his ways despises Him. ³A rod of pride *is* in the mouth of a fool; but the lips of the wise shall keep them. ⁴The stall *is* empty where there *are* no oxen; but much gain *is* by the strength of an ox. ⁵A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness breathes lies. ⁶A scorner seeks wisdom but *finds* it not; yet knowledge *is* swift to the discerning. ⁷Leave a foolish man, or you will not see the lips of knowledge. ⁸The wisdom of the wise *is* to understand his way; but the foolishness of fools *is* deceit. ⁹Fools laugh at guilt-offering; but among the righteous *is* favor. ¹⁰The heart knows the bitterness of its soul; and a stranger does not mix in its joy. ¹¹The wicked's house shall be thrown down; but the tent of the upright will flourish. ¹²There is a way *that seems* right to a man; but the end of it *is* the way of death. ¹³Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that joy *is* heaviness. ¹⁴The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways; but a good man from himself. ¹⁵The simple believes every word; but the wise considers his step. ¹⁶The wise fears and departs from evil; but the fool rages and is sure. ¹⁷He who is short of temper acts foolishly; and a man of *evil* plots is hated. ¹⁸The simple inherit foolishness; but the wise are crowned *with* knowledge. ¹⁹The evil bow before the good; yea, the wicked at the gates of the just. ²⁰The poor is hated even by his own neighbor; but the rich *has* many friends. ²¹He who despises his neighbor sins; but he who has mercy on the poor, O how happy *is* he! ²²Do not those who think evil go astray? But mercy and truth *will be* to those who think of good. ²³In all labor there is profit; but the talk of the lips *tends* only to poverty. ²⁴The crown of the wise *is* their riches *of* wisdom; the foolishness of fools *is* folly. ²⁵A true witness delivers souls; but a deceitful witness speaks lies. ²⁶In the fear of Jehovah *is* strong trust; and His sons shall have a hiding place. ²⁷The fear of Jehovah *is* a fountain of life, to turn away from snares of death. ²⁸In the multitude of people *is* the king's glory; but in the lack of people *is* the ruin of a prince. ²⁹One slow to anger *is* of great understanding; but he who is short of spirit exalts

folly. ³⁰A healthy heart *is* the life of the flesh; but envy *is* the rottenness of the bones. ³¹He who oppresses the poor curses his Maker; but he who honors Him has mercy on the needy. ³²The wicked is thrust out in his wickedness; but the righteous *has* hope in his death. ³³Wisdom rests in the heart of the intelligent; and among fools it is revealed. ³⁴Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin *is* a shame to any people. ³⁵The king's favor *is* toward a servant who acts prudently; but his wrath takes place *on* one causing shame.

CHAPTER 15

¹A soft answer turns away wrath; but a hurtful word stirs up anger. ²The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly; but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness. ³The eyes of Jehovah *are* in every place, watching the evil and the good. ⁴A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life; but perverseness in it *is* a break of the spirit. ⁵A fool despises his father's instruction; but he keeping correction is sensible. ⁶In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure; but in the gain of the wicked *is* trouble. ⁷The lips of the wise extend knowledge; but the heart of the fool is not so. ⁸The sacrifice of the wicked *is* a hateful thing to Jehovah; but the prayer of the upright *is* His delight. ⁹The way of the wicked *is* hateful to Jehovah; but He loves him who pursues righteousness. ¹⁰Discipline *is* grievous to him who forsakes the way; he who hates reproof shall die. ¹¹Hell and destruction *are* before Jehovah; even more the hearts of the sons of men! ¹²A scornor loves not one who corrects him; nor will he go to the wise. ¹³A joyful heart makes a good face; but by grief of heart the spirit is stricken. ¹⁴The heart of the understanding one seeks knowledge; but the mouth of fools feeds on folly. ¹⁵All the days of the afflicted *are* evil; but gladness of heart *is* a continual feast. ¹⁶Better *is* a little with the fear of Jehovah than great treasure and tumult with it. ¹⁷Better *is* a dinner of vegetables where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred with it. ¹⁸A furious man stirs up quarreling; but he who is slow to anger calms fighting. ¹⁹The way of the lazy one *is* like a hedge of thorns; but the path of the

righteous *is* exalted. ²⁰A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish man despises his mother. ²¹Foolishness *is* joy to him who lacks understanding; but a man of understanding walks straight. ²²Without counsel, purposes are broken; but by great counselors they rise. ²³A man *has* joy by the answer of his mouth; and how good *is* a word in its season! ²⁴The path of life *is* upward to the prudent, that he may turn away from Sheol downward. ²⁵Jehovah will destroy the house of the proud; but He will set up the widow's border. ²⁶The thoughts of the wicked *are* very hateful to Jehovah; but the words of pleasantness *are* pure. ²⁷He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house; but he who hates bribes shall live. ²⁸The heart of the righteous muses *how* to answer; but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. ²⁹Jehovah *is* far from the wicked; but He hears the prayer of the righteous. ³⁰The light of the eyes rejoices the heart; a good report makes the bones fat. ³¹The ear that hears the reproof of life shall remain among the wise. ³²He who ignores correction despises his own soul; but he who hears reproof gets understanding. ³³The fear of Jehovah *is* instruction in wisdom; and before honor *is* humility.

CHAPTER 16

¹The orderings of the heart *are* for man, and the answer of the tongue from Jehovah. ²All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes; but Jehovah weighs the spirits. ³Roll your works on Jehovah, and your thoughts shall be blessed. ⁴Jehovah has made all for His purpose; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. ⁵Everyone proud in heart *is* disgusting to Jehovah; *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be innocent. ⁶Iniquity is covered by mercy and truth; and in the fear of Jehovah, *men* turn aside from evil. ⁷When a man's ways please Jehovah, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. ⁸Better *is* a little with righteousness than great increase without right. ⁹A man's heart plans his way, but Jehovah fixes his step. ¹⁰A godly decision *is* on the lips of the king; his mouth is not treacherous in judgment. ¹¹A just scale and balances *are* to Jehovah; all the stones of the bag *are*

His work. ¹²*It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness; for the throne is made firm by righteousness.* ¹³*Righteous lips are the kings' delight; and he speaking uprightly is loved.* ¹⁴*A king's fury is as messengers of death; but a wise man will cover it.* ¹⁵*In the light of the face of the king is life; and his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.* ¹⁶*How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.* ¹⁷*The way of the upright is to turn away from evil; he keeping his soul watches his way.* ¹⁸*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.* ¹⁹*It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.* ²⁰*He who acts prudently shall find good; and he who trusts in Jehovah, O how happy is he!* ²¹*The wise in heart shall be called prudent; and sweetness of lips increases learning.* ²²*Prudence is a fountain of life to those who own it; but the teaching of fools is folly.* ²³*The heart of the wise makes his mouth prudent and he adds learning on his lips.* ²⁴*Pleasant words are an overflowing of honey, sweetness to the soul and healing to the bones.* ²⁵*There is a way that seems right to a man's face, but the end of it is the ways of death.* ²⁶*He who labors works for himself; for his mouth urges him on.* ²⁷*A worthless man plots evil; and on his lips it is like a burning fire.*

²⁸*A perverse man causes strife; and a whisperer separates close friends.* ²⁹*A violent man lures his neighbor, and causes him to go in a way that is not good.* ³⁰*He who shuts his eyes, to plan perverse things; compressing his lips, he brings evil to pass.* ³¹*The gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness.* ³²*One slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.* ³³*The lot is cast into the lap, but all ordering of it is from Jehovah.*

CHAPTER 17

¹*Better is a dry piece of bread, and quietness with it, than a house full of sacrifices with fighting.* ²*A servant who acts prudently shall rule over a son who causes shame; and he shall have part of the inheritance among the brothers.* ³*The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for*

gold, but Jehovah tries the hearts. ⁴*An evildoer gives heed to false lips; a liar listens to a tongue of evil desire.* ⁵*Whoever scorns the poor reviles his Maker; he who rejoices at calamity shall not be innocent.* ⁶*Grandsons are the crown of old men; and the glory of sons is their fathers.* ⁷*An arrogant lip is not fitting for a fool; much less are lying lips for a noble.* ⁸*A bribe is a precious stone in the eyes of him who possesses it; wherever he turns, he is circumspect.* ⁹*He who covers a transgression seeks love; but he who repeats a matter separates friends.* ¹⁰*A reproof enters more into a wise man than a hundred stripes into a fool.* ¹¹*A rebel seeks evil, so a cruel messenger is sent against him.* ¹²*Let a bear bereaved of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his foolishness.* ¹³*Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.* ¹⁴*The beginning of strife is like the releasing of water; therefore, leave off fighting before it breaks out.* ¹⁵*He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, even both of them are disgusting to Jehovah.* ¹⁶*Why is there hire in a fool's hand to get wisdom, and there is no heart for it.* ¹⁷*A friend loves at every time; but a brother is born for the time of trouble.* ¹⁸*A man lacking heart strikes the palm; he pledges in the presence of his friend.* ¹⁹*He loving strife loves rebellion; he who exalts his door seeks shattering.* ²⁰*One crooked of heart does not find good; and he who is perverse in his tongue falls into evil.* ²¹*He who fathers a fool has sorrow for it; yea, the father of a fool has no joy.* ²²*A cheerful heart makes good healing; but a stricken spirit dries the bone.* ²³*The wicked takes a bribe out of the bosom to stretch the paths of justice.*

²⁴*With the face of the wise is wisdom; but a fool's eyes are in the ends of the earth.* ²⁵*A foolish son is a vexation to his father; and bitterness to her who bore him.* ²⁶*And it is not good to punish the just; to strike leaders for uprightness.* ²⁷*He who restrains his words knows knowledge; and one rare of spirit is a man of understanding.* ²⁸*Even a fool who is silent is counted wise; he who shuts his lips is counted as understanding.*

CHAPTER 18

¹He who separates himself seeks *his own* desire; he breaks out against all sound wisdom. ²A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in uncovering his heart. ³When the wicked comes, scorn comes, too; and with shame *comes* reproach. ⁴The words of a man's mouth *are* like deep waters; the fountain of wisdom *like* a flowing brook. ⁵To lift up the face of the wicked *is* not good; *nor* to turn aside the righteous in judgment. ⁶A fool's lips enter into strife; and his mouth calls for strokes. ⁷A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* a snare of his soul. ⁸The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds; yea, they go down *into* the innermost chambers of the belly. ⁹And he who is slack in his work, he *is* a brother to a master destroyer. ¹⁰The name of Jehovah *is* a tower of strength; the righteous runs into it, and is set on high. ¹¹The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city; and as a high wall in his imagination. ¹²A man's heart is haughty before shattering; but humility *goes* before honor. ¹³If one turns back a matter before he hears, it *is* folly and shame to him. ¹⁴The spirit of a man will nourish his sickness; but who can bear a wounded spirit? ¹⁵The heart of the prudent gets knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. ¹⁶A man's bribe makes room for him and brings him before great men. ¹⁷*He who is* first in his cause *seems* just; but his neighbor comes and searches him. ¹⁸The lot causes arguments to cease, and divides between the mighty. ¹⁹An offended brother *is* worse than a fortified city; yea, *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle. ²⁰A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; he shall be satisfied *with* the produce of his lips. ²¹Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue; and those who love it shall eat its fruit. ²²*Whoever* finds a wife finds good, and gets favor from Jehovah. ²³The poor speak with entreaties, but the rich answer fiercely. ²⁴A man of friends may be broken up; but there is a Lover who sticks closer than a brother.

CHAPTER 19

¹The poor who walks in his integrity *is* better than he who *is* perverse in his lips,

who *is* a fool. Also, without knowledge the soul *is* not good; and he who hurries with his feet sins. ³The foolishness of man overturns his way; and his heart rages against Jehovah. ⁴Wealth makes many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor. ⁵A false witness shall not be clean; yea, he who speaks lies shall not escape. ⁶Many will beg the favor of a noble; and all are friends to him who give gifts. ⁷All the poor man's brothers hate him; and his friends also surely leave him; he pursues *them* with words, *yet* they are not. ⁸He who gets heart loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding finds good. ⁹A false witness shall not be acquitted; yea, he who speaks lies shall perish. ¹⁰Luxury is not becoming for a fool; much less for a servant to rule over princes. ¹¹A man's discretion makes his anger slow; and his glory *is* to pass over a transgression. ¹²The king's wrath *is* like a lion's roar; but his favor *is* like dew on the grass. ¹³A foolish son *is* calamity to his father; and a wife's quarrelings a never-ending dripping.

¹⁴House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers; but a prudent wife *is* from Jehovah. ¹⁵Laziness makes one fall into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger. ¹⁶He who keeps the commandment keeps his own soul; he who despises His ways shall die. ¹⁷He who has pity on the poor lends to Jehovah; and He will reward his dealing to him. ¹⁸Chasten your son, for there is hope; and do not set your soul on making him die. ¹⁹A man great of fury will have to pay the fine; for if you deliver *him*, then you must do it again. ²⁰Hear advice and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end. ²¹Many purposes *are* in a man's heart; but the counsel of Jehovah shall stand. ²²The desire of a man *is* his kindness; and a poor man *is* better than a liar. ²³The fear of Jehovah *tends* to life; he shall rest satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. ²⁴A lazy one puts his hand in a dish, and he will not return it to his mouth. ²⁵Strike a scorner and the simple will become careful; reprove a discernor, and he will discern knowledge. ²⁶He who assaults *his* father chases *his* mother away; he *is* a son who causes

shame and brings reproach. ²⁷My son, cease to hear the teaching, *and you will err from the words of knowledge.* ²⁸A worthless witness scorns justice; and the mouth of the wicked devours evil. ²⁹Judgments are prepared for scorners, and blows for the backs of fools.

CHAPTER 20

¹Wine *is* a mocker; strong drink *is* noisy; and each who strays by it are not wise. ²The fear of a king *is* as the roar of a lion; he who stirs him up to anger wrongs his own soul. ³For a man to cease from strife *is* an honor; but every fool exposes himself. ⁴The lazy man will not plow because of the cold; he begs at harvest, and nothing is there. ⁵Counsel in a man's heart *is* like deep water; but an understanding man will draw it out. ⁶Most men will proclaim each his own kindness; but who can find a faithful man? ⁷The just one walks in his integrity; blessed *are* his sons after him! ⁸A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes. ⁹Who can say, I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin? ¹⁰A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah—both *are* hateful to Jehovah. ¹¹Even a child is known by his acts, whether his work *is* pure, or upright. ¹²The hearing ear and the seeing eye: Jehovah has even made both of them. ¹³Do not love sleep, lest you become poor; open your eyes, be satisfied with bread. ¹⁴Bad! Bad! says the buyer; but when *it is* left to him, then he boasts. ¹⁵There is gold and a multitude of gems; but the lips of knowledge *are* a rare vessel. ¹⁶Take the garment of the one who is surety *for* a stranger; and take a pledge from *one who guarantees* for strangers. ¹⁷Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled *with* gravel. ¹⁸Purposes are established in counsel; and make war with wise guidance. ¹⁹A revealer of secrets walks about as a gossip; so do not meddle with him who opens his lips wide. ²⁰Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in deep darkness. ²¹An inheritance *may be* gotten quickly in the beginning; but the end of it shall not be blessed. ²²Do not say, I will repay evil; wait on Jehovah and He will save you. ²³A

stone and a stone *are* hateful to Jehovah; and a false balance *is* not good. ²⁴The steps of a man *are* from Jehovah; and what can man discern of his way? ²⁵*It is* a snare to a man to say rashly, A holy thing; and later he vows to inquire *about it.* ²⁶A wise king scatters the wicked and turns the wheel over them. ²⁷The spirit of man *is* the lamp of Jehovah, searching all the inward parts of the heart. ²⁸Mercy and truth preserve the king; and his throne is upheld by mercy. ²⁹The glory of young men *is* their vigor; and the honor of old men *is* the gray head. ³⁰The stripes of a wound cleanse away evil; and strokes the inward parts of the heart.

CHAPTER 21

¹The king's heart *is* in the hand of Jehovah, *as* streams of waters; He turns it wherever He desires. ²Every way of a man *is* upright in his own eyes; but Jehovah measures the hearts. ³To do righteousness and justice *is* to be chosen for Jehovah more than sacrifice. ⁴High eyes, a proud heart, *and* the lamp of the wicked, *is* sin. ⁵The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenty; but *those of* every hasty one only to poverty. ⁶The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vapor driven by those who seek death. ⁷The violence of the wicked ensnares them, because they refuse to do justice. ⁸The way of a guilty man *is* perverted; but the pure, his work *is* right. ⁹*It is* better to dwell on a corner of a housetop, than *with* a contentious woman, and to share a house. ¹⁰The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes. ¹¹The simple *is* made wise when the scorner is punished; and when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge. ¹²The Righteous One wisely considers the house of the wicked; He overthrows the wicked for his evil. ¹³Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he himself shall also call, and shall not be answered. ¹⁴A gift in secret subdues anger; yea, a bribe in the bosom *quiets* great fury. ¹⁵*It is* joy to the just to do justice; but terror *shall come* to the workers of evil. ¹⁶The man who wanders out of the way of prudence shall rest in the congregation of departed spirits. ¹⁷A man who loves pleasure *shall be* poor; he who loves wine

and oil shall not be rich. ¹⁸The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the just; and the treacherous in the place of the upright. ¹⁹*It is* better to live in a land of the wilderness than *with* a contentious woman and vexation. ²⁰A desirable treasure and oil *are* in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man devours it. ²¹He who pursues righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness and honor. ²²A wise one ascends the city of the mighty and topples the strength *in which* it trusts. ²³Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from distresses. ²⁴Proud, haughty scorners *is* his name—he who deals in proud wrath. ²⁵The lust of the lazy man kills him, for his hands have refused to work. ²⁶He lusts with lust all the day long; but the righteous gives and does not withhold. ²⁷The sacrifice of the wicked *is* hateful; how much more *when* he brings it with an evil intent! ²⁸A false witness shall perish; but the man who attends will speak forever. ²⁹A wicked man hardens his face; but the upright sets up his way. ³⁰*There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel before Jehovah. ³¹The horse *is* made ready for the day of battle; but to Jehovah *belongs* deliverance.

CHAPTER 22

¹A *good* name is to be chosen rather than great riches; rather than silver or gold, favor *is* better. ²The rich and poor meet together; Jehovah *is* the Maker of all of them. ³A sensible one sees the evil and hides himself; but the simple go on and are punished. ⁴The reward of humility *is* the fear of Jehovah, riches, and honor, and life. ⁵Thorns and snares *are* in the way of the perverse; he who keeps his soul shall be far from them. ⁶Train up a boy on the opening of his way; even when he is old, he will not turn aside from it. ⁷The rich rules over the poor; and the borrower *is* servant to a man who lends. ⁸He who sows injustice will reap evil; and the rod of his wrath shall fail. ⁹He who has a good eye, he is blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor. ¹⁰Throw the scorners out and strife shall go out; yea, quarrels and shame shall cease. ¹¹He who loves pureness of heart, grace *is on* his lips; the king *shall be* his friend. ¹²The eyes of Jehovah keep

knowledge; and He overthrows the words of the treacherous. ¹³The lazy one says, A lion *is* outside! I will be killed in the streets! ¹⁴The mouth of alien women *is* a deep pit; those despised *by* Jehovah shall fall there. ¹⁵Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a boy; the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. ¹⁶One oppresses the poor to multiply for himself; another gives to the rich, only *to come* to poverty.

¹⁷Stretch your ear and hear the words of the wise; and set your heart to My knowledge; ¹⁸for they are pleasant when you keep them within you; they shall all be fixed together on your lips; ¹⁹so that your trust may be in Jehovah, I caused you to know today, even you. ²⁰Have I not written to you the third *time* with counsels and knowledge; ²¹to cause you to know the verity of the words of truth; to return words of truth to those who send you?

²²Rob not the poor because he *is* poor; and oppress not the afflicted in the gate. ²³For Jehovah will contend for their cause, and will plunder the soul of their plunderers. ²⁴Do not feed a possessor of anger; and do not go in with a man of fury, ²⁵lest you learn his ways and take a snare for your soul. ²⁶Do not be one of those who strike the palm, those who are sureties for loans. ²⁷If you have nothing to repay, why should he take away your bed from under you? ²⁸Do not move the old landmark which your fathers have set. ²⁹Do you see a man who is prompt in his work? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before obscure *men*.

CHAPTER 23

When you sit down to eat with a ruler, look carefully at what *is* before you; ²and put a knife to your throat, if you *are* an owner of an appetite. ³Do not desire his delicacies, for it *is* the bread of lies. ⁴Do not labor to be rich; cease from your own understanding. ⁵Will your eyes fly on it? And *it is* gone! For surely it makes wings for itself; it flies *into* the heavens like an eagle. ⁶Do not eat the bread of *one having* an evil eye; and do not desire his delicacies; ⁷for as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he! He says to you, Eat and drink — but his heart *is* not with you. ⁸The morsel you

have eaten, you shall vomit up and spoil your sweet words. ⁹Do not speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the good sense of your words. ¹⁰Do not move the old landmark, and do not enter into the fields of the fatherless; ¹¹for their Redeemer is mighty; He will contend for their cause with you. ¹²Bring your heart in for instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge. ¹³Do not withhold correction from a boy; for *if* you strike him with the rod, he will not die. ¹⁴You shall beat him with the rod, and you shall deliver him from Sheol. ¹⁵My son, if your heart is wise, my heart shall rejoice, even I. ¹⁶And my reins shall rejoice when your lips speak right things. ¹⁷Do not let your heart envy sinners, but only *be* in the fear of Jehovah all the day. ¹⁸For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope shall not be cut off. ¹⁹My son, hear you, and be wise; and advance your heart in the way. ²⁰Be not among heavy drinkers of wine, with flesh-gluttons to themselves; ²¹for the drunkard and the glutton lose all; and sleepiness shall clothe *one* with rags. ²²Listen to your father, this one fathered you; and do not despise your mother when she is old. ²³Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction and understanding. ²⁴The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he who fathers a wise one shall even be glad in him. ²⁵Your father and your mother shall be glad; and she who bore you shall rejoice. ²⁶My son, give Me your heart; and let your eyes watch My ways. ²⁷For a harlot *is* a deep pit, and a strange woman *is* a narrow well. ²⁸Surely she lies in wait, as for prey; and she increases the treacherous among men.

²⁹Who *has* woe; who sorrow? Who *has* contentions; who *has* babbling? Who *has* wounds without cause? Who *has* dullness of eyes? ³⁰—those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek mixed wine. ³¹Do not look at the wine when it is red; when it gives its color in the cup; when it goes *down* smoothly—³²at its last it bites like a snake, and it stings like a basilisk. ³³Your eyes shall look on strange women; and your heart shall speak perverse things; ³⁴yes, you shall be as one who lies down in

the middle of the sea; or as he who lies on the top of a mast, ³⁵*saying*, They struck me! I was not sick! They beat me, *yet* I did not know. When I awaken, I will add *to it*, I will still seek it.

CHAPTER 24

¹Do not envy evil men, nor desire to be with them. ²For their heart studies violence, and their lips talk of mischief. ³Through wisdom a house is built; and it is established by understanding; ⁴and by knowledge the rooms shall be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. ⁵A wise warrior *is* in strength: yes, a man of knowledge firms up power. ⁶For you shall make war for yourself by wise advice; and safety *is* in the great counselor. ⁷Wisdom *is* too high for a fool; he does not open his mouth in the gate. ⁸He who plots to do evil shall be called a lord of evil plots. ⁹The plot of foolishness *is* sin; and the scorner *is* hateful to men. ¹⁰*If* you faint in the day of distress, your strength *is* small. ¹¹If you hold back to deliver those being taken to death, and *those* stumbling for killing;—¹²for you say, Behold, we did not know it—does not He who weighs the heart consider? And He who keeps our soul, does He *not* know? And He repays to a man according to his work. ¹³My son, eat honey because *it is* good; and the honeycomb *is* sweet to your palate; ¹⁴so *shall* knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul; when you have found there is a future, and your hope is not cut off. ¹⁵O wicked one, do not lie in ambush against the dwelling of the righteous; do not violate his resting place; ¹⁶for a just one falls seven *times*, and rises up again; but the wicked shall stumble into evil. ¹⁷Do not rejoice when your enemy falls; and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; ¹⁸that Jehovah not see and it be evil in His eyes; and He turn away His anger from him. ¹⁹Do not burn *in anger* because of evildoers, and do not envy the wicked; ²⁰for no hereafter shall be to the evil; the lamp of the wicked will be put out. ²¹My son, fear Jehovah and the king; do not meddle with those who change; ²²for their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knows the ruin of both of them?

²³These also are for the wise: to respect persons in judgment *is* not good; ²⁴he who says to the wicked, *You are* righteous—the peoples shall curse him; nations shall abhor him. ²⁵But to those who rebuke, it is pleasant; and a good blessing comes to them. ²⁶He shall kiss the lips that return right words. ²⁷Prepare your work outside; and make it fit for yourself in the field; and afterwards build your house. ²⁸Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, or deceive with your lips; ²⁹do not say, I will do to him as he has done to me; I will repay each according to his work. ³⁰I went over the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man lacking heart; ³¹and, lo, it was all risen up with thistles; nettles had covered its surface and its stone wall was broken down—³²then I saw—I set my heart on it—I looked—I received instruction: ³³A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep; ³⁴so shall your poverty come stalking; and your want like a man *with* a shield.

CHAPTER 25

¹These are the proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out: ²The glory of God *is* to conceal a thing; but the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter. ³The heavens for height; and the earth for depth; but the heart of kings *is* unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and a vessel of the refiner's shall appear. ⁵Take away the wicked from before the king; and his throne is established in righteousness. ⁶Do not honor yourself before a king; and do not stand in the place of the great. ⁷For it is better he shall say to you, Come up here! than that you should be put lower before a noble whom your eyes have seen. ⁸Do not hastily go out to fight. What shall you do in the end of it, when your neighbor has put you to shame? ⁹Contend for your cause with your neighbor; and do not uncover the secret of another; ¹⁰lest he who hears put you to shame; and your slander have no end. ¹¹A word rightly spoken *is like* apples of gold in settings of silver. ¹²As a ring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprover on a hearing ear. ¹³Like the cold

of snow in harvest time, *so is* a faithful messenger to those sending him; for he refreshes his master's soul. ¹⁴He who boasts himself of a false gift *is like* clouds and wind, and with no rain. ¹⁵In *being* slow to anger, a ruler is persuaded, and a soft tongue shatters the bone. ¹⁶Have you found honey? Eat *only* your fill, lest you be satiated, and vomit it out. ¹⁷Make your foot rare from your neighbor's house; lest he be full of you and hate you. ¹⁸A man who gives false witness against his neighbor *is* a maul, and a sword and a sharp arrow. ¹⁹Confidence in a treacherous man in time of distress *is like* a bad tooth and a slipping foot. ²⁰As he who takes away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar on soda, *so is* he who sings songs on an evil heart. ²¹If your hater is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; ²²for you shall heap coals of fire on his head; and Jehovah shall reward you. ²³The north wind brings rain; *so does* a secret tongue an angry face. ²⁴*It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman. ²⁵*Like* cold waters to a weary soul, *so is* a good report from a far country. ²⁶The righteous falling down before the wicked *is like* a fouled fountain and a ruined spring. ²⁷*It is* not good to eat much honey; and to search out their glory *is not* glory. ²⁸A man *to* whom there is no control to his spirit *is like* a broken-down city without a wall.

CHAPTER 26

¹As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor *is* not right for a fool. ²As the wandering bird, as the swallow in its flying, so the causeless curse shall never come. ³A whip for the horse; a bridle for the ass; and a rod for the back of fools. ⁴Answer not a fool according to his foolishness, lest you also become like him, even you. ⁵Answer a fool according to his foolishness, that he not be wise in his own eyes. ⁶He that sends a message by a fool's hand cuts off his own feet *and* drinks violence. ⁷As the legs of the lame are weak, *so* a proverb in the mouth of fools. ⁸As he binding a stone on a sling, so he giving honor to a fool. ⁹As a thorn goes up into the drunkard's hand, so a proverb

in the mouth of fools. ¹⁰Great is the Former of all things; but he who hires a fool *is like* one who hires those passing by. ¹¹As a dog that returns to his own vomit, *so* a fool repeats his foolishness. ¹²Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is more* hope for a fool than for him. ¹³The lazy one says, A lion is in the way; a lion is between the streets! ¹⁴As the door turns on its hinge, *so* the lazy one on his bed. ¹⁵The lazy one buries his hand in the dish; he is weary to bring it back to his mouth. ¹⁶The lazy one *is* wiser in his own eyes than seven that return a wise answer. ¹⁷The passer-by enraging himself over strife that is not his own *is like* one who grabs a dog's ears. ¹⁸Like a madman throwing sparks, arrows and death, ¹⁹*so is* a man who deceives his neighbor and says, Am I not joking? ²⁰The fire goes out where there is no wood; *so* the strife ceases where *there is* no whisperer. ²¹As coal to burning embers, and wood to fire; *so is* a contentious man to kindle strife. ²²The words of a whisperer *are* as delicacies; and they go down into the chambers of the heart. ²³As with silver dross spread over an earthen vessel, *so are* burning lips and a wicked heart. ²⁴He who hates dissembles with his lips; for he lays up deceit in his inner being; ²⁵when his voice is gracious, do not believe him, for he *has* seven hateful things in his heart. ²⁶Though his hatred is covered by guile; his evil shall be revealed in the assembly. ²⁷He who digs a pit shall fall into it; and he who digs a pit shall fall into it; and he who rolls a stone shall have it turn back on him. ²⁸A lying tongue hates the ones it crushes; and a flattering mouth works stumbling.

CHAPTER 27

¹Do not boast in the day of tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. ²Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; *let it be* a stranger, and not your own lips. ³A stone *is* heavy, and sand a burden; but a fool's anger *is* heavier than both. ⁴Fury *is* fierce, and anger overflows; but who can stand before jealousy? ⁵Better *is* revealed reproof than secret love. ⁶Faithful *are* the wounds of a lover; and the kisses of a hated one *are* plentiful. ⁷One who is full tramples a honeycomb;

but to a hungry soul, every bitter thing *is* sweet. ⁸A man wandering from his place *is like* a bird that wanders from the nest. ⁹Ointment and perfume give joy to the heart; and one's friend *is* sweet from the counsel of the soul. ¹⁰Do not forsake your friend, nor your father's friend; and do not go into your brother's house in the day of your calamity; *for* a near neighbor *is* better than a brother far away. ¹¹My son, become wise and give joy to my heart; so that I may return a word to him that taunts me. ¹²A sensible man sees the evil and hides himself; the simple go on and are punished. ¹³Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger; and hold him in pledge *who is surety* for a strange woman. ¹⁴He who rises early in the morning and blesses his friend with a loud voice, it is counted as cursing to him. ¹⁵Drops that never cease on a rainy day, and a contentious woman are alike; ¹⁶he who hides her hides the wind, and his right hand encounters *slippery* oil. ¹⁷Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens his friend's face. ¹⁸The keeper of the fig tree eats its fruit; so he keeping his master is honored. ¹⁹As face *reflects* face in the water, so the heart of man *reflects* a man. ²⁰Sheol and destruction are never satisfied; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. ²¹The refining pot *tries* silver, and the furnace *tries* gold; but a man *is tried* by the mouth of his praise. ²²If you pound a fool in the mortar with a pestle amidst grain, his foolishness will not turn away from him.

²³Know well the state of your flock; set your heart on your herds; ²⁴for wealth *is* not forever; nor the crown from generation to generation. ²⁵When the hay is removed, and the tender grass is seen, and the mountain-plains are taken up, ²⁶the lambs *will be* for your clothing; and the he-goats the price for a field; ²⁷and there will be goat's milk enough for your food; for the food of your household, and *for* the life of your maidens.

CHAPTER 28

¹The wicked flee *though* no one *is* pursuing; but the righteous are as bold as a lion. ²Because of transgression *in* a land, many *are* its rulers; but it is prolonged by a

man who has understanding, who knows *right*. ³A poor man that oppresses the weak *is like* a sweeping rain that *leaves* no food. ⁴Those who forsake the law praise the wicked; but those who keep the law strive with them. ⁵Evil men do not understand justice; but those seeking Jehovah understand all. ⁶Better *is* the poor walking in his integrity than the perverse of two ways, even *if* he *is* rich. ⁷He who keeps the law *is* a wise son; but he who is a feeder of gluttons shames his father. ⁸He who multiplies his wealth by interest and usury, *he shall* gather it for him who pities the weak. ⁹Whoever turns aside his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *is* an abomination. ¹⁰He who causes the upright to go astray in an evil way shall fall into his own pit; and the blameless shall inherit good. ¹¹A rich man *is* wise in his own eyes; but discerning weak one searches him out.

¹²When the righteous rejoice, great *is* the glory; but when the wicked are on the rise, a man will be sought for. ¹³He who covers his sins never prospers; but he who confesses and forsakes *them* shall have pity. ¹⁴O the happiness of a man who dreads *God* constantly! But he who hardens his heart falls into evil. ¹⁵The wicked ruler *is* a roaring lion, and a ranging bear, over a weak people. ¹⁶The ruler that lacks understanding even adds oppressions; *but* he who hates unjust gain prolongs his days. ¹⁷Any man oppressed with the blood of a soul shall flee to the pit; let them not uphold him. ¹⁸He who walks uprightly shall be saved; but he who is perverse in his two ways shall fall at once. ¹⁹He who cultivates his ground shall have plenty of bread; but one pursuing vanities shall have much poverty. ²⁰A faithful man shall be full of blessings; but he rushing to be rich shall not be innocent. ²¹To respect faces *is* not good; for a man will transgress for a piece of bread. ²²A man *with* an evil eye hastens after wealth; but *he* does not know that poverty will come on him. ²³He who reproves a man afterwards finds grace; *more* than he who flatters *with* the tongue. ²⁴He who robs his father or his mother, and says, *It is* not a transgression—he shall be a companion to a destroyer. ²⁵The proud in soul

stirs up strife; but he who is trusting on Jehovah shall be abundantly satisfied. ²⁶He who trusts in his own heart is a fool; but he who walks in wisdom shall be delivered. ²⁷He who gives to the poor shall not lack; but he who hides his eyes shall have plenty of curses. ²⁸When the wicked rise, a man hides himself; but when they perish, the righteous multiply.

CHAPTER 29

¹A man who hardens *his* neck *when* reprov'd shall be suddenly broken, and there will be no healing. ²When the righteous increase, the people rejoice; but the people sigh when the wicked rule. ³He who loves wisdom gladdens his father; but a feeder of harlots wastes wealth. ⁴A king establishes a land by justice; but he *taking* bribes tears it down. ⁵A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his steps. ⁶A snare *is* in the transgression of an evil man; but the righteous sing and rejoice. ⁷The righteous attends to the cause of the weak; but the wicked does not discern any knowledge. ⁸Scornful men puff against a city; but the wise turn away anger. ⁹*If* a wise man disputes with a foolish man, even he shakes, or laughs; and there is no rest. ¹⁰Men of blood hate the blameless; but the upright seek his soul.

¹¹A fool brings out all of his spirit, but holding back, the wise quiets it. ¹²*To* a ruler who listens to lying words, all his ministers *are* wicked. ¹³The poor and the injurious man meet together; *but* Jehovah enlightens both their eyes. ¹⁴A king that judges the weak truly shall have his throne established forever. ¹⁵The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a youth sent off *is* a cause of shame to his mother. ¹⁶When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases; but the righteous shall see their fall. ¹⁷Correct your son, and you will get rest; and it will give delight to your soul. ¹⁸Where there is no vision, the people are let loose; but blessed is he, the keeper of the law. ¹⁹A servant is not corrected by words; though he discerns, there is no answer. ²⁰Do you see a man hasty in his words? *There is* more hope for a fool than of him. ²¹He pampering his servant from youth, he shall also afterwards be *his* successor. ²²An angry man

stirs up contention; and a furious one abounds in transgression. ²³The pride of man brings him low; but the humble of spirit takes hold of honor. ²⁴He who shares with a thief hates his soul; he hears an oath, but does not tell it. ²⁵The fear of man brings a snare; but he trusting Jehovah is set on high. ²⁶Many seek the face of the ruler; but the judgment of each man is from Jehovah. ²⁷An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous; and the upright of way are an abomination to the wicked.

CHAPTER 30

¹The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the burden: The man spoke to Ithiel, *even* to Ithiel and Ucal, *saying*, ²Surely I am more brutish than anyone; and I do not have the understanding of a man. ³I have not learned wisdom, but I do know the knowledge of holiness. ⁴Who has gone up to Heaven, and come down? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in His garments? Who has made all the ends of the earth to rise? What is His name, and what is His Son's name? Surely you know.

⁵Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who seek refuge in Him. ⁶Do not add to His words, that He not reprove you, and you be found a liar.

⁷I have asked two *things* from You: Do not hold back from me before I die; ⁸Remove vanity and a lying word far from me; do not give me poverty or riches; tear my portion of bread, ⁹that I not become full and deceive, and say, Who is Jehovah? Or that I not become poor and steal, and violate the name of my God.

¹⁰Do not slander a servant to his master, that he not curse you, and you be found guilty.

¹¹A generation curses its father, and does not bless its mother; ¹²a generation pure in its own eyes, and yet not washed from its own filth. ¹³There is a generation, O how lofty are its eyes! And its eyelids are lifted up; ¹⁴a generation whose teeth are like swords; and its jaw teeth like knives, to devour the poor from the earth, and the needy from among men.

¹⁵The leech has two daughters *crying*, Give! Give! Three things are not satisfied; four never have said, Enough! ¹⁶Sheol; and the barren womb; the earth not filled with water; and the fire, never said, Enough!

¹⁷The eye that mocks its father, and despises to obey its mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out; the sons of the eagle shall eat it. ¹⁸Three things are too wonderful for me; yea, I do not know the way of four: ¹⁹The way of an eagle in the heavens; the way of a snake on a rock; the way of a ship in the heart of the sea; and the way of a man with a virgin. ²⁰So is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, I have done no evil.

²¹The earth quakes under three things; yea, it is not able to bear up under four: ²²Under a servant when he reigns; and a fool when he is filled with food; ²³under a hated one when she is married; under a handmaid when she is heir to her mistress.

²⁴Four things are little on the earth, but they are the wise ones of those made wise: ²⁵The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their food in summer; ²⁶the rock-badgers are not a powerful people, yet they make their houses in the rock; ²⁷the locusts have no king, yet they go out in a swarm, all of them; ²⁸the lizard you can take with the hands, yet it is in king's palaces.

²⁹There are three things that go well in a march; yea, four that go well in walking: ³⁰a lion is mighty among beasts, and he does not turn away from facing all; ³¹one girded in loins; and a he-goat; and a king when his army is with him.

³²If you have been foolish in lifting yourself up; or if you have thought evil, lay your hand on your mouth! ³³Surely, the squeezing of milk brings curds; and the squeezing of the nose brings blood; so the squeezing of wrath brings out strife.

CHAPTER 31

¹The words of king Lemuel, the burden that his mother taught him: ²What, my son? And what, the son of my womb? And what, the son of my vows? ³Do not give

your strength to women, or your ways to that which wipes out kings. ⁴*It is* not for kings, O Lemuel; *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to lust for fermented drink; ⁵that they not drink and forget what is decreed, and pervert the right of the afflicted ones. ⁶Give fermented drink to one perishing, and wine to the bitter of soul; ⁷let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. ⁸Open your mouth for the dumb, in the cause of all the sons of the fatherless. ⁹Open your mouth; judge righteously, and defend the poor and needy.

¹⁰Who can find an able woman? For her value *is* far above jewels. ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her, so that he has no lack *of* gain. ¹²She deals good with him, and not evil, all the days of her life. ¹³She seeks wool and flax, and she works *with* her palms *with* delight. ¹⁴She is like the merchant-ships; she brings in her food from afar. ¹⁵She also rises while *it is* still night, and gives game to her household, and an order to her maidens. ¹⁶She has examined a field, and takes it; she plants a vineyard from the fruit of her hands. ¹⁷She has girded her loins with strength, and has made her arms strong.

¹⁸She tastes whether her gain *is* good; her lamp does not go out by night. ¹⁹She has sent forth her hands on the distaff, and her palms have held the spindle. ²⁰She spreads out her palms to the poor; yea, she reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household *are* clothed *with* scarlet. ²²She makes herself ornamental coverings; her clothing *is* fine linen and purple. ²³Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land. ²⁴She makes fine linen garments, and sells; and she delivers belts to the merchant. ²⁵Strength and dignity *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice at the day to come. ²⁶She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the law of kindness *is* on her tongue. ²⁷She watches the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband *also*, for he praises her: ²⁹many *are* the daughters who work ably, but you rise above them all!

³⁰Favor *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain; *but* a woman who fears Jehovah, she shall be praised. ³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

CHAPTER 1

¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem: ²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All *is* vanity! ³What is the profit to a man in all his labor which he labors under the sun? ⁴A generation passes away, and *another* generation comes; but the earth stands forever. ⁵The sun also arises, and the sun goes hurrying to its place; it arises there *again*. ⁶The wind goes toward the south, and turning around to the north; the wind is going around and round. And the wind returns on its circuits. ⁷All the rivers are going to the sea; yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers are going, there they *are* returning to go *again*. ⁸All words are wearisome; a man is not able to utter *it*. The eye is not satisfied to see, nor is the ear filled from hearing. ⁹That which has been, it is that which shall be. And that which has been done, it *is* that which will be done. And there is no new *thing* under the sun. ¹⁰Is there a thing *of* which one might say, See this, it *is* new. It has already been for the ages which were before us. ¹¹*There is* no memory of former *things*, and also there is no memory for them *of things* which will be afterward; with those who will be at the last.

¹²I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I gave my heart to seek and to investigate by wisdom concerning all which is done under the heavens. *It is* an evil task God has given to the sons of men, to be afflicted by it. ¹⁴I have seen all the works which are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and striving after wind! ¹⁵What is crooked cannot be made straight; and *that* lacking cannot be numbered. ¹⁶I spoke with my heart, saying, Lo, I have become great and have increased wisdom over all that have been over Jerusalem before me. Yea, my heart has seen much wisdom and knowledge. ¹⁷And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness, and folly. I know that this also, it *is* striving after wind. ¹⁸For in much wisdom *is* much grief; and he who increases knowledge increases pain.

CHAPTER 2

¹I said in my heart, Come now, I will test you with mirth. Therefore, consider with goodness. And behold, this also *is* vanity. ²I said of laughter, *It is* madness, and of mirth, What does it do? ³I sought in my heart *how* to drag my flesh with wine, and leading my heart in wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, until I might see where the good for the sons of men *is*, *that* which they should do under the heavens the number of days of their life. ⁴I made my works great — I built houses for myself; I planted vineyards for myself; ⁵I made gardens and parks for myself, and I planted trees in them, of every fruit; ⁶I made pools of water for myself, to water from them the forest shooting forth trees; ⁷I bought slaves and slavegirls; and I had sons of slavegirls; the slaves of the house were mine. Also livestock, a herd and a great flock were mine, above all that were in Jerusalem before me. ⁸I also gathered to me silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and of provinces. I made ready male singers and female singers for myself, and the delights of the sons of men, a concubine, and concubines. ⁹And I became great and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom stayed with me. ¹⁰And all that my eyes desired, I did not set aside from them; I withheld not my heart from all mirth; for my heart rejoiced from all my labor; and this was my part from all my labor. ¹¹Then I faced on all my works that my hands had done, and on the labor that I had labored to do. And, lo, all *is* vanity and striving *after* wind, and there *is* no profit under the sun.

¹²And I turned to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly. For what *can* a man *do* who comes after the king, when they have already done it? ¹³Then I saw that there is advantage to wisdom above folly, even as light *has* advantage over darkness. ¹⁴The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walks in darkness; and I also know that one event happens with all of them. ¹⁵And I said in my heart, As the event of the stupid one, even *so* it will

happen to me; and why then was I more wise? Then I said in my heart that this also *is* vanity. ¹⁶For there is not a memory of the wise *more than* with the fool forever; in that already the days to come will be forgotten. And how does the wise die above the fool? ¹⁷So then I hated life; because the work that is done under the sun *is* evil to me; for all *is* vanity and striving *after* wind.

¹⁸Yes, I hated all my labor that I labored under the sun, that I must leave it to the man who will be after me. ¹⁹And who knows *if* he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he shall rule among all my labor *in* which I labored, and acted wisely under the sun. This *is* also vanity. ²⁰And I turned to make my heart despair over all the labor which I labored under the sun. ²¹When there is a man whose labor *is* with wisdom, and with knowledge, and with advantage; yet he shall give it to a man who has not labored with it, *for* his share; this also *is* vanity and a great evil.

²²For what is there for man in all his labor, and in longing of his heart, which he has labored under the sun? ²³For all his days *are* pains, and his task *is* grief; his heart does not even take rest in the night. Even this also *is* vanity. ²⁴Is it not good that he should eat and drink and make his soul see good in his labor? This I also saw, that it *was* from the hand of God. ²⁵For who can eat, or who can enjoy, apart from Me? ²⁶For God gives wisdom, and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight. But to the sinner He gives the task of gathering and collecting, to give to *him* who *is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and striving *after* wind.

CHAPTER 3

¹To all *there is* an appointed time, even a time for every purpose under the heavens — ²a time to be born, and a time to die — a time to plant, and a time to pull up what is planted — ³a time to kill, and a time to heal — a time to tear down, and a time to build up — ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh — a time to mourn, and a time to dance — ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones — a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing — ⁶a time to seek, and a time to give up as lost — a time to keep,

and a time to throw away — ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew together — a time to keep silence, and a time to speak — ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate — a time of war, and a time of peace.

⁹What profit does he who works have in that in which he labors? ¹⁰I have seen the task which God has given to the sons of men, to be humbled by it. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has set eternity in their heart, without which man cannot find out the work that God makes from the beginning and to the end. ¹²I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice to do good in his life. ¹³And also every man that eats and drinks, and sees good in his labor, it *is* the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever; nothing is to be added to it, and nothing is to diminish from it. And God does *it* so that they fear before Him. ¹⁵That which has been, it already *is*; and that which *is* to be, it already has been. And God seeks what has gone by.

¹⁶And again I saw under the sun the place of justice: wickedness *is* there; and the place of righteousness, wickedness *is* there. ¹⁷I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked; for *there is* a time there for every matter and for every work.

¹⁸I said in my heart concerning the issue of the sons of men, that God may test them and see that they by themselves *are* beasts. ¹⁹For that which happens *to* the sons of men, and that which happens *to* beasts; even one event *is* to them. As this *one* dies, so that *one* dies; yea, one breath *is* to all; so that there is to the man no advantage over the beast; for all *is* vanity. ²⁰All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all return to the dust. ²¹Who knows the spirit of the sons of man, *whether* it goes upward; and the spirit of the beast, *whether* it goes downward to the earth? ²²And I have seen that nothing is better than that the man should rejoice in his works; for that *is* his portion; for who can bring him to see what shall be after him?

CHAPTER 4

¹So I returned and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold the tears of those who were

oppressed, and they had no comforter! And at the hand of those who oppressed them *was* power; but there was no comforter to them. ²And I commended the dead who already have died, more than the living who *are* alive until now. ³Yea, better than both *is he* who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

⁴And I considered every labor, and every advantage of the work, that it is the envy of a man against his neighbor; this *is* also vanity and striving *after* wind.

⁵The fool folds his hands together and eats his own flesh. ⁶Better *is* a palm filled *with* rest, than two fists *with* labor and striving *after* wind.

⁷Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun. ⁸There is one *alone*, and there is not a second; yea, he has neither son nor brother; and there is no end to all his labor; even his eyes are not satisfied with riches; and *he says*, For whom do I labor, and take good from my soul? This *is* also vanity. Yes, it *is* an evil task.

⁹Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰For if they fall, this one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him, the one that falls, and there is not another to lift him up. ¹¹Also if two lie *together*, then they *have* warmth; but for one, how is he warm? ¹²And if one overthrows him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly torn apart. ¹³A poor and a wise child *is* better than the old and stupid king, who does not know to be warned any more. ¹⁴For from the house of the imprisoned he goes forth to reign, although in his kingdom he was born poor. ¹⁵I saw all the living who walk about under the sun, with the second child who shall stand up in his place. ¹⁶*There is* no end to all the people, to all who have been before them; they also who come after shall not rejoice with him. Surely this *is* also vanity and striving *after* wind.

CHAPTER 5

¹Guard your feet when you go to the house of God, and draw near to hear, more than to give a sacrifice, *as do* the fools. For they do not know that they are doing evil. ²Do not be hasty *with* your mouth, and do not let your heart hurry to

bring forth a word before God. For God *is* in Heaven, and you *are* on earth; on account of this let your words be few. ³For the dream comes through the greatness of the task; and the voice of the fool *is* known by the multitude of words. ⁴When you vow a vow to God, do not wait to fulfill it. For *He* has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill that which you have vowed. ⁵*It is* better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not fulfill it. ⁶Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; do not say before the angel that it *was* an error. Why should God be angry over your voice, and destroy the works of your hands? ⁷For in the multitude of dreams, both words and vanities abound; but fear God. ⁸If you see the oppression of the poor, or the removing of justice and righteousness in the province, do not be amazed at the purpose. For a high one over a high one is watching; and high ones *are* over them.

⁹And the advantage of a land, it *is* among all; *even* a king has a field being tilled. ¹⁰He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; and he who loves abundance not *with* gain. This *is* also vanity. ¹¹When the good multiplies, those who eat it multiply; then what profit *is it* to its owners, except to see *it* with his eyes? ¹²The sleep of the laboring man *is* sweet, whether he eats little or much. But the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep. ¹³There is a painful evil *which* I have seen under the sun: riches being kept for their owner to his evil; ¹⁴but those riches perish by an evil use; and he fathers a son, and nothing *is* in his hand. ¹⁵As he came forth from his mother's womb naked, he shall return to go as he came. And from his labor he may not carry anything that may go in his hand. ¹⁶And this also *is* a painful evil, *that in* all, as he came, so shall he go. And what profit *is* to him who has labored for the wind? ¹⁷Also all his days he eats in darkness, and with much grief, *along with* his sickness and wrath.

¹⁸See what I have seen: *It is* good and beautiful to eat and to drink and to see good in all his labor that he labors under the sun, the number of the days of his life which God gives to him — for it is his

portion. ¹⁹Also every man to whom God has given riches and treasures, and gives him power to eat of it, and to take his share, and to rejoice in his labor—this *is* the gift of God. ²⁰For he shall not much remember the days of his life, because God answers *him* in the joy of his heart.

CHAPTER 6

¹There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it *is* great among men: ²A man to whom God has given riches, and wealth, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires; yet God does not give him the power to eat of it, but a stranger eats it — this *is* vanity, and it is an evil disease. ³If a man fathers a hundred *children*, and lives many years, and the days of his years are many, and his soul is not satisfied from the good, and also there is no burial for him; I say, a miscarriage *is* better than he. ⁴For he comes in with vanity, and goes out in darkness; his name shall be covered in darkness. ⁵Also he has not seen nor known the sun; this *one* has more rest than that *one*. ⁶Yea, though he lives twice a thousand years, yet he has seen no good. Do not all go to one place? ⁷All the labor of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the soul is not filled. ⁸For what *is* the advantage to the wise more than the fool? What *gain* to the poor who knows *how* to walk before the living? ⁹Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the soul. This *is* also vanity and striving *after* wind. ¹⁰That which has been is named already, and it is known that he *is* man; and he is not able to contend with Him who is stronger than he.

¹¹For there are many things that increase vanity, *and* what *is* the advantage to man? ¹²For who knows what *is* good for man in *this* life, the number of the days of his vain life? Even he makes them like the shadow. For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER 7

¹A *good* name *is* better than good ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

²*It is* better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for

it *is* the end of every man; and the living will lay *it* to his heart. ³Vexation *is* better than laughter; for by the sadness of the face the heart is made good. ⁴The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning; but the heart of the stupid one *is* in the house of mirth. ⁵*It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of the fool. ⁶For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so *is* the laughter of the stupid one. And this also *is* vanity.

⁷For oppression makes a wise man mad; and a bribe destroys the heart. ⁸Better *is* the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit. ⁹Do not be hasty in your spirit to be vexed; for vexation rests in the bosom of fools. ¹⁰Do not say, Why was *it* that the former days were better than these? For you do not ask from wisdom concerning this.

¹¹Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance; yea, a gain to those who see the sun. ¹²For wisdom *is* in a shadow; *and* silver *is* in a shadow; but the excellency of knowledge is *that* wisdom gives life to those who have it. ¹³Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight which He has bent? ¹⁴In the good day, be in good *spirit*, but also consider in the evil day, *that* God has made one along with the other, so that man should not find anything after him. ¹⁵All *things* I have seen in the days of my vanity; there is a just *man* who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked one who prolongs *his* life in his evil. ¹⁶Do not be *too* much righteous, nor make yourself overly wise; why destroy yourself?

¹⁷Do not be very evil, and do not be a fool; why should you not die *in* your time? ¹⁸*It is* good that you should take hold of this; yea, also from this do not let your hand rest. For he who fears God shall come forth with all of them.

¹⁹Wisdom makes the wise stronger than ten rulers who are in the city. ²⁰For *there is* a not a just man on the earth who does good, and does not sin. ²¹Also, do not give your heart to all the words they speak, that you not hear your servant cursing you. ²²For also your own heart knows that you yourself have also cursed others many times. ²³All this I have

tested by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me. ²⁴That which is far off and exceeding deep, who can find it out? ²⁵And I turned my heart about, to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of *things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, and the foolishness of madness: ²⁶and I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart *is* snares and nets; her hands *are like* bands. He who is good before God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be captured by her. ²⁷Behold, I have found this, says the Preacher, *counting* one by one to find out the sum; ²⁸that my soul still seeks, but I have not found; one man among a thousand I have found, but a woman among all those I have not found. ²⁹Behold, this only I have found, that God has made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions.

CHAPTER 8

¹Who *is* as the wise? And who knows the meaning of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the strength of his face is changed. ²I *say*, Keep the king's word, even on the matter of the oath of God; ³do not be hasty to go from before him. Do not take a stand in an evil thing; for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴Because the king's word *is* that which has power; who then will say to him, What are you doing? ⁵Whoever keeps the command shall know no evil thing. A wise man's heart knows both time and judgment. ⁶Because there is a time and judgment to every purpose, in *this* the evil of man *is* great upon him. ⁷For he does not know what shall be. For who can tell him when it shall be? ⁸Man is not a ruler over the spirit, to restrain the spirit; nor has he power in the day of death. And *there is* no discharge in *that* war, nor shall wickedness deliver its possessors.

⁹All this I have seen. I gave my heart to every work that is done under the sun. *There is* a time *in* which a man rules over a man for his evil. ¹⁰And so I saw the wicked buried; and they came and went from the holy place; and were forgotten in the city, *these* things that they had done. *This is* also vanity.

¹¹Where sentence *on* an evil work is not

executed speedily, on account of this the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

¹²Though a sinner does evil a hundred *times*, and *his days* are prolonged to him, yet surely I know that it shall be well to those who fear God, who fear before Him. ¹³But it shall not be well for the wicked; and he shall not lengthen *his* days like a shadow; because he does not fear before God. ¹⁴There is a vanity which is done on the earth: There are just *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; and there are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous — I said that this also *is* vanity. ¹⁵Then I praised mirth, because nothing is good for man under the sun except to eat, and to drink and to be glad. For that shall go with him in his labor for the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.

¹⁶When I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on the earth—for even by day and by night he does not see sleep in his eyes—¹⁷then I looked at all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun; because though a man labors to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find it. And even if the wise speaks of knowing, he shall not be able to find *it*.

CHAPTER 9

¹For all this I gave to heart, even to explain all this, that the righteous and the wise and their works *are* in the hand of God. Whether love or hatred, man does not know all *that is* before them. ²All *happens* alike to all; one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good, and to the clean; and to the unclean; to him who sacrifices, and to him who does not sacrifice. As *is* the good, so *is* the sinner; he who swears is as *he* that fears an oath. ³This is an evil among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event to all. Yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness *is* in their heart throughout their lives; and after that, *they go* to the dead. ⁴For to whoever is chosen to all the living, there is hope. For a living dog *is* better than a dead lion. ⁵For the living know

that they shall die; but the dead do not know anything; nor do they have any more a reward; for their memory is forgotten. ⁶Also their love, their hatred, and their envy has now perished; nor do they any longer have a part forever in all that is done under the sun.

⁷Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God now is pleased with your works. ⁸Let your garments be white at every time; and let your head lack no ointment. ⁹Look on life with the wife whom you love all the days of your life of your vanity, which He gave you under the sun, all the days of your vanity. For that *is* your share in *this* life, and in your labor which you labor under the sun.

¹⁰All that your hand finds to do, do *it* with your strength. For *there is* no work, or planning, or knowledge, or wisdom, in Sheol, there where you go.

¹¹I returned and saw under the sun that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the mighty; nor even bread to the wise; nor even riches to the men of discernment; nor even favor to knowing men — for time and occurrence happen to them all. ¹²For man also does not know his time. As the fish that are taken in the evil net; and as the birds that are caught in the trap; like them *are* the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly on them.

¹³This wisdom I saw also under the sun, and it is great to me: ¹⁴*There was* a little city, and few men in it. And a great king came against it, and besieged it, and built huge siege-works against it. ¹⁵And there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom saved the city. Yet no man remembered that poor man! ¹⁶And I said, Wisdom *is* better than strength; but the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

¹⁷The words of wise men are heard in quiet, more than the cry of one who rules among fools. ¹⁸Wisdom *is* better than weapons of conflict; but one sinner destroys much good.

than honor. ²The heart of the wise *is* toward his right, but the fool's heart toward his left. ³And also, in the way in which a stupid one walks, his heart fails, and he says to all *that* he *is* a fool. ⁴If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place; for composure quiets great offenses. ⁵There is an evil I have seen under the sun, sins which come from the face of the ruler: ⁶folly is set in many high *positions*, and many rich men sit in low *situations*. ⁷I have seen slaves on horses, and rulers walking as slaves on the earth.

⁸He who digs a pit may fall into it; and one breaking a wall, a snake may bite him. ⁹Whoever removes stones may be hurt with them; he who splits trees may be endangered by them. ¹⁰If the iron is blunt, and he does not whet the mouths, then he must put more strength to *it*. But wisdom *is* an advantage giving success. ¹¹If the snake will bite without charming, then there *is* no advantage to a master of tongue. ¹²The words of a wise mouth *are* grace, but the lips of a stupid one swallow him; ¹³the beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness; and the end of his mouth *is* evil madness. ¹⁴Yet the stupid one makes many words; a man knows not what they shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? ¹⁵The labor of the fools wears him, because he does not know *how* to go to the city.

¹⁶Woe to you, O land, when your king *is* a boy, and your leaders eat in the morning. ¹⁷Blessed *are* you, O land, when your king *is* the son of nobles, and your leaders eat in *due* time; in strength, and not in drinking. ¹⁸The framework tumbles through indolence; and through lowering of hands, the house leaks. ¹⁹Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life; but silver answers all *things*. ²⁰Also, do not curse a king in your thought; and do not curse the rich in your bedrooms; for a bird of the heavens may carry the voice; yea, the lord of wings may tell the matter.

CHAPTER 10

¹As dead flies cause the perfumer's ointment to stink *and* ferment; so a little foolishness is *more* rare than wisdom *and*

CHAPTER 11

¹Send out your bread on the face of the waters, for you shall find it in many days. ²Give a share to seven, or even to

eight; for you do not know what evil may be on the earth. ³If the clouds are full of rain, they empty on the earth. And if the tree falls in the south, or in the north, *in the place where the tree falls, there it shall be.* ⁴He who watches the wind shall not sow. And he who looks at the clouds shall not reap. ⁵As you do not know what *is* the way of the wind, *as* the bones in the pregnant woman's womb, even so you do not know the works of God who makes all. ⁶Sow your seed in the morning, and do not rest your hand until evening; for you do not know what shall be blessed, this or that; or whether they both *shall be* good as one.

⁷Truly, also the light *is* sweet; yea, *it is* good for the eyes to behold the sun. ⁸But if the man lives many years, let him rejoice in them all, and remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that may come *is* vanity.

⁹Rejoice, O young man, in your youth. And make your heart glad in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes—but know that for all these *things* God will bring you into judgment. ¹⁰So then remove vexation from your heart, and put away evil from your flesh. For childhood and prime *of life are* vanity.

CHAPTER 12

¹Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days do not come, or the years draw near when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them; ²while not *yet* the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, are darkened, or the clouds return after rain; ³in the day when

the housekeepers shall tremble, and the strong men are bowed, and the grinders cease because they are few; and those looking out the windows are darkened; ⁴and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the mill is low, and one rises up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music are silenced; ⁵also they shall be afraid of a high place, and terrors in the way; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the locust makes himself a burden; and desire breaks — because man goes to his eternal home; and the mourners go about in the street—⁶while the silver cord is not *yet* loosed, or the golden bowl is crushed, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern — ⁷then the dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

⁸Vanity of vanities, says the preacher, all *is* vanity. ⁹And more than that, the Preacher *was* wise; he still taught the people knowledge. Yes, he listened, and looked, *and* set in order many proverbs.

¹⁰The Preacher sought to find out pleasing words; and words of truth rightly written.

¹¹The words of the wise *are* as goads; yea, as nails driven by the masters of collections, they *are* given from one Shepherd. ¹²And more than these, my son, be warned: The making of many books has no end, and much study *is* the weariness of the flesh.

¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this *applies to* every man. ¹⁴For God shall bring every work into judgment, with all that is hidden, whether *it is* good, or whether *it is* evil.

THE SONG OF SONGS

CHAPTER 1

¹The song of songs which is Solomon's. ²Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth; for Your loves are better than wine. ³For Your ointments *have* a lovely fragrance; Your name is *as* ointment poured out; on account of this the virgins love You. ⁴Draw me; we will run after You. The King has brought me *into* His chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in You; we will remember Your loves more than wine; the upright love You. ⁵*I am* black, but comely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. ⁶Do not look at me, that *I am* black, that the sun has looked on me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* my own vineyard I have not kept. ⁷Tell me, *You* whom my soul loves, where do You feed; where do You lie down at noon? For why should I be as one who is veiled beside the flocks of Your companions?

⁸If you yourself do not know, most beautiful among women, go in the footsteps of the flock. And feed your kids beside the tents of the shepherds. ⁹O my love, I have compared you to My mare in Pharaoh's chariots. ¹⁰Your cheeks *are* lovely with ornaments, your neck with chains of gold. ¹¹We will make you ornaments of gold with studs of silver. ¹²While the King is in His circle, my spikenard gives its fragrance. ¹³A bundle of myrrh *is* my Beloved to me. *He* shall lodge between my breasts. ¹⁴My Beloved is to me *like* a cluster of henna in the vineyards of Engedi. ¹⁵Behold, you *are* beautiful, my love. Behold, you *are* beautiful; your eyes *as* doves'. ¹⁶Behold, you *are* beautiful, my Beloved; yea, pleasant. Also our couch *is* green. ¹⁷The beams of our house *are* cedars; our rafters are of firs.

CHAPTER 2

¹*I am* a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. ²As a lily among thorns, so *is* My love among the daughters. ³As the apple among the trees of the forest, so *is* my Beloved among the sons. I delighted in His shadow, and I sat down; and His fruit

was sweet to my taste. ⁴He brought me to the house of wine, and His banner over me *was* love. ⁵Feed me with raisin cakes, refresh me with apples—for I am sick *with* love. ⁶His left hand *is* under my head, and His right hand embraces me. ⁷I adjure you by the gazelles, and by the does of the field, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you do not stir up and do not awaken the Beloved until it pleases.

⁸The voice of my Beloved! Behold, He comes leaping on the mountains, skipping on the hills. ⁹My Beloved is likened to a gazelle, or to a young deer, the stag. Behold, *He* stands behind our wall, looking from the windows, peering from the lattice. ¹⁰My Beloved answered and said to me, Arouse yourself, My love, My beautiful one, and come away. ¹¹For, behold, the winter has passed, the rain has passed, it goes to itself. ¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come; and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. ¹³The fig-tree spices her unripe figs, and the vines give a fragrance *by* the blossom. Arise, My love; come, My beautiful one, and come yourself. ¹⁴O My dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secrecy of the steep place, let Me see your form. Let Me hear your voice; for your voice *is* sweet, and your form *is* beautiful. ¹⁵Take for us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines; and our vineyards *have* blossoms.

¹⁶My Beloved *is* mine, and *I am* His. He feeds among the lilies. ¹⁷Until when does the day blow, and the shadows flee away? Turn, my Beloved, and be like a gazelle, or a young deer, the stag, on the cleft mountains.

CHAPTER 3

¹By night on my bed I sought *Him* whom my soul loves. I sought Him, but I did not find Him. ²I will rise now and go about in the city, in the streets and in the broad places. I will seek *Him* whom my soul loves. I sought Him, but I did not find Him. ³The watchmen going about in the city found me. *I said*, Have you seen *Him* my soul loves? ⁴When I had passed on from them, *it was* a little while until I

found *Him* whom my soul loves. I seized Him, and I did not let Him go, until I had brought Him into my mother's house, and into the room of her who conceived me. ¹I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the does of the field, that you do not stir up, even that you not stir up the Beloved until it pleases.

²Who is this who comes up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, burned with myrrh and frankincense, from all powders of the merchant? ³Behold his bed, Solomon's! Sixty mighty men *are* around it, of the mighty men of Israel. ⁴They all hold the sword, instructed in war; each man *has* his sword on his thigh from dread in the night. ⁵King Solomon made himself a litter-bed of the trees of Lebanon. ⁶He made its poles of silver; its back *of* gold; its seat *of* purple; its middle was paved *with* love by the daughters of Jerusalem. ⁷Go forth, O daughters of Zion, and see king Solomon with the crown *with* which his mother crowned him on his wedding day, even on the day of the gladness of his heart.

CHAPTER 4

¹Behold, you *are* beautiful, My love. Behold, you *are* beautiful; your eyes *are as* doves' from behind your veil. Your hair *is* like a flock of goats which lie down from Mount Gilead. ²Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep* which come up from the washing-place; of which all of them *are* bearing twins; and barrenness is not among them. ³Your lips *are* like a cord of scarlet, and your speech *is* becoming; your temples *are* like a piece of pomegranate behind your veil. ⁴Your neck *is* like the tower of David, built for an armory; a thousand bucklers hang on it, all the shields of the mighty men. ⁵Your two breasts *are* like two fawns, twins of a gazelle feeding among the lilies. ⁶Until when the day blows, and the shadows flee away, I myself will go to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hills of frankincense. ⁷You *are* all beautiful, My love. There is no blemish on you.

⁸Come with Me from Lebanon, *My* spouse; with Me from Lebanon. Look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens,

from the mountains of the leopards. ⁹You have ravished My heart, My sister, *My* spouse; you have ravished My heart with one of your eyes, with one chain of your neck. ¹⁰How beautiful *are* your loves, My sister, *My* spouse! How *much* better *are* your loves than wine, and the scent of your ointments than all spices! ¹¹Your lips, *My* spouse, drip *like* the honeycomb; honey and milk *are* under your tongue. And the scents of your garments *are* like the scent of Lebanon.

¹²A locked garden *is* My sister, *My* spouse; a rock heap locked up, a sealed fountain. ¹³Your plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates with excellent fruits, with henna *and* spikenard; ¹⁴spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon; with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes; with all the chief balsam spices; ¹⁵a fountain of gardens, a well of living waters; even flowings from Lebanon. ¹⁶Awake, north *wind*; yea, come, south *wind*; blow on my garden; let its spices flow out. Let my Beloved come into His garden, and eat its excellent fruits.

CHAPTER 5

¹I have come into My garden, My sister, *My* spouse; I have gathered My myrrh with My spice. I have eaten My honeycomb with My honey; I have drunk My wine with My milk. Eat and drink, O friends; yea, drink fully, beloved ones.

²I sleep, but my heart is awake. *It is* the sound of my Beloved that knocks, *saying*, Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled. For My head is filled with dew, My locks with the drops of the night. ³I have stripped off My coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed My feet; how shall I defile them? ⁴My Beloved sent His hand from the opening, and my inner being sighed for Him. ⁵I rose up to open to my Beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh; yea, my fingers flowing *with* myrrh on the handles of the bolt. ⁶I opened to my Beloved; but my Beloved had left; He passed on. My soul went out when He spoke; I sought Him, but I could not find Him. I called Him, but He did not answer me. ⁷The watchmen who went about the city found me *and* struck me; they wounded me; the keepers

of the walls lifted my veil from me. ⁷I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my Beloved, what do you tell Him? That I am sick with love.

⁸What is your Beloved more than another Beloved, most beautiful among women? What is your Beloved more than another Beloved, that you adjure us so?

⁹My Beloved is bright and ruddy, standing out among ten thousand. ¹⁰His head is like refined gold; His locks are bushy and black as a raven. ¹¹His eyes are as the eyes of doves on the rivers of waters, washed with milk, sitting on a setting.

¹²His cheeks are like a bed of spices, a raised bed of aromatic herbs. His lips are like lilies dropping flowing myrrh. ¹³His hands are like rings of gold filled with jewels; His body an ivory plate overlaid with sapphires. ¹⁴His legs are like pillars of marble founded on bases of fine gold; His appearance is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. ¹⁵His mouth is most sweet; and He is altogether lovely. This is my Beloved, and this is my Friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 6

¹Where has your Beloved gone, most beautiful among women? Where has your Beloved turned? For we seek Him along with you. ²My Beloved has gone down to His garden, to the terraces of spices, to feed in the gardens and to gather lilies. ³I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine. He feeds among the lilies.

⁴O my love, you are as beautiful as Tirzah, as lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as bannered armies. ⁵Turn away your eyes from Me, because they have overcome Me. Your hair is like a flock of goats that recline from Gilead. ⁶Your teeth are like a flock of ewes which come up from the washing-place, bearing twins; and barrenness is not among them. ⁷Your temples behind your veil are like a piece of pomegranate. ⁸Sixty of them are queens, and eighty concubines, and virgins without number. ⁹But My dove, My perfect one is one alone. She is the only one to her mother; she is the choice of the one who bore her. The daughters saw her and called her blessed; the queens and the

concubines saw her, and they praised her.

¹⁰Who is she who looks down like the dawn, beautiful as the moon, clear as the sun, awesome as bannered armies.

¹¹I went down to the garden of nut-trees, to see the fruits of the ravine, to see whether the vine flowered and the pomegranates budded. ¹²I did not know, but my soul set me on the chariots of My princely people. ¹³Return, return, O Shulamite! Return, return, that we may gaze upon you. What will you see in the Shulamite? As it were the dance of two army camps.

CHAPTER 7

¹How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince's daughter! The curves of your thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a skillful worker. ²Your navel is like a round goblet; it never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is like a heap of wheat set about with lilies. ³Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle. ⁴Your neck is like an ivory tower; your eyes like the fish-pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim. Your nose is like a tower of Lebanon, peering toward the face of Damascus. ⁵Your head is like Carmel, and the hair of your head like purple; the King is held captive in its tresses. ⁶How beautiful and how pleasant you are in delights, O love! ⁷Your stature compares to a palm tree, and your breasts to clusters of grapes. ⁸I said, I will go up in the palm tree; I will take hold of its stalk. And please let your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your nose like apples, ⁹and the roof of your mouth like the best wine going down smoothly, for my Beloved, flowing softly over the lips of sleeping ones.

¹⁰I am my Beloved's, and His desire is toward me. ¹¹Come, my Beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us stay in the villages. ¹²Let us rise up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flowers and the blossom opens, and the pomegranates bud forth. There I will give my loves to You. ¹³The love-apples give a scent, and over our doors are all excellent fruits; new, also old, I have laid up for You, my Beloved.

CHAPTER 8

¹Who can give You to me, as *my* brother, who sucked the breasts of my mother? *When* I find You outside, I would kiss You. They also would not despise me. ²I would lead You; I would bring You into my mother's house; You would teach me; I would cause You to drink the spiced wine from the juice of my pomegranate. ³His left hand *would be* under my head, and His right *hand* embracing me. ⁴I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem; why should you stir up or why should you awaken *my* love until it pleases? ⁵Who *is* this that comes up from the wilderness, leaning on her Beloved? I awakened you under the apple-tree; there your mother travailed with you; there she travailed; she bore you.

⁶Set me as a seal on Your heart, as a seal on Your arm. For love *is* strong as death; jealousy *is* cruel as Sheol; its flames *are* flames of fire, a flame of Jehovah. ⁷Many waters cannot quench love, nor will the

rivers overflow it. If a man would give all the wealth of his house for love, they surely would despise him.

⁸We have a little sister, and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister in the day *in* which she shall be spoken for? ⁹If she *is* a wall, we will build a turret of silver on her. And if she *is* a door, we will enclose her *with* boards of cedar. ¹⁰I was a wall, and my breasts like towers; then I was in His eyes as one finding peace.

¹¹Solomon had a vineyard in Baalhamon. He let the vineyard out to keepers; for its fruit everyone was to bring a thousand of silver. ¹²My vineyard which *is* mine *is* before me; the thousand *is* for you, O Solomon, and two hundred for the keepers of its fruit. ¹³You who dwell in the gardens, the companions *are* listening to your voice; cause me to hear *it*. ¹⁴Hurry, my Beloved, and be like a gazelle, or a young deer, the stag, on the mountains of spices.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. ²Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth! For Jehovah has spoken: I have nursed and brought up sons, but they have rebelled against Me. ³The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's manger, *but* Israel does not know; My people have not understood. ⁴Woe, sinful nation, a people heavy *with* iniquity, a seed of evildoers, sons who corrupt! They have forsaken Jehovah; they have scorned the Holy One of Israel. They *are* estranged backward.

⁵Why will you be stricken any more? Will you continue the revolt? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint. ⁶From the sole of the foot to the head, no soundness is in it; *only* a wound and a stripe and a fresh blow; they have not been closed, nor bound up; nor was it softened with oil. ⁷Your land is a desolation; your cities burned with fire. Foreigners devour your land before you; and *behold*, ruin, as overthrown by foreigners. ⁸And the daughter of Zion is left a booth in a vineyard, like a hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. ⁹Except Jehovah of hosts had left a remnant for us, a few, we would be as Sodom; we would be as Gomorrah.

¹⁰Hear the word of Jehovah, rulers of Sodom. Listen to the law of our God, people of Gomorrah. ¹¹What *good* to Me *are* your many sacrifices, says Jehovah? I am full of burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fattened cattle, and the blood of bulls; nor do I delight in the blood of lambs and he-goats. ¹²When you come to see My face, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts? ¹³Do not add to bringing vain sacrifice; it is hateful incense to Me. I cannot endure the new moon and sabbath, the calling of meeting, and the evil assembly. ¹⁴My soul hates your new moons and your appointed feasts. They are a burden to Me. I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵And when you

spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you. Yea, when you multiply prayer, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶Wash yourselves, purify yourselves. Put away the evil of your doings from My sight; stop doing evil. ¹⁷Learn to do good; seek justice; reprove the oppressor; judge the orphan; strive for the widow.

¹⁸Come now and let us reason together, says Jehovah: Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as the crimson, they shall be like wool. ¹⁹If you are willing and hear, you shall eat the good of the land. ²⁰But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured *with* the sword; for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

²¹O how the faithful city has become a harlot! *She* was full of justice; righteousness lodged in it — but now, murderers!

²²Your silver has become dross; your wine is diluted with water. ²³Your princes *are* rebellious and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe, and is pursuing rewards. They do not judge the orphan, nor does the cause of the widow come to them, ²⁴and says the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Alas! I will be eased of My foes, and avenge Myself of My enemies. ²⁵And I will return My hand on you, and refine your dross, as *with* lye, and take away all your alloy. ²⁶And I will return your judges as at the first; and your advisors, as at the beginning; then you shall be called the city of righteousness, a faithful town. ²⁷Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her returning ones with righteousness. ²⁸And the ruin of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together. And those who forsake Jehovah shall be consumed. ²⁹For they shall be ashamed of the trees which you lusted after; and you shall be ashamed of the gardens that you have chosen. ³⁰For you shall be like a tree whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water in it. ³¹And the strong shall be for tow, and his work for a spark; and they shall burn both together; and no one shall quench *them*.

CHAPTER 2

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²And it shall be in the last days, the mountain of the house of Jehovah shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. ³And many people shall go and say, Come and let us go up to the mount of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For out of Zion the Law will go forth, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem. ⁴And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people.

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah. ⁶For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled from the east, and *are* fortune-tellers like the Philistines. And they clap *hands* with children of foreigners. ⁷And his land is filled *with* silver and gold. There is no end of his treasures. And his land is full of horses; his chariots also do not have an end. ⁸And his land is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. ⁹And man bowed down; and man was humbled, but You do not lift them up. ¹⁰Enter into the rock and hide in the dust from fear of Jehovah, and from the glory of His majesty. ¹¹The lofty eyes of man shall be humbled, and the pride of men shall be bowed down; but Jehovah, He alone, will be exalted in that day. ¹²For the day of Jehovah of hosts *shall be* on all the proud and lofty ones, and on all that is lifted up; and it will be abased; ¹³and against all Lebanon's cedars, high and lifted up; and against all the oaks of Bashan; ¹⁴and against all the high mountains; and against all the lifted up hills; ¹⁵and against every tall tower; and against every fortified wall; ¹⁶and against all the ships of Tarshish; and on all pleasurable craft. ¹⁷And the pride of man shall be humbled; and the loftiness of men shall be abased; and Jehovah alone will be exalted in that day. ¹⁸And the idols shall

completely vanish. ¹⁹And they shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the earth, for fear of Jehovah, and from the glory of His majesty; when He rises up to make the earth quake. ²⁰In that day a man shall throw his silver and his golden idols which they made for him to worship, to the hole of the burrower and to the bats; ²¹to go into the crevices of the rocks, and into the clefts of the cliffs, from the dread of Jehovah, and from the glory of His majesty; when He rises up to make the earth quake.

²²Cease yourself from man, whose breath *is* in his nostril, for in what is he to be esteemed?

CHAPTER 3

¹For, behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, takes away the stay and the staff from Jerusalem and from Judah; the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water; ²the mighty man, and the man of war; the judge and the prophet; and the diviner and the elder; ³the commander of fifty; and the exalted of face; the counselor and the skilled craftsman; and the expert enchanter. ⁴And I will give young boys *to be* their rulers, and caprices shall rule over them. ⁵And the people shall be crushed, man against man, and a man on his neighbor. The boy will be insolent against the elder, and the despised against the honorable. ⁶When a man shall take hold of his brother, *at* his father's house, *saying*, A cloak! Come, you be a ruler for us; let this ruin *be* under your hand— ⁷in that day he shall swear, saying, I will not be one who binds up; for there is no bread nor a cloak in my house; you shall not make me a ruler of the people. ⁸For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen; because their tongue and their deeds toward Jehovah *are* to rebel against the eyes of His glory. ⁹The look of their faces witnesses against them; they have declared their sin like Sodom; they do not hide *it*. Woe to their soul! For they have dealt evil to themselves.

¹⁰Say to the righteous that *it is* well; for they shall eat of the fruit of their doings.

¹¹Woe to the wicked! *It shall be* ill; for the reward of his hand is done to him. ¹²*As for*

My people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over him. O My people, your rulers cause *you* to go astray, and they swallow the way of your paths.

¹³Jehovah stands up to plead His cause, and stands up to judge the peoples.

¹⁴Jehovah will enter into judgment with the elders of His people, and their kings. For you have eaten up the vineyard, the plunder of the poor *is* in your houses.

¹⁵What do you *mean that* you crush My people, and grind the faces of the poor, says the Lord, Jehovah of hosts? ¹⁶And Jehovah says, Because the daughters of Zion are proud, and walk with stretched

out necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as* they go, and make a tinkling with their feet; ¹⁷so Jehovah will make the crown of the daughter of Zion scabby; and Jehovah will lay their secret parts bare. ¹⁸In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of the ankle-bracelets, and the headbands, and the crescents, ¹⁹the pendants, and the bracelets, and the veils; ²⁰the headdresses, and the leg ornaments, and the sashes, and the houses of the soul, and the amulets; ²¹the rings and nose jewels; ²²the festal apparel and the outer garments; and the mantles, and the purses; ²³the mirrors and the fine linen; and the turbans and the veils. ²⁴And it shall be, instead of a smell of perfume, there shall be an odor of decay. And instead of a sash, a rope. And instead of well-set hair, baldness. And instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; burning instead of beauty. ²⁵Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war. ²⁶And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall sit bare on the ground.

CHAPTER 4

¹And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothing, only let your name be called on us; collect our shame. ²In that day the branch of Jehovah will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth for pride and for glory for the survivors of Israel. ³And it shall be, he remaining in Zion, and he who is left in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, every one who is written among the living

in Jerusalem; ⁴when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and the blood of Jerusalem shall have been rinsed away from its midst by a spirit of judgment, and by a spirit of burning. ⁵Then Jehovah will create a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night, for over all the site of Mount Zion, and over her assemblies; for over all the glory *will be* a canopy. ⁶And there shall be a booth for a shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge, and for a hiding-place from storm and rain.

CHAPTER 5

¹Now I will sing to my Beloved a song of my Beloved concerning His vineyard: My Beloved has a vineyard in a fruitful horn. ²And He dug it, and cleared it of stones, and planted it *with* the choicest vine, and built a tower in its midst, and also hewed out a wine vat in it. And He waited *for it* to produce grapes, but it produced rotten grapes. ³And now, O people of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you, judge between Me and My vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? Who knows? I waited *for it* to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ⁵And now I will make known to you what I will do then to My vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it will be burned. I will breach its wall, and it will become a trampling-ground. ⁶And I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor hoed; but briers and thorns shall come up. And I will command the clouds from raining rain on it. ⁷For the vineyard of Jehovah of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the man of Judah *is* His delightful plant. And He waited for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

⁸Woe *to* those touching house to house, bringing near field to field until the end of space, and you are made to dwell alone in the middle of the land! ⁹Jehovah of hosts *has sworn* in my ears, If not, many houses shall be a waste, big and beautiful *ones* without inhabitant. ¹⁰Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah. ¹¹Woe *to* those who rise early in the

morning to go after fermented drink, tarrying in the twilight *while* wine inflames them! ¹²And the lyre and the harp, the timbrel and flute, and wine are *at* their feasts; but they do not regard the work of Jehovah; yea, they do not see the work of His hands. ¹³For this My people go into exile without knowledge, and his men of glory *into* famine; and their multitude is parched with thirst. ¹⁴So Sheol has enlarged its appetite, and opened its mouth without measure, and her glory and her multitude, and her uproar, he who exults in her, shall come down *in it*. ¹⁵And man is bowed down, and man is humbled, and the eyes of the proud are humbled. ¹⁶But Jehovah of hosts is exalted in judgment, and God the Holy One is proven holy in righteousness. ¹⁷Then the lambs shall feed as *in* their pasture, and strangers shall eat the waste places of the fatlings.

¹⁸Woe *to* those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as *with* ropes of a cart; ¹⁹who say, Let Him hurry and hasten His work, so that we may see; and let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, so that we may know! ²⁰Woe *to* those who say to evil, good; and to good, evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ²¹Woe *to* those wise in their own eyes, and discerning in their own sight!

²²Woe *to* those mighty to drink wine, and brave men to mix fermented drink; ²³who justify the wicked for a bribe, and turning aside the righteousness of the righteous from him! ²⁴So, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and the flame burns up the chaff; their root shall be like rottenness, and their blossom shall go up like dust, because they have cast away the law of Jehovah of hosts; and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. ²⁵On account of this the anger of Jehovah is kindled on His people, and He has stretched out His hand against them, and has struck them; and the mountains quaked, and their dead bodies were as filth in the midst of the streets. In all this His anger does not turn away, but His hand is stretched out still.

²⁶And He will lift up a banner to distant nations, and will hiss to them from the

ends of the earth; and, behold, it shall come *with* swift speed! ²⁷None *shall be* weary nor stumble among them; none will slumber nor sleep; nor shall the waistcloth of their loins be opened, nor the thong of their sandals broken; ²⁸whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hooves shall appear as flint, and their wheels like a hurricane. ²⁹Their roaring *shall be* like a lion; they shall roar like young lions. Yea, they roar and seize the prey, and carry *it* away; and no one shall deliver. ³⁰And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea; when one looks to the land, and lo, darkness! Distress! And light shall be darkened by its clouds.

CHAPTER 6

¹In the year that king Uzziah died, then I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up. And His train filled the temple. ²Above it stood the seraphs. Each one had six wings; with two he covered his face; and with two he covered his feet; and with two he flew. ³And one cried to the other and said, Holy, holy, holy *is* Jehovah of hosts; all the earth *is* full of His glory! ⁴And the doorposts shook from the voice of the one who cried; and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵Then I said, Woe is me! For I am cut off; for I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I live amongst a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts. ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me *with* a live coal in his hand, snatched with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched *it* on my mouth, and said, See, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is covered. ⁸And I heard the voice of Jehovah, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then I said, Behold me. Send me! ⁹And He said, Go and tell this people, Hearing you hear, but do not understand; and seeing you see, but do not know. ¹⁰Make the heart of this people fat, and make his ears heavy, and shut his eyes, that he not see with his eyes, and hear with his ears, and understand with his heart, and turn and one heals him. ¹¹Then I said, How long, O Lord? And He said, Until cities lie desolate without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the

land is laid waste, a desolation; ¹²and *until* Jehovah has sent mankind far away, and the desolation in the midst of the land *is* great. ¹³But yet a tenth *shall be* in it, and it shall return and be consumed like the terebinth and like the oak that in being felled *yet has* its stump—the holy seed *is* its stump.

CHAPTER 7

¹And it happened in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to a war against it, but were not able to do battle against it. ²And the house of David was told, saying, Syria is allied with Ephraim, and his heart and the heart of his people shook, as the trees of the forest shake from the wind. ³And Jehovah said to Isaiah, Go out to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, to the highway of the Fuller's Field. ⁴And say to him, Be on guard and be calm. Do not fear nor be timid of heart because of the two tails of these smoking firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. ⁵Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying, ⁶'Let us go up against Judah and make her to dread, and break her for ourselves, and set a king in her midst, the son of Tabeal.' ⁷So says the Lord Jehovah, It shall not rise, nor shall it happen. ⁸For the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken from *being* a people. ⁹And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you will not be established.

¹⁰And Jehovah spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign from Jehovah your God; make deep the request, or make *it* high above. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, nor will I tempt Jehovah. ¹³And He said, Hear now, O house of David, is it too little that you weary men, but will you also weary my God? ¹⁴So, The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold! The virgin is with child, and shall bring forth a son; and she shall call His name Immanuel. ¹⁵He

shall eat curds and honey until He knows to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you hate will be forsaken before both her kings. ¹⁷Jehovah shall bring the king of Assyria on you, and on your people, and on your father's house, days which have not come since the days Ephraim turned aside from Judah. ¹⁸And it shall be, in that day Jehovah shall hiss for the fly that *is* in the end of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria. ¹⁹And they shall come, and they shall all rest in the steep ravines, and in the clefts of the rocks, and in all the thorn bushes, and in all the pastures. ²⁰In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired, beyond the River, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet, and also it shall sweep away the beard. ²¹And it shall be in that day, a man shall keep alive a heifer of the herd, and two sheep. ²²And it shall be, he shall eat curds from the plenty of milk-making; for everyone who is left in the land shall eat curds and honey. ²³And it shall be in that day, every place where there were a thousand vines *worth* a thousand pieces of silver, *it shall be* for briers and thorns. ²⁴With arrows and with the bow, he shall come there; because all the land shall be briers and thorns. ²⁵And all the hills which were hoed with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending out of the ox, and for trampling of sheep.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Jehovah said to me, Take a big tablet and write in it with a man's pen: Make haste *to* plunder! Hasten to the prey! ²And I took faithful witnesses to record for me, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. ³And I drew near the prophetess. And she conceived, and bore a son. Then Jehovah said to me, Call his name, Hurry, plunder! Eagerly plunder!. ⁴For before the boy knows to cry, My father, or, My mother, the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

⁵Jehovah also spoke to me again, saying, ⁶Because this people has refused the

waters of Shiloah that flow softly, and rejoices in Rezin and Remaliah's son, ⁷Behold, therefore the Lord also brings on them the channels of the River, mighty and many: the king of Assyria and all his glory. And he shall come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks. ⁸And he shall pass through Judah; He shall overflow and go over. He shall reach to the neck; and his wings will be stretching out, filling the breadth of your land, O Immanuel. ⁹O peoples, suffer evil, and be broken! And listen, all from the far places of the earth; gird yourselves, and be broken. Gird yourselves and be broken! ¹⁰Counsel a counsel, and it is frustrated; speak a word, and it shall not rise; for God *is* with us.

¹¹For so Jehovah spoke to me with a strong hand, and taught me against walking in the way of this people, saying, ¹²Do not say, A conspiracy, to everything of which this people says, A conspiracy! And do not fear its fear, and do not dread. ¹³Sanctify Jehovah of hosts Himself, and let Him *be* your fear; and let Him *be* your dread. ¹⁴And He shall be for a sanctuary, and for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of falling to the two houses of Israel; for a trap and for a snare to the dweller of Jerusalem. ¹⁵And many among them shall stumble and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. ¹⁶Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples. ¹⁷And I will wait on Jehovah, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will look for Him. ¹⁸Behold, I and the children whom Jehovah has given to me *are* for signs and wonders in Israel from Jehovah of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion. ¹⁹And when they say to you, Seek to those who have familiar spirits, and to wizards who peep and mutter; should not a people seek to its God, *than* for the living to *seek* to the dead? ²⁰To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because there is no dawn to them! ²¹And they shall pass through it, hard-pressed and hungry. And it shall be, they shall be hungry; he will rave and curse his king and his God, and face upward. ²²And they shall look to the land. And, behold, trouble and darkness and gloom of anguish; and *they* are driven *to* darkness.

CHAPTER 9

¹Yet there shall not be gloom for which anguish *is* to her; as *in* the former time *when* He degraded the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, so afterwards He will glorify the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations: ²The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. The ones who dwell in the land of the shadow of death — Light has shone on them. ³You have multiplied the nation; You have increased the joy. They rejoice before You as in the joy of harvest, as *men* shout when they divide the plunder. ⁴For You have broken his burdensome yoke and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his taskmaster, as *in* the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the trampler *is* with commotion, and a coat rolled in blood shall be burning fuel for the fire. ⁶For a Child is born; to us a Son is given; and the government is on His shoulder; and His name is called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. ⁷There is no end to the increase of *His* government and of peace on the throne of David, and on His kingdom, to order it, and to sustain it with justice and with righteousness, from now and forever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will do this.

⁸The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it has fallen into Israel. ⁹And all the people shall know — Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and greatness of heart, ¹⁰Bricks have fallen, but we will build *with* cut stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will use cedars instead. ¹¹And Jehovah will set up Rezin's foes against him, and spur on his enemies; ¹²Syria in front, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with all the mouth. In all this His anger does not turn away, but His hand *is* still stretched out. ¹³For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them, and they do not seek Jehovah of hosts. ¹⁴And Jehovah will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, *in* one day. ¹⁵The elder and the exalted of face; *he is* the head. And the prophet who teaches lies; *he is* the tail. ¹⁶For this people's leaders led *them* astray, and its guided ones *are* swallowed up. ¹⁷For this the Lord shall not rejoice

over their young men, nor have pity on their orphans and widows—for everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer; and every mouth speaks foolishness. In all this His anger does not turn away, but His hand *is* still stretched out.

¹⁸For wickedness burns like a fire; it shall devour the briers and thorns and shall kindle the thickets of the forest; and they shall roll upward, like the going up of smoke. ¹⁹The land is scorched by the wrath of Jehovah of hosts, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; no man shall spare his brother. ²⁰And *he shall* cut off on the right hand, yet be hungry. And he shall eat on the left, but not be satisfied. Each man shall eat the flesh of his own arm; ²¹Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh—together they are against Judah. In all this His anger does not turn away, but His hand *is* still stretched out.

CHAPTER 10

¹Woe to those who decree decrees of injustice, and writers *who* write toil; ²to keep back the poor from judgment, and to steal justice from the poor of My people; that widows may be their prey; that they may rob orphans. ³And what will you do in the day of visitation and of destruction? It comes from far away. To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory? ⁴Surely, he will grovel under the prisoners, and they will fall under the slain. In all this His anger does not turn away, but His hand *is* still stretched out.

⁵Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger! And My fury is the staff in their hand. ⁶I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath. I will command him to plunder plunder, and to strip off spoil, and to trample them like the mud of the streets. ⁷Yet he does not purpose this, nor does his heart think so. For it *is* in his heart to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations. ⁸For he says, Are not my commanders all like kings? ⁹Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is Hamath not like Arpad? Is Samaria not like Damascus? ¹⁰As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols — for their carved

images *excelled* Jerusalem's and Samaria's — ¹¹shall I not do to Jerusalem and her idols as I have done to Samaria and her idols? ¹²And it will be, when the Lord has broken off all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will visit on the fruit of the proud heart of the king of Assyria, and on the glory of his lofty eyes. ¹³For he says, I have worked by the strength of my hand and by my wisdom; for I am wise. And I take away the borders of peoples, and have robbed their treasures. And like a mighty one, I subdue inhabitants. ¹⁴And my hand has found the riches of the people. Like a nest, I also have gathered all the earth, as forsaken eggs are gathered. And there was not one moving a wing, or opening a mouth, or one chirping.

¹⁵Shall the axe glorify itself over him chopping with it? Or shall the saw magnify itself over him moving it? As *if* a rod *could* wave those who lift it. As *if* a staff *could* raise *what* is not wood! ¹⁶So the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, shall send leanness among his fat ones. And under His glory *He* will kindle a burning like the burning of fire. ¹⁷And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and His Holy One for a flame—and it shall burn and devour his thorns and briers in one day. ¹⁸And He shall consume the glory of his forest and his fruitful field, even from soul to flesh; and it shall be as a sick man melts away. ¹⁹And the rest of the trees of the forest shall be few, so that a boy might write them.

²⁰And it shall be in that day, the remnant of Israel, and the escaped ones from the house of Jacob, shall not any more lean on him who struck him. But *they* will truly lean on Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel. ²¹The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. ²²For though Your people Israel is like the sand of the sea, *only* a remnant of it shall return; a determined end, overflowing *with* righteousness. ²³For the Lord Jehovah of hosts is making a full end, even ordained, in the midst of all the land. ²⁴So the Lord Jehovah of hosts says this: O My people who dwell *in* Zion, do not fear Assyria. He shall strike you with

the rod, and he shall lift up his staff against you in the way of Egypt. ²⁵But yet a little while, and the fury is finished; and My anger *shall be* over their destruction. ²⁶And Jehovah of hosts shall stir up a whip on him according to the striking of Midian at the rock Oreb; and as His rod *was* on the sea, and He lifted it up in the way of Egypt. ²⁷And it shall be in that day, his burden shall turn away from on your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck; and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. ²⁸He has come to Aiath; he has passed to Migron; he has left his baggage at Michmash. ²⁹They have crossed the ford; they have bedded down at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul has fled. ³⁰Shriek *with* your voice, daughter of ruins; bow, Laishah, afflicted of Anathoth. ³¹Madmenah wanders; Gebim's inhabitants take refuge. ³²Yet he remains in Nob today; *he* remains in Nob today; *he* will shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. ³³Behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, shall lop the bough of terror! And the lofty ones shall be cut down, and the proud shall be humbled. ³⁴And He shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

CHAPTER 11

¹And a Shoot goes out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch will bear fruit out of his roots. ²And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest on Him; *He will have* the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and power, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah. ³And He is made to breathe in the fear of Jehovah. But He shall not judge by the seeing of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears. ⁴But He shall judge the poor in righteousness, and shall decide rightly for the meek of the earth. And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and He shall slay the wicked with the breath of His lips. ⁵And righteousness shall be the encircler of His thighs, and faithfulness the encircler of His loins. ⁶And the wolf shall live with the lamb; and the leopard shall lie with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a

little boy leads them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall feed, their young shall lie together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the infant shall play on the hole of the asp; yea, the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den. ⁹They shall not do evil, nor destroy in all My holy mountain. For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰And it shall be in that day, the Root of Jesse stands as a banner of peoples; nations shall seek to Him; and His resting place shall be glory. ¹¹And it shall be in that day, the Lord shall again set His hand, the second time, to recover the remnant of His people that remains, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Persia, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts of the sea. ¹²And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel, and gather those dispersed from Judah, from the four wings of the earth. ¹³And the envy of Ephraim shall turn off; and Judah's foes shall be cut off. Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not trouble Ephraim. ¹⁴But they shall fly onto the shoulder of the Philistines to the west; they shall plunder the sons of the east, the stretching of the hand on Edom and Moab and the sons of Ammon; *they will* obey them. ¹⁵And Jehovah shall utterly destroy the tongue of the sea of Egypt; and with His scorching wind He shall wave His hand over the River, and shall strike it into seven torrents, and make one tread *it* with shoes. ¹⁶And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Assyria, as it was to Israel in the day when he came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 12

¹And in that day you shall say, O Jehovah, I will thank You. Though You were angry with me, turn away Your anger and You shall comfort me. ²Behold, God is my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid, for my strength and song *is* Jah Jehovah; yea, He has become my salvation. ³And you shall draw waters out of the wells of salvation with joy. ⁴And in

that day you shall say, Praise Jehovah! Call on His name; declare His doings among the peoples; make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵Sing to Jehovah, for He has done majestically; this is known in all the earth. ⁶Cry and shout, O dweller of Zion! For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst.

CHAPTER 13

¹The burden of Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw: ²Lift up a banner on a bare mountain; make the voice rise to them; wave the hand that they may enter the gates of nobles. ³I have commanded My holy ones; I have also called My warriors for My anger, those who rejoice in My highness. ⁴The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of a great people! A noise of tumult of the kingdoms of nations gathered together; Jehovah of hosts is calling up an army for the battle. ⁵They come from a distant land, from the end of the heavens, Jehovah and the weapons of His wrath, to destroy all the land. ⁶Howl! For the day of Jehovah is at hand. It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. ⁷On account of this all hands shall droop, and every heart of man shall melt; ⁸and they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain like a woman bearing; they shall be amazed, each man to his neighbor; faces of flames shall be their faces. ⁹Behold, the day of Jehovah comes, cruel and with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land waste. And He shall destroy its sinners out of it. ¹⁰For the stars of the heavens and their constellations shall not give light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not reflect its light. ¹¹And I will visit evil on the world, and their iniquity on the wicked. And I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease; and I will humble the pride of tyrants.

¹²I will make a man more rare than fine gold; even a man more than the carvings of Ophir. ¹³So I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall move out of its place, in the wrath of Jehovah of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger. ¹⁴And it shall be as a gazelle driven away, and as a sheep no one gathers; each man shall look

to his own people, and each one shall flee to his land. ¹⁵Everyone who is found shall be pierced through; yea, everyone who is caught shall fall by the sword. ¹⁶And their children shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be robbed, and their wives raped. ¹⁷Behold, I stir up the Medes against them, who shall not value silver. And they shall not delight in gold. ¹⁸And bows shall also smash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare sons. ¹⁹And Babylon, the glory of the kingdoms, the beauty of the pride of the Chaldeans, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. ²⁰It shall never be inhabited forever, nor shall it be lived in from generation to generation. And the Arabian shall not pitch a tent there, nor shall the shepherds make flocks lie down there. ²¹But the desert creatures shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of howling creatures; and daughters of ostriches shall dwell there; and he-goats shall skip there. ²²And hyenas shall cry along with his widows; and jackals in palaces of delight. Yea, her time to come is near, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAPTER 14

¹For Jehovah will have pity on Jacob, and will yet choose among Israel, and set them in their own land. And the stranger shall be joined to them; and they shall cling to the house of Jacob. ²And the peoples shall take them and bring them to their own place. And the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Jehovah for slaves and slavegirls. And they shall be captives of their captors; and they shall rule over their oppressors. ³And it shall be, in the day that Jehovah shall give you rest from your sorrow, and from your trouble, and from the hard bondage which was pressed on you, ⁴you shall take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: How the exactor, the gold gatherer, has ceased! ⁵Jehovah has broken the rod of the wicked, the staff of rulers, ⁶who struck the peoples in wrath, a blow without turning away, ruling the nations in anger, dealing out persecution without

restraint. ⁷All the earth is at rest, quiet; they break forth into singing. ⁸Yea, the fir-trees rejoice over you; the cedars of Lebanon say, Since you have lain down, no woodcutter will come up against us.

⁹Sheol from below is stirred for you, to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the departed spirits for you, all the he-goats of the earth. It has raised all the kings of the nations from their thrones. ¹⁰All of them shall answer and say to you, Are you also made as weak as we? Are you likened to us? ¹¹Your majesty is lowered into Sheol; the noise of your harps. The maggot is spread under you; yea, the worms cover you. ¹²O shining star, son of the morning, how you have fallen from the heavens! You weakening the nations, you are cut down to the ground. ¹³For you have said in your heart, I will go up to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit in the mount of meeting, in the sides of the north. ¹⁴I will rise over the heights of the clouds; I will be compared to the Most High. ¹⁵Yet you shall be brought out to Sheol, to the sides of the Pit. ¹⁶They that see you shall stare and closely watch you, saying, Is this the man who made the earth tremble, shaking kingdoms, ¹⁷making the world like a wilderness, and who tore down its cities—he did not open a house for his prisoners? ¹⁸All kings of nations, all of them lie in glory, each man in his house. ¹⁹But you are thrown from your grave like a despised branch, like the covering of the slain, those pierced by the sword, those who go down into the stones of the Pit, like a dead body trampled under foot.

²⁰You shall not be united with them in burial, because you ruined your land; you have slain your people; the seed of evil-doers shall never be named. ²¹Prepare for the slaughter of his sons, for the iniquity of their fathers; that they may not rise and possess the land, and fill the face of the earth with cities. ²²For I will rise against them, says Jehovah of hosts, and cut off the name and remnant, the son and grandson, from Babylon, declares Jehovah. ²³I will make it a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of ruin, says Jehovah of hosts.

²⁴Jehovah of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so it shall be; and as I have purposed, it shall rise up; ²⁵to break Assyria in My land, and trample him on My mountains. Then his yoke shall depart from them, and his burden shall depart from his shoulders. ²⁶This is the purpose that is purposed on all the earth; and this the hand that is stretched out on all the nations. ²⁷For Jehovah of hosts has purposed. And who shall reverse it? And His hand is stretched out. Who shall turn it back?

²⁸This burden was in the year king Ahaz died: ²⁹Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, for the rod of your striking is broken, because a viper comes forth from the root of a snake, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. ³⁰And the firstborn of the poor shall eat; and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine; and it shall kill your remnant. ³¹Howl, O gate! Cry, O city! Philistia is melted away, all of you. For a smoke comes from the north, and not one is alone in his ranks. ³²What then shall one answer to the messengers of the nation? That Jehovah has founded Zion, and the poor of His people shall trust in it.

CHAPTER 15

¹The burden of Moab: Because Ar of Moab is laid waste; it is cut off; because in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste; it is cut off. ²One goes up to the house, even to Dibon, the high places, to weep. Moab shall howl over Nebo and over Medeba; all its heads shall be bald, every beard shorn. ³They shall dress with sackcloth in the streets; everyone shall howl on their housetops and in their plazas, melting in tears. ⁴And Heshbon and Elealeh shall cry; their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz; so the warriors of Moab shall shout; his life is broken to him. ⁵My heart shall cry to Moab; her fugitives to Zoar, a heifer of three years; he goes up the ascent of Luhith, with weeping, for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of ruin. ⁶For Nimrim's waters are desolations; for the hay is dried up; the grass fails; there is not a green thing. ⁷On account of this one made up the remainder, and their store; they shall carry them over the brook

of the willows. ⁸For the cry has gone around Moab's borders; his howling even to Eglaim; and his howling even to the Well of Elim. ⁹For Dimon's waters are full of blood; for I will put more on Dimon, a lion on him who escapes from Moab, and for the remnant of the land.

CHAPTER 16

¹Send a lamb to the ruler of the land, from the rock of the desert to the mount of the daughter of Zion. ²For it is as a fleeing bird cast out of the nest; the daughters of Moab shall be *at* the fords of Arnon. ³Take counsel; do judgment; make your shadow as the night in mid-day; hide the outcasts; do not uncover the fugitive! ⁴Let My outcasts tarry with you, Moab. Be a hiding-place to them from the face of the destroyer. For the exactor has ceased, destruction has failed; the trampler is ended out of the land. ⁵And in mercy the throne shall be founded; and *he* shall sit on it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking justice, and swift in righteousness.

⁶We have heard of the pride of Moab, very proud; of his pride, his arrogance, and his rage; not so *are* his babblings. ⁷So Moab shall howl for Moab; everyone shall howl; you shall moan for the raisin-cakes of Kir-hareseth; surely they are stricken. ⁸For the fields of Heshbon droop, the vine of Sibmah. The masters of the nations have crushed its choice plants—they have come to Jazer; they wander *in* the desert; her branches are spread out; they have crossed the sea. ⁹On account of this the vine of Sibmah will weep with the weeping of Jazer; I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; for shouting has fallen on your fruit and on your harvest. ¹⁰And gladness and joy is gathered up from the fruitful field; and there is no singing and no shouting in the vineyards; the treaders shall not tread out wine in the presses; I have made the exultation to cease. ¹¹For this reason my belly shall sound like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir-harsh. ¹²And it shall be, when it is seen that Moab shall be wearied on the high place, then he shall come to his shrine to pray, and he shall not be able. ¹³This *is* the word that Jehovah

had spoken to Moab from that time. ¹⁴But now Jehovah has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, then the glory of Moab will be abased, with all the great host; and the remnant *shall be* few; small, not mighty.

CHAPTER 17

¹The burden of Damascus: Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruined heap. ²The cities of Aroer are forsaken; now they are for flocks; they lie down and no one terrifies *them*. ³And the fortress shall cease from Ephraim; and the kingdom from Damascus and the rest of Syria. They shall be as the glory of the sons of Israel, declares Jehovah of hosts.

⁴And it shall be in that day, Jacob's glory shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall be made lean. ⁵And it shall be as the reaping of the harvest grain, and his arm reaps the ears. And it shall be as he who gathers ears in the Valley of the Giants. ⁶Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree; two *or* three ripe olives in the top of the uppermost branch; four *or* five in the fruit-tree branches, declares Jehovah God of Israel.

⁷In that day a man shall gaze to his Maker; and his eyes shall look to the Holy One of Israel. ⁸And he shall not gaze to the altars, work of his hands; and he will not see what his fingers have made, even the Asherim, and the sun-pillars. ⁹In that day his fortified cities shall be as a thing left in the forest, or the branch that they leave, from before the sons of Israel. And it will become a desolation. ¹⁰Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and you did not remember the Rock of your strength. On account of this you shall plant pleasing plants, and shall sow it a foreign shoot. ¹¹In the day of your planting you fence it in; in the morning you make your seed sprout; the harvest *is* a heap in the day of sickness and incurable pain. ¹²Woe *to* the multitude of many peoples; they roar like the roar of seas; and the crash of nations, they crash like the crash of mighty waters! ¹³The nations shall crash like the crashing of many waters, but He rebukes it, and it

flees far away; yea, *it* is driven like the chaff of mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before a tempest. ¹⁴At the time of evening, behold, terror! Before *it* is morning, it shall not be. This *is* the portion of those robbing us, and the lot of those plundering us.

CHAPTER 18

¹Woe *to* the land of whirling of wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; ²which sends envoys by the sea, even in ships of papyrus on the face of the waters. Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a terrible people from it, and onwards; and a nation mighty and trampling down, whose land the rivers have divided! ³All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers of the earth, as one lifts a banner *on the* peaks, you will see. And you will hear as the blowing of a ram's horn. ⁴For so Jehovah said to me, I will rest, and I will watch My dwelling-place; as the glowing heat on light; as the cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. ⁵For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and cut down and take away the branches. ⁶They shall be left together to the birds of the hills, and to the birds of the hills, and to the beasts of the earth. And the birds shall summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter on them. ⁷Then shall be brought in that time to Jehovah of hosts a present *from* a tall and smooth people, and a terrible people, from it and onward; a mighty and trampling nation whose land the rivers have divided, to the place of the name of Jehovah of hosts: Mount Zion.

CHAPTER 19

¹The burden of Egypt: Behold! Jehovah rides on a light cloud and comes into Egypt. And the idols of Egypt shall tremble from before Him; and the heart of Egypt shall melt in its midst. ²And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians; and they each man shall fight against his brother; and each against his neighbor; city against city, kingdom against kingdom. ³And the spirit of *the* Egyptians shall be empty in its midst; and I will

swallow its counsel And they shall seek to idols, and to the enchanters, and to the mediums, and to the fortune-tellers. ⁴And I will shut up *the* Egyptians into the hand of cruel lords; and a fierce king shall rule them, declares the Lord, Jehovah of hosts. ⁵And the waters shall dry up from the sea, and the river shall fail and dry up. ⁶And rivers shall be fouled; and the brooks of Egypt will languish and dry up; the reed and the rush shall decay. ⁷Bare places *shall be* at the Nile, by the mouth of the Nile, and everything sown *by* the Nile shall dry up, driven away, and be no more. ⁸The fishermen shall mourn; and all who cast a hook into the Nile shall wail; and those who spread nets on the surface of the waters shall droop. ⁹And the workers in fine flax, and the weavers of white cloth are ashamed. ¹⁰And her supports shall be crushed; and all who make wages *shall be* sad of soul. ¹¹Surely the rulers of Zoan *are* fools; the advice of Pharaoh's wise counselors has become stupid. How can you say to Pharaoh, I am the son of wise ones, the son of kings of old? ¹²Where *are* your wise ones now? Yea, let them tell you now, that they may know what Jehovah of hosts has planned against Egypt. ¹³The rulers of Zoan are fools; the rulers of Noph are deceived; they also have led Egypt astray, the cornerstone of her tribes. ¹⁴Jehovah has mixed a perverse spirit in her midst; and they led astray Egypt in all his work; as a drunkard strays in his vomit. ¹⁵And Egypt shall have no work that the head or the tail, the branch or rush, may do. ¹⁶In that day Egypt shall be like women; and it will tremble and dread from before the shaking of the hand of Jehovah of hosts, which He shakes over it. ¹⁷And the land of Judah shall be a terror to Egypt; everyone who mentions it shall dread to it, from before the purpose of Jehovah of hosts, which He purposes against it. ¹⁸In that day five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan, and swear to Jehovah of hosts. One shall be called, City of Ruin. ¹⁹Then an altar to Jehovah shall be in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to Jehovah at its border. ²⁰And it shall be for a sign and for a witness to Jehovah of hosts in the land of

Egypt. For they shall cry to Jehovah because of the oppressors; and He shall send them a deliverer, even a great one; and will deliver them.

²¹And Jehovah shall be known to Egypt, Egypt shall know Jehovah in that day. And *they* shall offer sacrifice and offering, and vow a vow to Jehovah, and repay *it*. ²²And Jehovah shall strike Egypt. He shall strike and heal. Then they shall return to Jehovah, and He shall hear them, and shall heal them. ²³In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria. And Assyria shall come into Egypt; and Egypt into Assyria; and Egypt shall serve Assyria. ²⁴In that day Israel shall be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, ²⁵whom Jehovah of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* My people Egypt, and Assyria, the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.

CHAPTER 20

¹In the year Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and fought against Ashdod, and took it; ²at that time Jehovah spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loosen the sackcloth from your loins, and take your shoe off from your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. ³And Jehovah said, Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years — a sign and a wonder on Egypt and on Ethiopia — ⁴so shall the king of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old; naked and barefoot, and with uncovered buttocks; *to* the nakedness of Egypt. ⁵And they shall be afraid and ashamed of their hope Ethiopia, and of their glory Egypt. ⁶And he who lives in this coast shall say in that day, Behold, this *has become* of our hope *to* which we fled for help there, to be delivered from before the king of Assyria; and, How shall we escape?

CHAPTER 21

¹The burden of the desert of the sea: As tempests in the Negeb pass, it comes from the desert, from a terrifying land. ²A harsh vision is revealed to me; the de-

ceiver deals deceitfully, and the plunderer plunders. Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O Media! I have caused all her sighing to cease. ³Because of this my loins are filled *with* pain; pangs have taken hold on me like the pangs of a travailing woman. I am bowed from hearing; I am troubled from seeing. ⁴My heart wanders; terror overwhelms me; He has turned the twilight of my pleasure into trembling. ⁵Prepare the table; watch in the watchtower; eat, drink; rise up, rulers, *and* anoint the shield. ⁶For so the Lord has said to me: Go, set a watchman; he will declare what he sees. ⁷And he sees a chariot, a couple of horsemen; a chariot of an ass; a chariot of a camel; and let him bow attentively, very attentively. ⁸And he cried, A lion! My lord, I always stand on my watchtower by day; and I am stationed at my post all the nights. ⁹And, behold, here comes a chariot of a man, a pair of horses. And he answered and said, Babylon has fallen, has fallen! And He has smashed the cut images of her gods to the earth. ¹⁰O my threshing, and the grain of my floor! That which I have heard of Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, I have told to you.

¹¹The burden of Dumah: *He* calls to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? ¹²The watchman says, The morning comes, and also night. If you would inquire, inquire. Come! Return!

¹³The burden of Arabia: You shall stay in the forest of Arabia, O traveling companies of Dedanites. ¹⁴The people of the land of Tema bring water to him who is thirsty; *they went* to meet the fugitive with his bread. ¹⁵For they fled from before swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the press of battle. ¹⁶For so the Lord has said to me, Within a year, as the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kedar shall be ended, ¹⁷and the rest of the number of the archers, the warriors of the sons of Kedar, shall be few. For Jehovah God of Israel has spoken.

CHAPTER 22

¹The burden of the valley of vision: What *aails* you now, that you have gone up to the housetops? ²Crashings fill the

noisy city, the joyous city. Your slain ones are not slain by the sword, nor dead in battle. ³All your rulers fled together; *they were* bound without the bow; all found in you were bound together; they have fled from afar. ⁴On account of this I said, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly; do not hurry to comfort me over the ruin of the daughter of my people. ⁵for it is a day of trouble, and of trampling down, and of perplexity, by the Lord Jehovah of hosts in the valley of vision; digging down a wall, and crying to the mountain. ⁶And Persia carried the quiver with a chariot of a man *and* horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield. ⁷And it happened; your choicest valleys were full of chariots; and the horsemen surely set in order at the gate. ⁸And he removed Judah's covering; and you looked in that day to the armor of the house of the forest. ⁹You have also seen the breaks in the city of David, that they are many; and you gathered the waters of the lower pool. ¹⁰And you have counted the houses of Jerusalem; and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. ¹¹And you made a reservoir between the walls, for the water of the old pool. But you have not looked to its Maker, nor did you see its Former from long ago. ¹²And in that day the Lord Jehovah of hosts called to weeping and mourning; and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth. ¹³Then, lo, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and slaughtering sheep; eating flesh and drinking wine, *saying*, Eat and drink, for tomorrow we die! ¹⁴And Jehovah of hosts revealed in my ears, Surely this iniquity shall not be covered for you until you die, says the Lord Jehovah of hosts.

¹⁵So says the Lord Jehovah of hosts, Go! Go to this treasurer, to Shebna who is over the house. ¹⁶What *is* to you here? And who *is* here to you, that you have carved a tomb for yourself here, *as one* having cut out his tomb on high, having carved out a home for himself in the rock? ¹⁷Behold, Jehovah hurls you *with* a hurling, O man, and grasps you *with* a grasping. ¹⁸Whirling, He will whirl you like a ball, into a land wide of hands. You shall die there, and there *are* the chariots of your glory, the shame of your lord's house.

¹⁹And I will drive you from your position; and he will pull you from your station. ²⁰And in that day it shall be, even I will call to My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah. ²¹And I will clothe him with your robe, and will fasten your sash on him. And I will give your authority into his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. ²²And the key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder, so that he opens, and no one shuts; and he shuts, and no one opens. ²³And I will drive him *as* a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. ²⁴And they shall hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the offshoots, all small vessels, from vessels of cups even to all vessels of jars. ²⁵In that day, says Jehovah of hosts, the nail that is driven in the sure place shall be removed, and be cut down, and fall. And the burden that *was* on it shall be cut off. Jehovah has spoken.

CHAPTER 23

¹The burden of Tyre: Howl, ships of Tarshish! For it is ruined, without house, without entrance. It is revealed to them from the land of Chittim. ²Be still, inhabitants of the coast, merchant of Sidon crossing the sea; they have filled you. ³And by great waters, the seed of Sihor and the harvest of the river Nile was her revenue; and she a mart of nations. ⁴Be ashamed, Sidon, for the sea has spoken, the strength of the sea, saying, I have not travailed, nor brought forth, I have not nourished young men *nor* raised up virgins. ⁵As the report *comes* to Egypt, so they shall be grieved *at* the report of Tyre. ⁶Pass over Tarshish; howl, people of the coast! ⁷Is this your exulting *city* from days of her old age? Her own feet carry it far away to stay. ⁸Who has purposed this against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose merchants *are* rulers, whose traders *are* the honored of the earth? ⁹Jehovah of hosts has purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, to bring all the honored of the earth into contempt.

¹⁰Pass through your land as the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no more strength. ¹¹He stretched His hand over

the sea; He shook kingdoms; Jehovah has made a decree against the merchant city, to destroy its forts. ¹²And He said, You shall rejoice no more, oppressed one, virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, cross over to Chittim, even there is no rest to you. ¹³Behold, the land of the Chaldeans! This people did not exist! Assyria founded it for those who live in the desert. They set up their siege-towers; they stripped its palaces. They made it a ruin. ¹⁴Howl, ships of Tarshish! For your fortress is ruined. ¹⁵And it shall be in that day that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years, it will be as the song of a harlot to Tyre. ¹⁶Take a harp; go about the city, O forgotten harlot. Do well to play; make many songs, that you may be remembered. ¹⁷And it will be, after the end of seventy years, Jehovah will visit Tyre; and she shall return to her hire, and will fornicate with all the kingdoms of the earth, on the face of the ground. ¹⁸And her goods and her wages shall be holiness to Jehovah; it shall not be hoarded nor stored; for her goods shall be for those who dwell before Jehovah, to eat enough, and for a choice covering.

CHAPTER 24

¹Lo, Jehovah empties the land and makes it bare, and distorts its face, and scatters its inhabitants. ²And as *it is* with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with the master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. ³The land shall completely be emptied and utterly stripped, for Jehovah has spoken this word.

⁴The land mourns *and* languishes; the world droops *and* languishes; the proud people of the earth droop. ⁵And the earth is profaned under its inhabitants, because they transgress laws *and* violate a statute, and break the everlasting covenant. ⁶On account of this a curse has devoured the land; and they who live in it are held guilty. For this the dwellers of the

land are consumed, and few men are left. ⁷The new wine has failed; the vine droops; all the merry-hearted sigh. ⁸The joy of timbrels ceases; the noise of those who revel ends; the joy of the harp ceases. ⁹They shall not drink wine with a song; fermented drink shall be bitter to those who drink it. ¹⁰The city of shame is broken down; every house is shut, that no one may enter. ¹¹A crying over the wine *is* in the streets; all joy is darkened; the gladness in the land is carried away. ¹²Desolation is remaining in the city, and a ruin; the gate is battered. ¹³For it is thus in the midst of the land, among the peoples, *it shall be* as the shaking of an olive tree, and as gleanings when the grape harvest is completed. ¹⁴They lift up their voice; they sing for the majesty of Jehovah; they cry aloud from the sea. ¹⁵On account of this, glorify Jehovah in the east, the name of Jehovah God of Israel, in the coasts of the sea. ¹⁶We have heard songs from the end of the earth, Honor to the Righteous. But I said, Leanness to me! Leanness to me! Woe to me! Traitors betray, even perfidy; traitors betray!

¹⁷Dread, and the pit, and a snare *are* upon you, dweller of the earth. ¹⁸And it shall be, he who flees from the sound of dread shall fall into the pit. And he who comes up out of the middle of the pit shall be taken in the snare. For the windows from on high are opened, and the earth's foundations quake. ¹⁹The earth is breaking, breaking! The earth is crashing, crashing! The earth is tottering, tottering. ²⁰The earth is staggering, staggering, like a drunkard! And it rocks to and fro like a hut. And its trespass is heavy on it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. ²¹And it shall be in that day, Jehovah shall punish the army of the high place on high, and on the kings of the land on the land. ²²And they will be gathered, a gathering of prisoners in a dungeon. And they shall be shut up in a prison; and after many days they will be visited. ²³Then the moon shall blush, and the sun shall be ashamed, when Jehovah of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem; and before His elders *is* His glory.

CHAPTER 25

¹O Jehovah, You *are* my God. I will exalt You; I will thank Your name; for You have done a wonderful thing: counsels from afar; faithful faithfulness. ²Because You have made a heap from a city, a fortified city into a ruin; a citadel of foreigners not *to be* a city, not to be built, to forever. ³For this the mighty people glorify You, the city of the ruthless nations shall fear You. ⁴For You are a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from storm, a shadow from heat; because the breath of the ruthless *is* like a storm *against* a wall. ⁵You shall lay low the noise of foreigners, like the heat in a dry place, the heat with the shadow of cloud; the shouting of the terrifying ones shall be laid low. ⁶And Jehovah of hosts shall make a feast of fat things for all the peoples in this mountain; a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, refined wine on the lees. ⁷And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering which covers all people, and the veil that is woven over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death in victory! And the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from all faces. And He shall reprove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for Jehovah has spoken ⁹And one shall say in that day, Behold, this *is* our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This *is* Jehovah; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation. ¹⁰For the hand of Jehovah shall rest in this mountain; and Moab shall be trampled under Him, even as straw *is* trampled in the water of a dung pit. ¹¹And He shall spread His hands in his midst, as he who swims strokes to swim. And He shall lay low his pride with the skill of His hands. ¹²And He shall bow down the fortress of the height of your walls; *He will* lay low, touch to the earth, even to the dust.

CHAPTER 26

¹In that day this song shall be sung in the land of Judah: A strong city *is* ours; He sets up salvation *as our* walls and rampart. ²Open the gates, and the righteous nation shall come in, keeping faithfulness. ³You will keep in perfect peace the mind stayed

on You, for he trusts in You. ⁴Trust in Jehovah forever, for in Jah Jehovah *is* everlasting strength. ⁵For He bows the dwellers on high; He lays low the lofty city; He lays it low to the ground; He makes it touch even to the dust. ⁶The foot shall trample it, the feet of the poor, steps of the weak. ⁷The path for the just *is* uprightness. Upright One, level the track of the just. ⁸Yea, Jehovah, *in* the path of Your judgments we awaited You; for Your name and for Your memory *is* the desire of *our* soul. ⁹*With* my soul I desire You in the night; yea, *with* my spirit within me I diligently seek You. For when Your judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

¹⁰The wicked finds favor; he does not learn righteousness; he deals perversely in the land of honesty, and does not see the majesty of Jehovah. ¹¹Jehovah, Your hand is high; they do not see; they see, and are ashamed of the zeal of the people. Yea, the fire of Your foes devours them. ¹²Jehovah, You will ordain peace for us; for also You have worked all our works for us. ¹³Jehovah our God, masters beside You have governed us; only in You we will mention Your name. ¹⁴Dead ones do not live; departed spirits do not rise; because of this You visited and destroyed them, and caused all memory of them to perish. ¹⁵You have added to the nation, Jehovah; You have added to the nation, You are glorified; You have extended all the ends of the land. ¹⁶Jehovah, they visited You in distress; they poured out a whisper; Your chastening *was* to them. ¹⁷As a pregnant woman draws near to bear, she writhes and cries out in her pangs. So are we before You, Jehovah. ¹⁸We conceived; we writhe; as it were, we gave birth to wind. We have not worked salvation *for* the earth; and the world's inhabitants have not fallen. ¹⁹Your dead ones shall live, my dead body; they shall rise up. Awake and sing, dust-dwellers; for the dew of lights *is* your dew; and the earth shall cast out departed spirits. ²⁰Come, My people, go in your rooms and shut your doors behind you. Hide *for* a little moment, until the fury passes. ²¹For, behold, Jehovah comes out of His place to visit his iniquity on the dweller of the earth. The earth shall also

reveal her blood, and shall no more cover over her slain ones.

CHAPTER 27

¹In that day Jehovah shall visit the sea-monster, the darting serpent, with His great and fierce and strong sword; even on the sea-monster, the twisting serpent; and He shall slay the monster that is in the sea. ²In that day sing to her, A vineyard of desire; ³I, Jehovah, keep it; I will water it *every* moment, that no one punish it; I will guard it night and day. ⁴Fury is not in Me. Who will give Me briars *and* thorns in the battle? I will step through it; I would burn it at once. ⁵Or will he lay hold of My strength that he may make peace with Me? Let him make peace with Me. ⁶Those who come to Jacob, He shall make take root. Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world *with* fruit. ⁷As the striking of His striker, did He strike him? Or as the slaying of His slain, is he slain? ⁸You will contend with her by driving her away, by sending her away. He shall take away by His harsh wind, in the day of the east wind. ⁹By this, then, the iniquity of Jacob will be covered, and this *is* all the fruit, to take away his sin; when he makes all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in pieces; Asherim and sun-pillars shall not rise. ¹⁰For the fortified city *shall be* lonely, a forsaken pasture, and left like a wilderness. The calf shall feed there, and he shall lie there, and eat up its branches. ¹¹When its boughs dry up, they are broken off. Women shall come and burn them, for it *is* a people with no understanding. On account of this His Maker shall not pity him, and His Former will not favor him. ¹²And it shall be in that day, Jehovah shall thresh from the channel of the River to the torrent of Egypt; and you shall be gathered one *by* one, sons of Israel. ¹³And it shall be in that day, the great ram's horn shall be blown; and those perishing in the land of Assyria and the outcasts in the land of Egypt shall come, and shall worship Jehovah in the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

¹Woe *to* the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower on the head of the fat valley of those who are overcome with wine! ²Behold, the Lord *is* a mighty and strong one; like a hailstorm, a destroying storm; like a flood of mighty waters overflowing; He sets down to the earth *by* hand. ³The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trampled down. ⁴And the glorious beauty which is on the head of the fat valley shall be a fading flower, like the first ripe fig before summer which the seeing one sees; while it *is* yet in his hand, he swallows it. ⁵In that day Jehovah of hosts shall become a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the rest of His people; ⁶and a spirit of justice to him who sits on the judgment *seat*; and for might to those turning back the battle toward the gate. ⁷But they also have gone astray by wine, and have erred through fermented drink; priest and prophet have erred through fermented drink; they have been swallowed by wine; they strayed from fermented drink; they err in seeing; they stumble in judgment; ⁸for all tables are full of vomit *and* filth, without a *clean* place.

⁹Whom shall He teach knowledge? And *to* whom shall He explain the message? Those weaned from milk, those moving from breasts? ¹⁰For precept *must be* on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little. ¹¹For with stammering lip and another tongue, He will speak to this people; ¹²to whom He said, *This is* the rest; cause the weary to rest. Also, *This is* the repose. But they willed not to hear. ¹³Yet the word of Jehovah was to them, precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they might go, and stumble, and be broken, and snared, and taken. ¹⁴So hear the word of Jehovah, scornful men, rulers of this people in Jerusalem. ¹⁵Because you have said, We have cut a covenant with death; and, We have made a vision with Sheol—when the overwhelming rod passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made the lie our refuge, and we have hidden in falsehood. ¹⁶So, the Lord

Jehovah says this: Behold, I place in Zion a Stone for a foundation, a tried Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a sure Foundation; he who believes shall not make haste. ¹⁷And I will lay justice for a line, and righteousness for a plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of the lie; and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. ¹⁸And your covenant with death shall be covered; and your vision with Sheol shall not rise up. When the overwhelming whip passes through, then you shall be for a trampling to it. ¹⁹As often as it passes, it shall take you; for morning by morning it shall pass; and by day and by night, it shall only be a terror to understand the message. ²⁰For the bed is shorter than one can stretch himself on; and the cover is narrower than one can wrap himself in. ²¹For Jehovah shall rise up, as at Mount Perazim; He shall be stirred as in the Gibeon Valley; to do His work, His strange work; and to perform His task, His foreign task. ²²So, then, do not be mockers, that your bonds not be made strong. For I have heard from the Lord Jehovah of hosts that a full end is decreed on all the earth.

²³Listen and hear My voice; pay attention and hear My word: ²⁴Does the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he open and break the clods of his ground? ²⁵When he has leveled its surface, does he not strew black cummin, and scatter cummin, and place wheat in rows, and barley *in its place*, and spelt *in its border*? ²⁶And He instructs him for the right; his God teaches him. ²⁷For black cummin is not threshed with the sledge; nor is a cart-wheel turned on cummin. But black cummin is beaten out with the staff, and cummin with the rod. ²⁸Bread is crushed, but not always does one thresh it *with* threshing; and he drives the wheel of his cart; and his horses do not beat it small. ²⁹This also comes from Jehovah of hosts, doing wonders in counsel, making sound wisdom great.

CHAPTER 29

¹Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David camped. Add year on year; let

feasts run their circle. ²Then I will compress Ariel, and there shall be mourning and sorrow; and it shall be to Me as Ariel. ³And I will camp as a circle on you, and will lay siege-work on you; and I will raise up ramparts on you. ⁴And you shall be brought low; you shall speak from the ground; and your speech shall be bowed down; and your voice shall be from the ground, like a spiritist; and your speech shall chirp out of the dust. ⁵And the host of your strangers shall be as fine powder, and as chaff passing, the host of terrifying ones; and it will be suddenly, instantly; ⁶you shall be visited from Jehovah of hosts; with thunder and earthquake, and great noise, tempest and storm, and flame of devouring fire. ⁷And the multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel, even all battling her and compressing her and her stronghold, shall be like a dream of a night vision. ⁸It shall even be as when a hungry one dreams; and, behold, he is eating; but when he awakes, his soul is empty. *Or it shall be* as when a thirsty one dreams; and, behold, he is drinking; but when he awakes, he is faint, and his soul is longing. So shall be the multitude of all the nations who fight against Mount Zion.

⁹Wait and wonder! Blind yourselves, and be blind! They are drunk, but not *with* wine! They stagger, but not *with* fermented drink! ¹⁰for Jehovah has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes. He has covered the prophets and your heads, the seers. ¹¹And the whole vision to you *is* like the words of a sealed book which they give to one knowing books, saying, Please read this. Then he says, I am not able, for it is sealed. ¹²And the book is given to one who does not know books, saying, Please read this. Then he says, I do not know books. ¹³And the Lord says, Because this people draws near with its mouth, and they honor Me with its lips; but its heart *is* far from Me; and their fear of Me *is* taught by the command of men; ¹⁴so, behold, I am adding to do the wonders with this people; the wonder, even a wonder. For the wisdom of his wise ones shall perish, and the wit of his witty ones shall be hidden. ¹⁵Woe to those who go deep to

hide *their* purpose from Jehovah; yea, their works are in the dark; and they say, Who sees us? And, Who knows us? ¹⁶O your perversity! Shall the former be counted as the clay? For shall the work of its maker say, He did not make me? Or shall the thing formed say to him who formed it, He does not understand? ¹⁷Is it not yet a little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field; and the fruitful field shall be counted for the forest?

¹⁸And in that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; and the eyes of the blind shall see out of their gloom and out of darkness. ¹⁹And the humble ones shall increase joy in Jehovah, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰For the terrible one is brought to nothing; and the scorner is ended; and all that watch for evil are cut off; ²¹those who make a man sin by a word, even laying a trap for the reprovcr in the gate; and turn aside the just for a worthless thing. ²²So Jehovah says this: *He* who redeemed Abraham, as to the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not be ashamed now, nor shall his face become pale now. ²³But when he sees his children in his midst, the work of My hands, they shall sanctify My name. They shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. ²⁴Those who erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and those who murmured shall learn the teaching.

CHAPTER 30

¹Woe to rebellious sons, declares Jehovah, to make counsel, but not from Me; and to weave a covering web, but not of My Spirit, in order to add sin on sin; ²who set out to go down to Egypt, but have not asked at My mouth, to take refuge in the stronghold of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt. ³And the stronghold of Pharaoh shall become a shame to you; and relying on the shadow of Egypt shall be a disgrace. ⁴For his rulers were in Zoan, and his ambassadors reached to Hanes. ⁵Every one is ashamed over a people who do not profit them; *they are* not for a help, and not for profiting, but for a shame; yea, also for a reproach.

⁶The burden of the beasts of the south: Into the land of trouble and constraint. The lioness and the lion *are* from them; the viper and fiery flying serpent — they carry their riches on the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to a people who cannot profit *them*. ⁷And Egypt; vainly and emptily they help. So I have called to this: Their strength *is* to sit still.

⁸Now come, write it before them on a tablet, and note it on a book, so that it may be for the latter day, until forever; ⁹that this is a rebellious people, lying sons; sons who are not willing to hear the law of Jehovah; ¹⁰who say to the seers, Do not see; and to visioners, Do not have a vision for right things to us; speak smooth things to us; have a vision of trifles. ¹¹Turn aside from the way; stretch from the path; cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. ¹²For this reason, so says the Holy One of Israel, Because of your rejection of this word, and your trust in oppression and perversity, even resting on it; ¹³so this iniquity shall be to you as a broken *section* falling, like the bulging out of a high wall, the breaking of which comes suddenly, in an instant. ¹⁴And its smashing *is* as the smashing of a potter's vessel; *when* broken in pieces, he has no pity; for in its breaking there is not found a sherd to carry fire from the hearth, nor to skim water from a well. ¹⁵For so says the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest you shall be saved; and in quietness and hope shall be your strength. But you were not willing. ¹⁶For you said, No! For we will flee on horseback. On account of this you shall flee. Also, *you say*, We will ride on swift ones. On account of this, those who pursue you shall be swift. ¹⁷One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one. You shall flee from the rebuke of five, until you are left like a pole on the top of the mountain, and like a sign on a hill.

¹⁸And so Jehovah waits to be gracious to you. And for this He is exalted to have mercy on you; for Jehovah *is* a God of justice. Blessed *are* all who wait for Him. ¹⁹For the people shall live in Zion, at Jerusalem; you shall surely cry no more.

He surely will be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. When He hears, He will answer you. ²⁰And the Lord gives you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction; but your teachers shall not be hidden any more; but your eyes shall be to see your teachers. ²¹And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, this is the way, walk in it, when you go right, or when you go left. ²²And you shall defile the covering of your carved images of silver, and the covering of your molten images of gold. You shall cast them out like a menstruous cloth; you shall say to it, Go away! ²³Then He shall give rain for your seed, with which you sow the ground. And the bread of the produce of the earth also shall be fat and plentiful. In that day your livestock shall feed in a pasture made wide. ²⁴Also, the oxen and the young asses that till the ground shall eat seasoned fodder which one winnows with the shovel and with the fork. ²⁵And on every high mountain, and on every high hill, shall be rivulets lifted up, streams of water, in a day of great slaying, when towers fall. ²⁶And the moonlight shall be like the light of the sun. And the sun's light shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day of binding up, Jehovah *binding* the break of His people, and healing the wound of His blow. ²⁷Behold, the name of Jehovah comes from afar; His anger burns; and *that which* rises heavy; His lips are full of fury, and His tongue like a devouring fire. ²⁸And like an overflowing torrent, His breath shall divide to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity, and a misleading bridle on the jaws of the peoples. ²⁹The song shall be to you, as the night when the feast is sanctified, and gladness of heart, as one going with the flute, to come into the mount of Jehovah, to the Rock of Israel. ³⁰And Jehovah shall make the majesty of His voice heard; and He shows the His arm coming down with raging anger and flame of consuming fire, cloud-burst and storm, and hailstones. ³¹For through the voice of Jehovah Assyria shall be crushed, the rod with which He strikes. ³²And every passage of the appointed staff that Jehovah causes to rest on him will be with timbrels and with

harp. And in brandishing battles, He fights with her. ³³For Topheth is ordained from from yesterday. Also, it is prepared for the king; He deepened; He widened its pyre; *He* makes great *with* fire and wood. The breath of Jehovah burns in it like a torrent of brimstone.

CHAPTER 31

¹Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help; and lean on horses, and trust on chariotry, because *it is* great; and in horsemen because they are very strong! But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek Jehovah. ²And He also *is* wise, and brings evil, and will not turn aside His words, but will rise against the house of evildoers, and against the help of those who work iniquity. ³And Egypt *is* a man, and not God. And their horses *are* flesh, and not spirit. And Jehovah stretches out His hand, and both he who helps shall fall, and he who is helped shall fall; and they shall all cease together. ⁴For so Jehovah has said to me: As the lion roars, even the young lion on his prey when the multitude of shepherds are gathered against him, he will not fear their voice, nor fret himself because of their noise. So Jehovah of hosts shall come down to fight on Mount Zion, and on its hill. ⁵As birds that fly, so Jehovah of hosts will shield over Jerusalem, shielding and delivering, and passing over, He will save *it*.

⁶Turn back to *Him against* whom you have made a deep revolt, sons of Israel. ⁷For in that day each shall despise his silver idols and his golden idols, which your hands have made for you — a sin. ⁸Then Assyria shall fall by a sword, not *of* man; yea, a sword, not *of* man, shall devour him. For he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become forced labor. ⁹And his rock will pass away from fear; and his commanders shall tremble at the banner, declares Jehovah, whose fire is in Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 32

¹Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. ²And a man shall be as a hiding-place from

the wind; as a shelter from the tempest; as streams of water in a dry place; like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. ³And the eyes of those that see shall not be dim, and the ears of those who hear shall listen. ⁴And the heart of the rash shall discern knowledge; and the tongue of those that stutter shall hurry to speak clear things. ⁵The fool shall no more be called noble, and a miser will not be said *to be* generous. ⁶For the fool will speak foolishness, and his heart will work iniquity, to do ungodliness; and *he* will utter error against Jehovah, to make the hungry soul empty; and he causes drink to fail the thirsty. ⁷And the weapons of the miser *are* evil; he devises wicked plots to destroy the poor with lying words, even the needy when he speaks right. ⁸But the noble one devises noble things; and he shall rise by noble things.

⁹O women who are at ease, rise up. Hear my voice; confident daughters, listen to my word. ¹⁰You will shake for days on a year, confident women; for the vintage fails; the harvest shall not come. ¹¹Tremble, women at ease; shake, confident women; strip and make yourselves bare, and bind on *sackcloth* on *your* loins; ¹²be wailing over breasts, over pleasant fields, over the fruitful vine. ¹³Thorns *and* briars shall spring up on the land of My people; even over all the houses of joy in the jubilant city, ¹⁴because the palace is forsaken; the crowd of the city is forsaken; mound and tower are instead caves, until forever; a joy of wild asses; pasture for flocks; ¹⁵until is poured out on us the Spirit from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field; and the fruitful field is reckoned as a forest. ¹⁶Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness shall dwell in the fruitful field. ¹⁷And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the service of righteousness shall be quietness and hope forever. ¹⁸And My people shall live in a peaceful home, and in safe dwellings, and in secure resting places. ¹⁹Though it hails when the forest *is* felled, and the city is laid low, ²⁰blessed *are* you who sow beside all waters, who send out the foot of the ox and the ass.

CHAPTER 33

¹Woe *to* the destroyer, and you not being destroyed; and *to* the betrayer, though they did not betray you! When you finish destroying, you will be destroyed; when you stop betraying, they will betray you. ²O Jehovah, be gracious to us. We have hoped in You; be their arm in the mornings, our salvation also in time of distress. ³At the sound of the tumult, the peoples fled; at Your exaltation, nations scattered. ⁴And Your prey shall be gathered *as* the stripping locust gathers; as locusts run to and fro, he also runs about on it. ⁵Jehovah is exalted; for *He* lives on high; He has filled Zion *with* justice and righteousness. ⁶And He will be the security of your times, strength of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of Jehovah *is* His treasure. ⁷Behold, their heroes cry outside; the envoys of peace shall weep bitterly. ⁸The highways are deserted; the path-crosser ceases. He has broken the covenant; he has rejected cities; he has not respected man. ⁹The land mourns *and* droops; Lebanon is ashamed; Sharon withers like a wilderness; Bashan is shaken out; also Carmel. ¹⁰Now I will rise up, says Jehovah. Now I will be exalted; now I will be lifted up. ¹¹You shall conceive chaff; you shall bear stubble; your fiery breath shall devour you. ¹²And peoples shall be *as* burnings of lime; *as* thorns cut away, they shall be burned in fire. ¹³Distant ones, hear what I have done; and you near ones, know My might. ¹⁴The sinners of Zion are afraid; terror has seized profane ones; who of us shall tarry *with* consuming fire? Who of us shall tarry with everlasting burnings? ¹⁵He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly; he who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands free from taking the bribe, who stops his ear from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from looking at evil— ¹⁶he shall live *on* high; strongholds of rocks *will be* his retreat; his bread shall be given; his waters are faithful. ¹⁷Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall see a land that is very far off. ¹⁸Your heart shall ponder terror: Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the weigher? Where *is* he who counted the towers? ¹⁹You shall not

see the fierce people, from hearing a people of a difficult lip, *of a foreign tongue that none understands.* ²⁰Behold, Zion, the city of our appointed meetings! Your eyes shall see Jerusalem, a quiet home, a tent *that shall not be moved*; its stakes shall not be pulled up forever, nor shall any of its cords be pulled off. ²¹But majestic Jehovah *will place* there for us a place of rivers *and* streams, broad on both hands; a ship with oars shall not go in it, and a majestic boat shall not pass through it. ²²For Jehovah *is* our judge; Jehovah *is* our lawgiver; Jehovah *is* our king; He will save us. ²³Your ropes are loosened; they do not hold the base of their mast; they could not spread the sail. Then the prey of much plunder shall be divided; the lame shall seize on the spoil. ²⁴And an inhabitant, the people who live in it, shall not say, I am sick; iniquity is taken away.

CHAPTER 34

¹Nations, come near to hear; and peoples, listen! Let the earth hear, and its fullness, the world and all its offspring. ²For the wrath of Jehovah *is* on all the nations, and fury on all their army; He has devoted them; He gave them to slaughter. ³And their slain shall be thrown out; and the stench from their carcasses shall rise; and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. ⁴And all the host of the heavens shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together like a scroll; then all their host shall droop, as a leaf drooping from the vine, and as the drooping from a fig-tree. ⁵For My sword is drenched in the heavens. Behold, it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment. ⁶A sword *is* to Jehovah; it is filled *with* blood; it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For Jehovah *has* a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. ⁷And wild oxen shall come down with them, and bullocks with strong *bulls*; and their land is drenched with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. ⁸For the day of vengeance *is* to Jehovah, the year of repayments for Zion's cause. ⁹And its torrents shall be turned to pitch, and its

dust to brimstone; and its land shall become burning pitch. ¹⁰It shall not be put out night or day; its smoke shall rise forever. From generation to generation, it shall lie waste; no one shall pass through it forever *and* forever. ¹¹But the owl and the hedgehog shall possess it; and the eared owl and the raven shall live in it. And He shall stretch out on it the line of shame, and the stones of emptiness. ¹²They shall call its nobles *to* a kingdom, but none *shall be* there; and all her rulers shall be nothing. ¹³And thorns shall grow in her palaces, nettles and thistles in its fortresses; and it shall be a home for jackals, a court for daughters of ostriches. ¹⁴The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the howling beasts; and the shaggy goat shall cry to his fellow. The screech owl shall also settle there, and find a place of rest for herself. ¹⁵The snake shall nest there, and shall lay, and hatch, and shall gather in her shadow. Vultures shall also be gathered together, each with its mate.

¹⁶Search and read from the book of Jehovah — not one of these misses, each not lacking her mate; for He has commanded my mouth, and *by* His Spirit He has assembled them. ¹⁷And He has made fall a lot for them, and His hand divided it to them by line. They shall possess it till forever, from generation to generation they shall live in it.

CHAPTER 35

¹The wilderness and dry land shall rejoice for them; and the desert shall exult and bloom like the crocus. ²Blooming, it shall bloom and exult, even *with* joy and singing. Lebanon's glory shall be given to it, the honor of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of Jehovah, the majesty of our God. ³Make the weak hands strong, and firm up the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those of a hasty heart, Be strong! Do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; with the full dealing of God, He will come and save you. ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf opened. ⁶Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. For waters shall break

out in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. ⁷And the mirage shall become a pool, and the thirsty land shall become springs of waters, in the home of jackals, in its lair, and a place for the reed and rush.

⁸And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The Way of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it. And it *is* for them, the wayfaring one; yea, fools shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there; and no violent beast shall go up on it; it shall not be found there. But redeemed ones shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of Jehovah shall return and enter Zion, with singing and everlasting joy on their head; gladness and joy shall reach *them*; and sorrow and sighing shall flee.

CHAPTER 36

¹And it happened in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them. ²And the king of Assyria sent the chief of the cupbearers from Lachish to Jerusalem, to king Hezekiah, with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool, in the highway of the Fuller's Field. ³And Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Asaph's son Joah, the recorder, came out to him. ⁴And the chief of the cupbearers said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, The great king says this, the king of Assyria, What trust *is* this in which you trust? ⁵I say, *Are* only words of the lips counsel and strength for war? Now, in whom have you trusted that you rebelled against me? ⁶Behold, you trust on the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt—which *if* a man leans on it, it goes into his palm and pierces it—so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. ⁷But if you say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God; is it not He whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed? And He said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar. ⁸Now, then, exchange pledges with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able to set riders on them. ⁹How then will you turn away the face of one commander of the least of my

master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariotry and horsemen?

¹⁰And now have I come up against this land to destroy it without Jehovah? Jehovah said to me, Go up to this land and destroy it. ¹¹And Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to the chief of the cupbearers, Please speak to your servants *in* Aramaic, for we hear. But do not speak to us *in* Judean, in the ears of the people on the wall. ¹²But the chief of the cupbearers said, Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Is it not on the men who sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink the water of their feet with you? ¹³And the chief of the cupbearers stood and cried with a loud voice *in* Judean, and said, Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. ¹⁴So says the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to save you. ¹⁵And let not Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, saying, Jehovah will surely save us; this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹⁶Do not listen to Hezekiah. For the king of Assyria says this, Make peace with me and come out to me. Then let each eat *of* his own vine, and each of his own fig-tree, and each drink the waters *of* his own well, ¹⁷until I come and take you to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸Let not Hezekiah persuade you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. Have the gods of the nations delivered a man of his land from the king of Assyria's hand? ¹⁹Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? And when have they delivered out of my hand? ²⁰Who among all the gods of these lands has delivered their land out of my hand, that Jehovah should keep Jerusalem out of my hand?

²¹But they were silent, and did not answer him a word; for this was the king's order, saying, Do not answer him. ²²And Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Asaph's son Joah, the recorder, came to Hezekiah *with their* garments torn. And *they* reported to him the words of the chief of cupbearers.

CHAPTER 37

¹And it happened when king Hezekiah heard, he tore his garments and was covered with sackcloth. And he went into the house of Jehovah. ²And he sent Eliakim, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. ³And they said to him, So says Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and reproach, and contempt. For sons have come to the breach, and there is no strength to give birth. ⁴It may be Jehovah your God will hear the words of the chief of the cupbearers, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and rebuke against the words which Jehovah your God has heard. And you shall lift up prayer for the remnant that is found.

⁵So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. ⁶And Isaiah said to them, You shall say this to your master, So says Jehovah: Do not fear the words which you have heard, with which the followers of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. ⁷Behold, I will send a spirit into him, and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land. And I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

⁸So the chief of the cupbearers returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had set out from Lachish. ⁹And he heard about Tirhakah the king of Ethiopia, saying, He has come out to fight with you. And he heard and sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, ¹⁰So you shall say to Hezekiah, king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the king of Assyria's hand.

¹¹Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, to destroy them utterly. And shall you be saved?

¹²Have the gods of the nations saved those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the sons of Eden in Telassar? ¹³Where is Hamath's king, and Arpad's king, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

¹⁴And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the couriers, and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to the house of Jehovah

and spread it before Jehovah. ¹⁵And Hezekiah prayed to Jehovah, saying, ¹⁶O Jehovah of hosts, God of Israel, who dwells *between* the cherubs, You are He, God, You alone to all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heavens and the earth. ¹⁷Bow down Your ear, O Jehovah, and hear. Open Your eye, O Jehovah, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib which he has sent, to reproach the living God. ¹⁸Truly, O Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have crushed all the lands, and their land, ¹⁹and have given their gods into the fire—for they were not gods, only the work of men's hands, wood and stone; so they have destroyed them. ²⁰And now, O Jehovah our God, save us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are Jehovah, You alone.

²¹And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, So says Jehovah, God of Israel, Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib the king of Assyria, ²²this is the word Jehovah has spoken about him: The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you, laughing you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken the head behind you. ²³Whom have you mocked and reviled? And against whom have you lifted your voice, and lifted your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel! ²⁴By your servants, you have mocked the Lord, and said, By my many chariots I have come up to the tops of mountains, the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down its tall cedars, its choice fir trees; and I will go to its greatest height, the forest of its fruitful field. ²⁵I have dug and drunk water; and I have dried up the streams of Egypt with the sole of my feet.

²⁶Have you not heard it from afar? I made it from days of old, even I formed it. Now I have caused it to come, and you are to cause to crash fortified cities *into* heaps, ruins. ²⁷And their inhabitants were short of hand, dismayed and ashamed. They were as the field grass and the green herbs; *like* the grass of the housetops, even blasted before it has risen. ²⁸But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your raging against Me. ²⁹Because of your raging against Me, and your arrogance has come up to

My ears; and I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips; and I will turn you back by the way you came in.

³⁰And this *shall be* the sign to you: You shall eat self-sown grain *this* year; and the second year, that which springs up; and in the third year you shall sow and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. ³¹The remnant of the house of Judah that has escaped shall again take root downward, and it makes fruit upward. ³²For a remnant shall go out of Jerusalem, and the escaped ones out of Mount Zion; the zeal of Jehovah of hosts shall do this. ³³So Jehovah says this to the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it *with* a shield, nor pour out a siege-mound on it. ³⁴He shall return by the same way that he came in, and he shall not come into this city, says Jehovah. ³⁵For I will defend over this city to save it, for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.

³⁶Then the Angel of Jehovah went out and struck a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of Assyria. And they rose early in the morning; and, behold! They *were* all dead corpses. ³⁷And Sennacherib, king of Assyria, set out, and went and returned; and he lived at Nineveh. ³⁸And it happened *as* he was worshipping *in* the house of his god Nisroch, even his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him with the sword. And they escaped *into* the land of Ararat. And his son Esarhaddon reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 38

¹In those days Hezekiah was sick to death. And Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him and said to him, So says Jehovah, Command your house, for you are dying, and shall not live. ²And Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Jehovah, ³and said, O Jehovah, I beg You to remember now that I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart; and I have done *that which is* good in Your eyes. And Hezekiah wept *with* a great weeping. ⁴Then the word of Jehovah was to Isaiah, saying, ⁵Go and say to Hezekiah, So says Jehovah the God of your father David, I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Be-

hold, I will add fifteen years to your days. ⁶And I will deliver you and this city out of the king of Assyria's hand. And I will shield over this city. ⁷So this *shall be* the sign to you from Jehovah, that Jehovah shall do this thing that He has spoken: ⁸Behold, I will bring back the shadow of the steps which has gone down in the steps of Ahaz with the sun, backward ten steps. So the sun went back up ten steps, by which steps it had gone down!

⁹The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and had recovered from his illness: ¹⁰I said in the pause of my days, I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the rest of my years. ¹¹I said, I shall not see Jah Jehovah in the land of the living; I shall no longer look on man with the world's inhabitants. ¹²My generation is plucked up and carried away from me, like a shepherd's tent; I have cut off my life like the weaver. He will cut me off from the loom; from day to night You will make an end of me. ¹³I leveled *my soul* until morning. Like a lion, so He shatters all my bones. From day until night You make an end of me. ¹⁴Like a swift *or* a crane, so I chatter. I moan as the dove; my eyes look weakly to the heights, O Jehovah; it presses me down; be surety for me! ¹⁵What shall I say? For He speaks to me, and He has acted. I shall go softly all my years over the bitterness of my soul. ¹⁶O Lord, on them they live, and for all in them *is* the life of my spirit. And You heal me, and make me live. ¹⁷Behold, for peace *was* bitter to me, *most* bitter; but You loved my soul from the pit of destruction; You have cast all my sins behind Your back. ¹⁸For Sheol cannot thank You; death *cannot* praise You; the ones going down to the Pit cannot hope for Your truth. ¹⁹The living, the living *is* the one thanking You; as I *do* today. The father makes known Your truth to *his* sons. ²⁰For Jehovah *is* for my salvation; and we will play my songs on stringed instruments all the days of our life, at the house of Jehovah.

²¹For Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs and rub it on the ulcer, and he will live. ²²And Hezekiah said, What *is* the sign that I will go up to the house of Jehovah?

CHAPTER 39

¹At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah—for he had heard that he was ill, and was made strong. ²And Hezekiah was glad because of them and let them see the house of his treasure, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the good oil, and all his weapons, and all that was found in his treasures — there was nothing in his house or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not make them see. ³And Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, What did these men say? And from where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a distant land to me, from Babylon. ⁴Then he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah said, They have seen all that *is* in my house; there is not a thing among my treasures that I have not made them see. ⁵And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of Jehovah of hosts: ⁶Behold, days come when all that *is* in your house, even what your fathers have treasured up until now, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says Jehovah. ⁷And they shall take of your sons who shall issue from you, which you shall father; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. ⁸Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, The word of Jehovah that you have said *is* good. And he said, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAPTER 40

¹Comfort, O comfort My people, says your God. ²Speak lovingly to the heart of Jerusalem — yea, cry to her that her warfare is done, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has taken from the hand of Jehovah double for all her sins. ³The voice of him who cries in the wilderness: Prepare the way of Jehovah; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the knoll shall be a level place, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together, for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken. ⁶A voice said, Cry!

And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all its grace as the flower of the field! ⁷The grass withers; the flower fades; because the Spirit of Jehovah blows on it. Surely the people *is* grass. ⁸The grass withers; the flower fades; but the word of our God shall rise forever. ⁹You who bring good news to Zion, go up for yourself on the high mountain, bringer of good news to Zion. Lift up your voice with strength, bringer of good news to Jerusalem. Lift up; do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, Behold! Your God! ¹⁰Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come with strength, and His arm rules for Him. Behold, His reward *is* with Him, and His wage before Him. ¹¹He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather lambs with His arm; and in His bosom carry *them*; those with young He will lead. ¹²Who has measured in His palm the waters and the heavens by a span meted out; and enclosed in the measure the dust of the earth, and weighed in the balance the mountains, and the hills in the scales? ¹³Who has meted out the Spirit of Jehovah, or a man His counsel taught Him? ¹⁴With whom did He take counsel, and who trained Him and taught Him in the path of justice; and taught Him knowledge, and made known to Him the way of discernment? ¹⁵Lo, nations *are* as a drop from a bucket, and are reckoned as dust of the scales. Lo, He takes up coasts as a little thing. ¹⁶And Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering. ¹⁷All the nations *are* as nothing before Him; to Him they are reckoned less than nothing and emptiness.

¹⁸And to whom will you liken God? Or what likeness will you array to Him? ¹⁹The craftsman pours out the carved image, the smelter spreads it with gold; and he casts the chains of silver. ²⁰He *too* poor for *that* offering chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks a skilled artisan for him, to prepare a carved image that will not be shaken. ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Was it not told to you from the beginning? Did you not discern *from* the foundations of the earth? ²²He who sits on the circle of the earth, even its dwellers *are* like grasshoppers; He who stretches the heavens like a curtain, and

spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who gives potentates into nothing—He makes judges of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Yes, they shall not be planted; yes, they are not sown; yes, their stem *is* not taking root in the earth. And He shall also blow on them, and they shall wither, and the tempest shall take them away like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare Me, or *am* I equaled, says the Holy One?

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and look: Who has created these? Who brings out their host by number? By greatness of vigor, and might of power, He calls them all by names — not one is lacking. ²⁷Why will you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel; My way is hidden from Jehovah, and my judgment is passed over by my God?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? Jehovah, the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth; He is not faint, nor does *He* grow weary; there is no searching to His understanding. ²⁹*He* gives power to the faint, and to him with no vigor *He* increases might. ³⁰Even youths are faint and fatigued; and young men surely shall stumble; but the ones waiting for Jehovah shall renew power; they shall go up *with* wings as the eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint!

CHAPTER 41

¹Be quiet before Me, O coasts; and let peoples renew their power. They come near; then they speak: Let us draw near together for judgment. ²Who raised up the righteous one from the east? He called him to His foot; He gives nations before him, and subdues kings; He gives *them* as dust *to* his sword, as driven stubble *to* his bow; ³He pursues them; he passes on in peace; he does not go *by* the way with his feet. ⁴Who has planned and done *it*, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I Jehovah *am* the first and the last; I *am* He. ⁵The coasts have seen and fear; the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near; yea, they come. ⁶Each man helps his neighbor, and says to his brother, Be strong. ⁷So the carver strengthens the refiner; and he smoothing *with* the hammer, him who struck the anvil, saying of the soldering, It *is* good.

And he made it strong with nails—it will not totter.

⁸But you Israel *are* My servant; Jacob whom I have chosen; the seed of My friend Abraham; ⁹whom I have made strong from the ends of the earth, and called you from its sides; and I said to you, You *are* My servant. I chose you, and have not rejected you. ¹⁰Do not fear, for I am with you; do not gaze about, for I *am* your God; I will make you strong; yea, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.

¹¹Behold, all who were provoked with you shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and they who fight with you shall perish. ¹²You shall seek them and shall not find them; men of your strife shall be as nothing, even men of your battle as ceasing. ¹³For I, Jehovah your God *am* strengthening your right hand; who says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. ¹⁴Fear not, worm of Jacob, men of Israel; I will help you; states Jehovah, and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵Behold! I have made you a new sharp threshing instrument, a master of mouths; you shall thresh mountains and beat them small, and shall make hills like the chaff. ¹⁶You shall fan them, and the wind will carry them away; and the tempest will scatter them. And you shall rejoice in Jehovah; you shall glory in the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁷The poor and the needy seek water, and there is none; their tongue is parched for thirst — I, Jehovah will hear them; the God of Israel will not leave them. ¹⁸I will open rivers in bare places, and fountains in the midst of valleys; I will make the desert for a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. ¹⁹I will plant cedar in the wilderness, acacia, and myrtle, and the oil-tree; I will set fir, pine and boxwood together in the desert; ²⁰so that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Jehovah has done this; and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

²¹Bring your cause, says Jehovah; let your strong *reasons* come near, says the King of Jacob. ²²Let them draw near and tell us what shall happen; the former things, let them reveal what they *are*, that

we may set our heart and know their end; or declare to us the coming things. ²³Reveal the coming things hereafter, so that we may know that you *are* gods. Yea, do good, or do evil, that we may gaze and see together. ²⁴Behold, you *are* of nothing; and your work of nothing; he who chooses you *is* an abomination. ²⁵I have raised up *one* from the north; and he shall come from the east; he will call on My name. And he shall come *upon* rulers as *on* mortar, and as a potter tramples clay. ²⁶Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know; and beforetime, that we may say, He is right? Yea, no one declares; yea, no one proclaims; yea, there is no one who hears your words. ²⁷At first to Zion, *I say*, Behold! Behold them! And I will give to Jerusalem one bearing tidings. ²⁸But I saw, and there was not a man; and of these, there was not a counselor, that I may ask them, and they could answer a word. ²⁹Behold, they *are* all evil; their works *are* nothing; their images *are* wind and vanity.

CHAPTER 42

¹Behold My Servant; I will uphold Him; My Elect *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit on Him; He shall bring forth justice to the nations. ²He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³A bruised reed He shall not break, and a smoking wick He shall not quench; He shall bring forth justice to truth. ⁴He shall not fail nor be crushed until He has set justice in the earth; and the coasts shall wait for His law. ⁵So says Jehovah God, creating the heavens and stretching them out; spreading out the earth and its offspring, giving breath to the people on it, and spirit to those walking in it. ⁶I, Jehovah, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand, and will keep You, and give You for a covenant of the people, for a Light of the nations; ⁷to open blind eyes, to deliver the prisoner from the prison. ⁸*I am* Jehovah; that is My name; and I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to engraved images. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and I declare new things —

before they happen, I cause you to hear.

¹⁰Sing a new song to Jehovah; His praise from the end of the earth, you who go to sea, and all that is in it; the coasts and their people. ¹¹Let the wilderness and its cities lift up, the villages where Kedar lives. Let the dwellers of the rock sing; let them shout from the top of the mountains. ¹²They give glory to Jehovah and declare His praise in the islands. ¹³Jehovah shall go out as a giant; and He shall stir up His zeal like a warrior; He shall cry, yea, roar on His enemies; He shall act mightily. ¹⁴I have forever kept silence; I have been quiet and refrained Myself; I will groan like a woman in travail; I will pant and gasp at once. ¹⁵I will make mountains and hills become a waste, and dry up all their plants. And I will make the rivers coastlands, and I will dry up pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind by a way they knew not; I will lead them in paths they never knew; I will make darkness into light before them, and crooked places a level place—I do these things to them and do not forsake them; ¹⁷they are turned back; they are ashamed *with* shame, those trusting in the carved image, who say to cast images, You *are* our gods. ¹⁸O deaf ones, hear! And O blind ones, look to see! ¹⁹Who is blind but My servant? Or deaf, as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is at peace, and blind as Jehovah's servant? ²⁰You see many things, but do not observe; *your ears are* open, but not any hears. ²¹Jehovah is delighted for His righteousness' sake; He will magnify the Law and make *it* honorable.

²²But *it is* a people robbed and spoiled; they shall all be snared in holes; they were hidden in prison-houses. They were for spoil, and no one delivers; a prey, and no one says, Return! ²³Who among you will hear this, will listen and hear for the time to come? ²⁴Who gave Jacob to the plunderer, and Israel to the robbers? Did not Jehovah, He against whom we have sinned? For they willed not to walk in His ways, and they did not obey His law. ²⁵And He poured on him the fury of His anger, and the strength of battle; and it has set him on fire all around, yet he did not know; and it burned him, yet he did not lay *it* on *his* heart.

CHAPTER 43

¹But now so says Jehovah who formed you, O Jacob; and He who made you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I called you by your name; you *are* Mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk in the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame kindle on you. ³For I *am* Jehovah your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt *for* your atonement; Ethiopia and Seba instead of you. ⁴Since you were precious in My eyes, you are honored, and I love you; and I give men instead of you; and peoples instead of your soul. ⁵Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your seed from the sunrise; and I will gather you from the sunset. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up! And to the south, Do not hold back! Bring My sons from afar, and bring My daughters from the ends of the earth; ⁷every-one who is called by My name, and I have created him for My glory; I have formed him; yea, *I have made him*.

⁸Bring out the blind people, yet there are eyes; and the deaf, yet there *are* ears to him. ⁹Let all the nations be assembled, and let the peoples be gathered. Who among them can declare this and cause us to hear former things? Let them give their witnesses, that they may be justified. Or let them hear and say, *It is true*. ¹⁰You *are* My witnesses, says Jehovah; and My servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He. Before Me there was no god formed; nor shall *any* be after Me. ¹¹I, I *am* Jehovah; and there is no Savior besides Me. ¹²I declared, and I saved, and I proclaimed; and there is not an alien *god* among you. And you *are* My witnesses, says Jehovah, and I *am* God. ¹³Yea, from this day I *am* He, and no one delivers from My hand. I will work, and who will reverse it?

¹⁴So says Jehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down *as* fugitives all of them, even the Chaldeans, whose shout is in the ships. ¹⁵I *am* Jehovah, your Holy One, the Creator of

Israel, your King. ¹⁶So says Jehovah, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in mighty waters; ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, force and power; they shall lie down together; they shall not rise; they are put out; they are snuffed out like the wick.

¹⁸Do not remember former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall sprout. Shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness; rivers in the desert. ²⁰The beast of the field shall honor Me, jackals and daughters of ostriches; because I give waters in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen. ²¹This people *that* I formed for Myself shall declare My praise. ²²But you have not called on Me, Jacob; but you have been weary of Me, Israel. ²³You have not brought Me the lamb of your burnt offerings; even your sacrifices have not honored Me. I have not caused you to serve with an offering, nor wearied you with incense. ²⁴You have not bought calamus for Me with silver, nor have you filled Me *with* fat of your sacrifices; but you made Me serve by your sins; you wearied Me by your iniquities. ²⁵I *am* He who blots out your trespasses for My sake; and I will not remember your sins. ²⁶Cause Me to remember; let us enter into judgment together; sum up *for* yourself, that you may be justified. ²⁷Your first father sinned, and your interpreters transgressed against Me. ²⁸And I will defile the rulers of the sanctuary, and will give Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reviling.

CHAPTER 44

¹And now listen, My servant Jacob, and Israel *whom* I have chosen. ²So says Jehovah, your Maker and your Former from the womb. He helps you. Do not fear, My servant Jacob; and you, Jeshurun *whom* I have chosen. ³For I will pour water on a thirsty place, and floods on the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit on your seed, and My blessing on your offspring. ⁴And they shall sprout as among grass, as willows by streams of water. ⁵One shall say, I *am* Jehovah's; and another will call by the name of Jacob; and this *one* shall

write with his hand, For Jehovah; and be named by the name of Israel.

⁶So says Jehovah, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Jehovah of hosts: *I am* the First and I am the Last; and there is no God except Me. ⁷And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare this, and set it in order before Me, since I placed the people of old? And *as to* things to come, even which shall come, let them declare concerning them. ⁸Do not dread, nor be afraid. Have I not declared and made you hear since then? So you *are* My witnesses: Is there a God besides Me? Yea, there is none. I have not known a Rock.

⁹Those who form a carved image are all of them vanity. And their delights do not profit; and they *are* their own witnesses. They do not see, nor know, that they may be ashamed. ¹⁰Who has formed a god, or poured out an image, to no profit? ¹¹Behold, all his companions shall be ashamed; and the craftsmen, they *are* from men. They shall assemble, all of them shall stand; they shall dread; they shall be shamed together. ¹²He carves iron with a tool; he works in the coals and forms it with hammers, and works it with his powerful arm; then he is hungry, and has no strength; he drinks no water and is weary. ¹³He fashions wood, and stretches a line; he marks it with a stylus; he shapes it with the carving tool; and he marks it with a compass. And he makes it according to the figure of a man, as the beauty of a man, to sit *in the house*. ¹⁴He cuts down cedars and takes cypress and oak, and he makes the trees of the forest strong for him. He plants a laurel, and rain makes *it* grow. ¹⁵And it shall be for a man to burn; yea, he takes of them and is warmed; and he kindles *it* and bakes bread. Yea, he makes a god and worships; he makes a carved image and bows to it. ¹⁶He burns half of it in the fire; he eats flesh on half of it; he roasts, and is satisfied. Then he warms himself and says, Ah, I am warm; I have seen the fire. ¹⁷And he makes a god of the rest, his carved image; he bows to it and worships, and prays to it, and says, Deliver me, for you *are* my god.

¹⁸They do not know, nor discern; for He has smeared their eyes from seeing, their hearts from understanding. ¹⁹And not one

turns back to his heart, nor has knowledge nor discernment to say, I have burned half of it in the fire; and I also have baked bread on its coals. I have roasted flesh and have eaten it; and I have made the rest of it into an idol. Shall I bow to a product of a tree? ²⁰Feeding on ashes, a deceived heart turns him aside, and he does not deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

²¹Remember these, O Jacob, and Israel. For you *are* My servant; I have formed you; you *are* My servant, O Israel; you shall not forget Me. ²²I have blotted out your transgressions like a thick cloud; and your sins like a cloud. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you. ²³Sing, O heavens, for Jehovah has done *it*. Shout, O lower parts of the earth; burst forth into praise, O mountains. O forest and every tree in it, *sing praise*, because Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and glorifies Himself in Israel. ²⁴So says Jehovah, your Redeemer and your Former from the womb; *I am* Jehovah who makes all things; stretching out the heavens; I alone, spreading out the earth. Who *was* with Me, ²⁵frustrating the signs of liars; yea, He makes diviners mad; turning wise ones backward, and making their knowledge foolish. ²⁶He confirms the word of His servant, and completes the counsel of His messengers. *He* says to Jerusalem, You will be peopled; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be built; and, I will raise up its ruins. ²⁷*He* says to the deep, Be a waste! And I will dry up your rivers! ²⁸*He* says to Cyrus, *You are* My shepherd; and he shall fulfill all My will, even to say to Jerusalem, You shall be built; and to the temple, You shall be set up.

CHAPTER 45

¹So says Jehovah to His anointed, to Cyrus, whom I have seized by his right hand, to subdue nations before him. Yea, I will open the loins of kings, to open the two-leaved doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut. ²I will go before you and make hills level; I will tear apart the bronze doors, and cut the iron bars in two. ³And I will give you the treasures of darkness, even treasures in secret places, that you may know that I *am* Jehovah,

who calls you by your name, the God of Israel. ⁴For My servant Jacob's sake, and for Israel My chosen, I even call you by your name. I name you, but you do not know Me. ⁵*I am* Jehovah, and there is none else; there is no God except Me. I will clothe you, though you do not know Me, ⁶that they may know from the rising of the sun, and to the sunset, that there is none besides Me; *I am* Jehovah, and there is none else; ⁷forming light, and creating darkness; making peace, and creating evil — I, Jehovah, do all these things.

⁸Drop down from above, O heavens; and let the cloud pour down righteousness. Let the earth open and let salvation bear fruit; and let righteousness sprout together — I, Jehovah have created it. ⁹*Woe to him who fights with his Former!* A potsherd among the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to its former, What are you making? Or *does* your work say, He *has* no hands? ¹⁰*Woe to him who says to a father, What are you fathering?* Or to the woman, What are you laboring over?

¹¹So says Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his Former, Do you ask Me the things to come? Do you give command to Me about My sons, and about the work of My hands? ¹²I have made the earth, and created man on it. I stretched out the heavens *with* My hands; and I have set all their host in order. ¹³I raised him up in righteousness, and have made straight all his ways. He shall build My city, and he will release My captives; not for price, nor for reward, says Jehovah of hosts.

¹⁴So says Jehovah, The labor of Egypt, and the goods of Ethiopia, and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come to you; and they shall be yours. They shall come after you; they shall cross in chains; and they shall bow to you; they shall plead to you. Surely God *is* in you, and there is none else, no *other* God.

¹⁵Truly, You *are* a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, the Savior. ¹⁶They shall be ashamed, and also are disgraced, all of them. Together they go into disgrace, carvers of images. ¹⁷Israel is saved in Jehovah *with* everlasting salvation. You shall not be ashamed nor disgraced to the forevers of eternity.

¹⁸For so says Jehovah, Creator of the heavens; He *is* God, forming the earth and making it; He makes it stand, not creating it empty, *but* forming it to be inhabited. *I am* Jehovah, and there *is* none else. ¹⁹I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I did not say to Jacob's seed, Seek Me in vain. I Jehovah speak righteousness, declaring right things. ²⁰Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, escaped ones of the nations; the ones who set up the wood of their carved image, and the ones who pray to a god *who* cannot save — they know nothing — ²¹declare and bring near; yea, let them consult together. Who has revealed this of old; who has told it from then? Is it not I, Jehovah? And there *is* no God other than Me; a just God and a Savior; there is none except Me. ²²Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for *I am* God, and there *is* no other. ²³I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear; ²⁴he shall say, Only in Jehovah do I have righteousness and strength; to Him he comes; and they are ashamed, all who are angry with Him. ²⁵In Jehovah all of the seed of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory.

CHAPTER 46

¹Bel has bowed; Nebo stoops; their idols are for the beast, and for the cattle; your things carried are loads; a burden for the weary. ²They stoop; they bow together; they are not able to deliver the burden; and their soul has gone into captivity. ³Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel; who are borne from the belly, who are lifted from the womb: ⁴Even to old age *I am* He; and I will bear to gray hair; I made, and I will carry; and I will bear and deliver.

⁵To whom will you compare Me and make Me equal; and compare Me, that we may be alike? ⁶Those who lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver on the measure; they hire a refiner and he makes it a god. They fall down; yea, they worship. ⁷They carry it on the shoulder; they bear it and set it in its place, and it stands; it shall not move

from its place. Yes, he cries to it, but it does not answer, it does not save him from his distress. ⁸Remember this and be a man; return it on *your heart*, transgressors. ⁹Remember former things from forever, for I am God, and no one else *is* God, even none like Me, ¹⁰declaring the end from the beginning, and from the past those things which were not done, saying, My purpose shall rise; and, I will do all My desire; ¹¹calling a bird of prey from the sunrise, the man of My counsel from a far off land. Yes, I have spoken; yes, I will cause it to come; I have formed; yes, I will do it.

¹²Listen to Me, mighty ones of heart who are far from righteousness: I bring near My righteousness; it shall not be far off, and My salvation shall not wait; I will place salvation in Zion, My glory for Israel.

CHAPTER 47

¹Go down and sit on the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the earth; a throne is not *to* the daughter of the Chaldeans; for they shall not again call you tender and delicate. ²Take millstones and grind meal; uncover your veil; strip off the skirt; uncover the leg; pass over rivers. ³Your nakedness shall be uncovered; yea, your shame shall be seen—I will take vengeance and I will not meet a man. ⁴Our Redeemer, Jehovah of hosts *is* His name, the Holy One of Israel. ⁵Sit *in* silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans, for they shall no more call you the mistress of kingdoms.

⁶I was angry with My people; I defiled My inheritance and gave them into your hand. You gave them no mercy; you made very heavy your yoke on the aged. ⁷And you said, I shall be a mistress forever; until you did not set these things on your heart, and not did remember its end. ⁸Now, then, hear this, O pleasure seeker, who lives carelessly; who says in her heart, I *am*, and none else *is*; I shall not sit *as* a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children. ⁹But these two things shall suddenly come to you, in one day: loss of children, and widowhood; as complete they come on you, for your many sorceries, for the multitude of your great spells. ¹⁰For you trusted in your evil; you said, No one sees me. Your wisdom and your

knowledge, it leads you away, and you said in your heart, I *am* and none else *is*. ¹¹For this, evil shall come on you; you shall not know its origin. And mischief shall fall on you; you shall not be able to cover it. And ruin shall come on you suddenly, you shall not know. ¹²Stand now among your spells, and with your many sorceries, in which you have wearied yourself since your youth — perhaps you will be able to profit; perhaps you may cause quaking. ¹³You are exhausted by your many plans; let those dividing the heavens stand up now and save you, the gazers into the stars, making known what is coming on you into the new moons. ¹⁴Behold, they are as stubble; the fire burns them; they shall not save their soul from the flame's hand; there is no coal to warm them; nor fire, to sit before it. ¹⁵So they are to you with whom you have labored, your traders from your youth; each one wanders to his own way; no one saves you.

CHAPTER 48

¹Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come out from the waters of Judah, who swear by Jehovah's name and profess by the God of Israel — not in truth or in righteousness. ²For they are called of the holy city, and rest themselves on the God of Israel; Jehovah of hosts *is* His name. ³I have foretold the former things from then; and they went out of My mouth; and I made them hear; suddenly I acted, and they came about. ⁴Because I knew that you *are* hard, and your neck is a sinew of iron, and your brow brass. ⁵And I declared to you from then; before it came I made you hear, lest you should say, My idol did them; and my image and my casted image commanded them. ⁶You heard; see it all; and will you not declare? I made you hear new things from now, even hidden things, and you did not know them. ⁷They are created now, and not from then; even before today, but you did not hear them; lest you should say, See, I knew them. ⁸Yea, you did not hear; yea, you did not know; yea, from then your ear was not opened; for I know you surely will betray and trespass, from the womb it was

called to you. ⁹For My name's sake I will put off My anger; and for My praise I will hold back for you, so as not to cut you off. ¹⁰Behold, I have refined you, but not with silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction. ¹¹For My sake, for My sake, I will act; for how is it defiled? And I will not give My glory to another.

¹²Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel My called: *I am He; I am the first; I surely am the last.* ¹³My hand surely founded earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens; I called, they stood up together. ¹⁴All of you gather and hear: Who among them has declared these things? Jehovah has loved him. He will do His pleasure on Babylon; yea, His arm *shall be on the Chaldeans.* ¹⁵I, I have spoken; yea, I have called him, I brought him, and he causes his way to prosper. ¹⁶Come near to me; hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning. From its being, *I was there*; and now the Lord Jehovah, and His spirit, has sent Me. ¹⁷So says Jehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, *I am Jehovah* your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. ¹⁸Oh that you had listened to My commands! Then your peace would have been like the river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. ¹⁹And your seed would have been like the sand, and your offspring like its grains; his name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from My presence. ²⁰Go out of Babylon; flee from the Chaldeans. Tell this with the voice of rejoicing; let this be heard, let it go out to the end of the earth; say, Jehovah has redeemed His servant Jacob. ²¹And they did not thirst; He led them in the deserts; He made waters flow out of rock for them. And He cut open the rock and the water gushed out. ²²There is no peace, says Jehovah, to the wicked.

CHAPTER 49

¹Coasts, hear Me; and you people from afar, prick up *your ears*, Jehovah called Me from the womb; He mentioned My name from My mother's belly. ²And He made My mouth like a sharp sword; He hid Me in the shadow of His hand, and

made Me a polished arrow; He hid Me in His quiver; ³and said to Me, You are My servant, Israel, You in whom I shall be glorified. ⁴Then I said, I have labored in vain; I have spent My strength for nothing, and in vain; yet surely My judgment is with Jehovah, and My work with My God. ⁵And now, says Jehovah who formed Me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him: Though Israel is not gathered, yet I am honored in the eye of Jehovah, and My God is My strength. ⁶And He said, it is *too little* that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You for a light of the nations, *that You may be My salvation to the end of the earth.* ⁷So says Jehovah, the Redeemer of Israel, His Holy One, to the despised of soul, to the hated of the nation, the servant of rulers, Kings shall see and rise up; *and* chiefs shall worship; because of Jehovah who is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel; and He chose You.

⁸So says Jehovah: In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You. And I will preserve You, and give You for a covenant of the people; to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolated inheritances; ⁹to say to the prisoners, Go out! To those who are in darkness, Show yourselves! They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. ¹⁰They shall not hunger nor thirst; and the heat and sun shall not strike them. For He who has mercy on them shall lead them; and He shall guide them by the springs of water. ¹¹And I will make all My mountains a way, and My highways shall be set on high. ¹²Behold, these shall come from afar; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

¹³Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; break out *into* singing, O mountains. For Jehovah has comforted His people and will have pity on His afflicted. ¹⁴But Zion said, Jehovah has forsaken me, and, My Lord has forgotten me. ¹⁵Can a woman forget her suckling child, from pitying the son of her womb? Yes, these

may forget, yet I will surely not forget you. ¹⁶Behold, I have carved you on the palms of My hands; your walls *are* always before Me. ¹⁷Your sons hurry; those destroying you and ruining you shall go out from you. ¹⁸Lift up your eyes all around and see! They all gather *and* come to you. As I live, says Jehovah, you shall surely wear all of them as an ornament, and bind them on as a bride. ¹⁹For your wastes and your deserted places, and your land of ruins shall even now be too narrow to live *there*; and they who swallow you shall be broad. ²⁰The sons of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place *is* too narrow for me; come near so that I may live. ²¹Then you shall say in your heart, Who has borne these to me, for I *am* bereaved and desolate, turned aside and an exile; who then has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone. Where *do* these come from? ²²So says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations, and will set up My banner to peoples. And they shall bring your sons in the bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on the shoulder. ²³And kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nurses. They shall bow to you, faces *down* to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah, by whom they who wait for Me shall not be ashamed. ²⁴Shall the plunder be taken from the warrior, or the righteous captive escape? ²⁵But so says Jehovah, Even the captives of the warrior shall be taken, and the plunder of the terrifying ones shall be delivered. For I will strive with him who contends with you; and I will save your sons. ²⁶And those who oppress you, I will feed with their own flesh: and they shall be drunk by their own blood, as with fresh wine. And all flesh shall know that I Jehovah *am* your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

CHAPTER 50

¹So says Jehovah, Where *is* the scroll of your mother's divorce whom I have put away? Or who of My creditors that I have sold you to him? Behold, you were sold for your iniquities, and your mother was put away for your trespasses. ²Who knows why I have come, and no one *is here*? I

called, and not one answered. Is My hand truly cut short from ransom? Or is there not power in Me to deliver? Behold, at My rebuke I dry up the sea; I make rivers a wilderness; their fish stink because of no water, and die in thirst. ³I clothe the heavens *with* blackness, and sackcloth makes their covering.

⁴The Lord Jehovah has given to Me the tongue of taught ones, to know, to help the weary *with a* word. He arouses in the morning; He arouses the ear to Me, to hear as the learned. ⁵The Lord Jehovah has opened My ear and I did not rebel; I did not turn away backwards. ⁶I gave My back to strikers, and My cheeks to pluckers; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. ⁷And the Lord Jehovah will help Me. On account of this I was not ashamed. On account of this I set My face like flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. ⁸My Justifier *is* near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together; who *is* master of My judgment? Let him come near to Me. ⁹Behold, the Lord Jehovah will help Me; who *is* He who will condemn Me? Behold, like a garment they shall wear out; the moth shall eat them.

¹⁰Who among you fears Jehovah, obeying the voice of His servant, who walks *in* darkness, and no light is in him? Let him trust in the name of Jehovah, and lean on his God. ¹¹Behold, all of you who kindle fire, who are surrounded by sparks; walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you are burning. This shall be to you from My hand; you shall lie down in pain.

CHAPTER 51

¹Hear Me, pursuers of righteousness, seekers of Jehovah: Look to the rock from which you were cut, and to the hollow of the pit from which you were dug. ²Look to your father Abraham, and to Sarah who bore you. For *he being but* one I called him, and blessed him and increased him. ³For Jehovah comforts Zion. He comforts all her desolations, and He makes her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jehovah; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of singing praise.

⁴Hear Me, My people; yea, give ear to

Me, My nation. For a law shall go out from Me, and My justice I will make rest as light to peoples. ⁵My righteousness *is* near; My salvation went out; and My arms shall judge peoples; coasts shall wait on Me, and they shall hope on My arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look to the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, and the earth shall wear out like a garment; and its inhabitants shall die in the same way, but My salvation shall be forever, and My righteousness shall not be broken. ⁷Hear Me, knowers of righteousness, the people of My law in their heart; do not fear the reproach of man, and do not be bowed from their blasphemings. ⁸For the moth shall eat them like a garment; yea, the mothworm shall eat them like wool. But My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation to generation to generation. ⁹Awake! Awake! Arm of Jehovah, put on strength. Awake, as in days of old, everlasting generations. Was it not You cutting in pieces Rahab, *and* piercing the sea-monster? ¹⁰Was it not You drying up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass? ¹¹Yea, the ransomed of Jehovah shall return and come to Zion with singing, and everlasting joy *shall be* on their head; gladness and joy shall overtake *them*; sorrow and sighing shall flee.

¹²I, *I am* He comforting you. Who *are* you, that you should fear from man? He shall die! And from the son of man? He is given *as* grass. ¹³And you forget your Maker Jehovah, who has stretched out the heavens and founded the earth. And you dread continually, every day, from the fury of the oppressor, since he was ready to destroy. And where *is* the fury of the oppressor? ¹⁴Bowed down, he hurries to be freed, and not *that* he die in the pit, and not *that* he lack his bread. ¹⁵But *I am* Jehovah your God, stirring up the sea and *making* its waves roar; Jehovah of hosts *is* His name. ¹⁶And I have put My words in your mouth, and covered you in the shade of My hand, to plant the heavens and found the earth, and to say to Zion, You *are* My people.

¹⁷Awake! Awake! Rise up, O Jerusalem, who drank the cup of His fury from

the hand of Jehovah; you drank the bowl of the cup of reeling; you fully drained *it*.

¹⁸No guide *is* for her among all the sons she has borne; and none takes her by the hand of all the sons she made to grow. ¹⁹Those two things came to you; who shall wail for you? Ruin and shattering and famine and the sword—who *but* I shall comfort you? ²⁰Your sons have fainted; they lie at the head of all the streets, like an antelope *in* a net, filled with the fury of Jehovah, the rebuke of your God. ²¹So hear this now, afflicted one, and drunken, but not from wine: ²²So says your Lord Jehovah and your God, He strives *for* His people. Behold, I have taken the cup of reeling out of your hand, the bowl of the cup of My fury; you shall not yet again drink it. ²³But I will put it into the hand of your oppressor, who have said to your soul, Bow down that we may cross and put your back as the ground, and as the street to those who cross.

CHAPTER 52

¹Awake! Awake! Put on your strength, Zion; put on your beautiful robes, O Jerusalem, the holy city. For never again shall come to you uncircumcised and unclean ones. ²Shake yourself from the dust; rise up! Sit, Jerusalem; free yourself from your neckbands, O captive daughter of Zion. ³For so says Jehovah: You *were* sold for nothing, and you will not be redeemed with silver. ⁴For so says the Lord Jehovah: My people went down *to* Egypt at the first, to reside there, and without cause Assyria oppressed him. ⁵So then what *is* to Me here, declares Jehovah? For My people is taken for nothing; his rulers howl, declares Jehovah. And My name is continually despised, every day. ⁶So My people shall know My name thus in that day; for *I am* He speaking. Behold Me!

⁷How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him bringing good news, proclaiming salvation; saying to Zion, Your God reigns! ⁸The voice of your watchmen, they lift the voice together, they sing aloud. For they shall see eye to eye when Jehovah brings back Zion. ⁹Break out, sing together, waste places of Jerusalem; for Jehovah comforts His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰Jehovah has

barred His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. ¹¹Turn! Turn! Go out from there! Touch not the unclean! Go out of her midst, purify yourselves, bearers of the vessels of Jehovah. ¹²For you shall not go out with haste, nor will you go by flight; for Jehovah is going before you, and the God of Israel gathers you.

¹³Behold, My Servant shall rule wisely; He shall be exalted and lifted up and be very high. ¹⁴Just as many were astonished over You — so *much* was the disfigurement from man, His appearance and His form from sons of mankind — ¹⁵so He sprinkles from many nations. At Him kings shall shut their mouths; for they will see that which was not told to them; yea, what they had not heard, they will understand.

CHAPTER 53

¹Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm of Jehovah revealed? ²For He comes up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He *has* no form nor magnificence that we should see Him; nor form that we should desire Him. ³*He* is despised and abandoned of men, a Man of pains, and acquainted with sickness. And as it were hiding *our* faces from Him, He being despised, and we did not value Him. ⁴Surely He has borne our sicknesses, and He carried our pain; yet we esteemed Him plagued, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions; *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His wounds we ourselves are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have each one turned to his own way; and Jehovah made meet in Him the iniquity of all of us. ⁷He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, but He did not open His mouth. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a ewe before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. ⁸He was taken from prison and from justice; and who shall consider His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living; from the transgression of My people, the

stroke *was* to Him. ⁹And He put His grave with the wicked; and with a rich *man* in His death; although He had done no violence, and deceit *was* not in His mouth. ¹⁰But Jehovah pleased to crush Him, to make Him sick, *so that* If He should put His soul *as* a guilt offering, He shall see *His* seed; He shall prolong *His* days; and the will of Jehovah shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹He shall see *the fruit* of the travail of His soul; He shall be fully satisfied. By His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify for many, and He shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Because of this I will divide to Him with the great, and with the strong He shall divide the spoil; because He poured out His soul to death; and He was counted with transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for transgressors.

CHAPTER 54

¹Rejoice, unfruitful one that never bore; break out a song and shout, *you* who never travailed. For the sons of the desolate one *are* more than the sons of the married woman, says Jehovah. ²Make the place of your tent larger, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings. Do not spare, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. ³For you shall break forth *on* the right hand and *on* the left. And your seed shall possess nations, and people will inhabit ruined cities. ⁴Do not fear, for you shall not be ashamed, nor shall you be disgraced, for you shall not be wounded. For you shall forget the shame of your youth, and you shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more. ⁵For your Maker *is* your husband; Jehovah of hosts *is* His name; and your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of all the earth. ⁶For Jehovah has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of young men when she is rejected, says your God. ⁷For a little moment I have left you, but I will gather you with great pityings. ⁸In a flood of wrath I hid My face from you *for* a moment; but I will have pity on you with everlasting kindness, says Jehovah your Redeemer. ⁹For this is the waters of Noah

to Me; *for as I swore to refrain* from passing over the waters of Noah over the earth again, so I have sworn from being angry with you and rebuking you. ¹⁰For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My mercy shall not depart from you; nor shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says Jehovah who has pity on you.

¹¹Afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted! Behold, I stretch out your stones among antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. ¹²And I will make your battlements of ruby, and your gates carbuncle stones, and all your borders pleasing stones; ¹³and all your sons *will be* taught of Jehovah; and the peace of your sons *will be* great. ¹⁴You shall be established in righteousness; *you shall* be far from oppression, for you shall not fear, and from terror, for it shall not come near you. ¹⁵Behold, they shall surely gather, but not from Me. Who has gathered against you? By you he shall fall. ¹⁶Behold, I have created the smith who blows the coal in the fire, and who brings out a weapon for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. ¹⁷Every weapon formed against you shall not prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This *is* the inheritance of the servants of Jehovah, and their righteousness *is* from Me, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 55

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the water; and he who *has* no money, come buy grain and eat. Yes, come buy grain, wine and milk without silver and with no price. ²Why do you weigh out silver for *that which is* not bread, and your labor for *that which* never satisfies? Listen carefully to Me and eat that which is good; and let your soul delight itself in fatness. ³Bend you ear and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will cut a covenant everlasting with you, the faithful mercies of David. ⁴Behold, I gave Him a witness to peoples, a Leader and Commander of peoples. ⁵Behold, You shall call a nation You do not know; yea, a nation that does not know You shall run to You, because of Jehovah Your God, and

for the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified You.

⁶Seek Jehovah while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake his way and the vain man his thoughts; and let him return to Jehovah, and He will have mercy on him — and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ⁸For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts; nor *are* your ways My ways, says Jehovah. ⁹For as the heavens are high from the earth, so My ways are high from your ways, and My thoughts from your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow goes down from the heavens and do not return there, but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud, and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater — ¹¹so shall My word be, which goes out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in what I sent it *to do*! ¹²For you shall go out with joy and be led out with peace. The mountains and the hills shall break out into song before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap the palm. ¹³Instead of the thorn-bush, the fir-tree shall come up; instead of the brier, the myrtle shall come up; and it shall be for a name to Jehovah, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

CHAPTER 56

¹So says Jehovah: Keep justice and do righteousness, for My salvation *is* near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. ²Blessed *is* the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; keeping sabbath, from defiling it; and keeping his hand from doing every evil. ³And do not let the son of the foreigner speak, he who joins himself to Jehovah, saying, Jehovah surely separates me from His people; and not do let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dried tree. ⁴For so says Jehovah to the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths and choose things I am pleased with, and take hold of My covenant: ⁵I even will give to them in My house and in My walls a hand and a name better than sons and than daughters; I will give them

an everlasting name, which shall not be cut off. ⁶And the sons of the alien who join themselves on Jehovah to serve Him, and to love the name of Jehovah, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from defiling the sabbath, and takes hold of My covenant: ⁷even them I will bring to My holy mount and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted on My altar, for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples, ⁸states the Lord Jehovah, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will yet gather beside him his gathered ones. ⁹All beasts of the field come to devour, all beasts in the forest!

¹⁰His watchmen *are* blind; they all do not know; they are all dumb dogs; they cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber; ¹¹yea, dogs greedy of soul; they do not know satisfaction. And they *are* shepherds; they know not discernment; they all look to their own way, each one for his own gain, from his own end, *saying*: ¹²Come, and let me bring wine, and let us gulp down fermented drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, great, exceedingly abundant.

CHAPTER 57

¹The righteous one perishes, and no one lays *it* to heart; yea, merciful men are gathered, with no one discerning that the righteous is gathered from the face of evil. ²He shall enter peace; they shall rest on their couches, walking *in* his uprightness. ³But you, draw near here, sons of the sorceress, seed of the adulterer and playing the harlot. ⁴On whom are you making sport? On whom do you make a wide mouth and draw out the tongue? Are you not children of transgression, a lying seed, ⁵being inflamed with idols under every green tree, slaughtering the children in the torrent-beds, under the clefts of the rocks? ⁶Your lot *is* in the torrent's smoothnesses; they, they *are* your portion; even to them you have poured a drink offering; you have offered a food offering. Should I be consoled over these? ⁷You have set your couch on a lofty and high mountain; yea, you went up there to sacrifice a sacrifice. ⁸And you have set up your memorial behind the door and post.

For you uncovered yourself from Me and went up; you enlarged your couch; and you cut *covenant* with them; you loved their couch; at a hand you looked. ⁹And you went to the king with oil and multiplied your perfume. And you sent your messengers far away, and lowered *yourself* to Sheol. ¹⁰You were wearied in the length of your way; you did not say, Despair! You found the life of your hand, so you were not sick. ¹¹And whom have you dreaded and feared? You have lied and have not remembered Me, not laying *it* on your heart. Have I not been silent, even from forever, and you have not feared Me? ¹²I will reveal your righteousness and your works, and they will not benefit you. ¹³When you cry, let your gathering deliver you; but the wind shall bear away all of them; vanity takes *them*. But he who takes refuge in Me shall inherit the land and possess My holy mountain.

¹⁴And he shall say, Raise up! Raise up! Clear the way! Make the stumbling block rise from the way of My people. ¹⁵For so says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, and His name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, even with the contrite and humble of spirit; to make live the spirit of the humble and to make live the heart of the contrite ones. ¹⁶For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry, for the spirit would faint before Me, even the breaths I have made. ¹⁷For I was angry and struck him for the iniquity of his gain; I hid Myself and was angry; yet he went, turning in his heart's way. ¹⁸His ways I have seen, but I will heal him, and will lead him and restore comforting to him and to his mourners. ¹⁹I create the fruit of the lips: peace, peace, to the ones far off and near, says Jehovah — and I will heal him. ²⁰But the wicked are like the driven sea, which cannot be quiet, and its waves cast up mire and dirt. ²¹There is no peace to the wicked, says my God.

CHAPTER 58

¹Call out with the throat! Do not spare. Lift up your voice like the ram's horn! And show My people their rebellion, and their sins to the house of Jacob. ²Yet

they seek Me day by day, and desire knowledge of My ways. As a nation that has done right, and not forsaking the judgment of their God, they ask Me about judgments of righteousness; they desire to draw near to God. ³*They say*, Why have we fasted, and You did not see? We have afflicted our soul, and You did not acknowledge. Behold, on the day of your fast you find pleasure; and you drive all your laborers hard. ⁴Look! You fast for strife, and for debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness. Do not fast as today, to sound your voice in the high place. ⁵Is this like the fast I will choose, a day for a man to afflict his soul? To bow his head down like a bulrush, and he spreads sackcloth and ashes? Will you call to this as a fast, and a day of delight to Jehovah? ⁶Is this not the fast I have chosen: to open bands of wickedness, to undo thongs of the yoke, and to let the oppressed ones go free; even that you pull off every yoke? ⁷Is it not to break your bread to the hungry, that you should bring the wandering poor home? When will you see the naked and cover him; and you will not hide yourself from your flesh? ⁸Then your light shall break as the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of Jehovah shall gather you. ⁹Then you shall call, and Jehovah will answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If you put the yoke away from among you, the sending out of the finger, and the speaking of vanity; ¹⁰and if you let out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom *shall be* as the noonday. ¹¹And Jehovah shall always guide you, and satisfy your soul in dry places, and support your bones. And you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. ¹²And those who come of you shall build the old ruins; you shall rear the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to live in.

¹³If you turn your foot away *because of* the sabbath, *from* doing what you please on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, glorified to the holiness of

Jehovah; and shall glorify it, away from doing your own ways, from finding your own pleasure or speaking *your* word; ¹⁴then you shall delight yourself in Jehovah. And I will cause you to ride on the heights of the earth, and make you eat *with* the inheritance of your father Jacob. For the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

CHAPTER 59

¹Behold, the hand of Jehovah is not shortened from saving; nor is His ear heavy from hearing. ²But your iniquities are coming between you and your God; and your sins have hidden *His* face from you, from hearing. ³For your hands are defiled by blood; yea, your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken falsehood; your tongue murmurs perverseness. ⁴No one calls for righteousness; and no one pleads with truth. Trusting emptiness, and speaking vanity, they conceive mischief, and give birth to evil. ⁵They hatch adders' eggs, and weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies; and that which is crushed hatches out a viper. ⁶Their webs shall not become clothing, nor shall they cover themselves with their works. Their works *are* works of evil, and the act of violence *is* in their hands. ⁷Their feet run to evil, and they hurry to pour out innocent blood. Thoughts of iniquity are their thoughts; wasting and ruin *are* in their tracks. ⁸They do not know the way of peace; and no justice is in their tracks. They have made crooked paths for themselves; everyone going in them does not know peace.

⁹For this reason justice is far from us; and righteousness does not overtake us. We wait for light, but, behold, dimness; for brightness, but we walk in gloom. ¹⁰We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; in deserted places like the dead. ¹¹We all of us roar like bears, and we moan sadly like doves. We look for justice, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far from us. ¹²For our trespasses are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions *are* with us, and we know our iniquities; ¹³transgressing and lying against Jehovah, and departing from our

God; speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and murmuring words of falsehood from the heart. ¹⁴And justice is driven back; and righteousness stands far off; for truth stumbles in the plaza, and right is not able to enter.

¹⁵And the truth is lacking; and whoever turns from evil makes himself a prey. And Jehovah saw; and it was evil in His eyes, that there was no justice. ¹⁶And He saw that there was no man, and He was astonished that there was no intercessor. And His own arm saved for Him; and His righteousness sustained Him. ¹⁷For He put on righteousness like armor, and a helmet of salvation on His head. And He put on robes of vengeance as clothing; and He put on zeal like a mantle. ¹⁸According to works, so He will repay; fury to His foes; recompense to His foes; He will repay recompense to the coasts. ¹⁹So they shall fear Jehovah's name from the sunset, and His glory from the sunrise. When the foe comes like a flood, the Spirit of Jehovah shall cause him to flee. ²⁰And the Redeemer comes to Zion, and to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, declares Jehovah.

²¹As for Me, this is My covenant with them, says Jehovah: My Spirit who is on you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your seed, or out of the mouth of your seed's seed, from now on and forever, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 60

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Jehovah has risen on you! ²For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples. But Jehovah shall rise on you, and His glory shall be seen on you. ³And nations shall walk to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around and see; they are all assembling; they are coming to you. Your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be supported on the side. ⁵Then you shall fear and be bright; and your heart shall dread and swell. For the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you; the force of nations shall come to you. ⁶A host of camels shall cover you,

young camels of Midian and Ephah. All of them shall come from Sheba; they shall carry gold and incense; and they shall proclaim the praises of Jehovah. ⁷All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; rams of Nebaioth shall serve you; they shall come up for acceptance on My altar; and I will glorify the house of My glory. ⁸Who are these who fly like a cloud, and with the doves to their windows? ⁹For the coasts shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish at the first, to bring your sons from far away, their silver and their gold to them, to the name of Jehovah your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you.

¹⁰And the sons of the stranger shall build your walls, and their kings shall serve you. For I struck you in My wrath, but I pitied you in My favor. ¹¹So your gates shall be always open; they shall not be shut day or night, so that men may bring to you the force of nations, and that their kings may be led. ¹²For the nations and the kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yea, the nations shall be utterly destroyed. ¹³The glory of Lebanon shall come to you: the juniper, the box-tree, and the cypress together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; yea, I will glorify the place of My feet. ¹⁴Also the sons of your afflictors shall come bowing to you. And all who despised you shall fall at the soles of your feet. And they shall call you, The City of Jehovah, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵Instead of your being forsaken and hated, so that no one passes through, I will make you for everlasting majesty, a joy of many generations. ¹⁶You shall also suck the milk of nations, and you shall suck the breast of kings. And you shall know that I, Jehovah, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. ¹⁷Instead of bronze, I will bring gold; and instead of iron, I will bring silver. And instead of timber, bronze; and instead of stones, iron. And I will make your governors peace, and your exactors righteousness. ¹⁸Violence shall not still be heard in your land, or wasting and ruin within your borders; but you shall call your walls, Salvation, and your gates, Praise. ¹⁹The sun shall not still be your light by day, or the brightness of the moon give you light;

but Jehovah shall be for everlasting light to you, and your God for your beauty. ²⁰Your sun shall not set any more; and your moon shall not withdraw; for Jehovah will become your everlasting light; and the days of your mourning shall end. ²¹And your people *shall* all be righteous; they shall possess the earth forever, a branch of My planting, a work of My hands, to beautify Myself. ²²A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I, Jehovah, will hasten it in its time.

CHAPTER 61

¹The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah *is* on Me, because Jehovah has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the meek. He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and complete opening to the bound ones; ²to proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of the spirit of infirmity; so that one calls them trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, in order to beautify Himself.

⁴And they shall build old ruins; they shall raise up former desolations; and they shall restore the waste cities, ruins of generations and generations. ⁵And foreigners shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of strangers *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers. ⁶But you shall be called, Priests of Jehovah; it will be said of you, Ministers of God. You shall eat the riches of the nations, and you shall revel in their glory. ⁷Instead of your shame and disgrace, double. They rejoice *in* their portion; for they shall possess a second time in their land; everlasting joy shall be theirs. ⁸For I, Jehovah, love judgment, hating plunder in burnt-offering. And I will give their work in truth; and I will cut an everlasting covenant for them. ⁹And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *that* Jehovah has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah. My soul shall be joyful in my God. For He clothed me *with* garments of salvation; He put on me the robe of righteousness, even as a bridegroom puts on *his* ornament, and as the bride *is* adorned with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth gives causes to go out her buds, and as a garden causes that which is sown to grow, so the Lord Jehovah will make righteousness and praise to grow before all the nations.

CHAPTER 62

¹For Zion's sake, I will not be silent; and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest; until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning lamp. ²And nations shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. And you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of Jehovah shall name. ³You also shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of Jehovah, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God. ⁴You no longer shall be called Forsaken; nor shall your land any longer be called Desolate. But you shall be called, My Delight *is* in Her; and your land, Married. For Jehovah delights in you, and your land is married. ⁵For as a young man marries a virgin, *so* shall your sons marry you. And as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, *so* your God shall rejoice over you.

⁶I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem. All the day and all the night they shall not always be silent; you who remember Jehovah, do not let a pause be to you. ⁷And give no pause to Him until He sets up and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. ⁸Jehovah has sworn by His right hand, and by the might of His arm: Surely I will no longer give your grain *as* food for your enemies; and the sons of a stranger shall not drink your new wine for which you have labored. ⁹But those who have gathered it shall eat it, and praise Jehovah. And they who have collected it shall drink it in My holy courts. ¹⁰Pass! Pass through the gates; prepare the way of the people! Raise up! Raise up the highway; clear *it* from stones; lift up a banner over the peoples. ¹¹Behold, Jehovah has made to be heard to the end of the earth;

Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes! Behold, His reward *is* with Him, and His work before Him. ¹²And they shall call them, The Holy People, the Redeemed of Jehovah. And to you it shall be called, Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

CHAPTER 33

¹Who *is* this who comes from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One adorned in His clothing, inclining in His great power? *It is* I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save! ²Why *is* Your clothing red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³I have trodden the winepress, I alone, and no man of the peoples *was* with Me. And I will tread them in My anger, and trample them in My fury; and their juice shall be spattered on My garments; and I will pollute all My clothes. ⁴For the day of vengeance *is* in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come. ⁵And I looked, and no one *was* helping. And I wondered that no one *was* upholding. Then My own arm saved for Me, and My fury upheld Me. ⁶And I trod down the people in My anger, and made them drunk in My fury. And I poured their juice to the earth.

⁷I will mention the mercies of Jehovah, the praises of Jehovah, according to all that Jehovah has benefited us, and the great good to the house of Israel, *by* which He benefited them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindness. ⁸For He said, Surely they *are* My people, sons that do not lie, and He is their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction, *He was* not a foe; and the Angel of His face saved them. In His love and in His pity He redeemed them. And He bore them, and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled, and provoked His Holy Spirit, so He was turned *to be* their enemy; He fought against them. ¹¹Then His people remembered the days past *of* Moses, saying, Where *is* He who brought *us* up from the sea with the shepherd of His flock. Where *is* He who put His Holy Spirit within him; ¹²who led them by Moses' right hand, with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make for Him an everlasting name? ¹³*He* led them through

the deeps; like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble. ¹⁴As the cattle go down into the valley, the Spirit of Jehovah caused him to rest; so You led Your people, to make a glorious name for Yourself.

¹⁵Look down from Heaven, and peer from the place of Your holiness and your glory. Where *is* Your zeal and Your might? The stirring of Your affections and Your mercies toward me, are they held back? ¹⁶For You *are* our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; You, Jehovah, *are* our Father, our Redeemer; Your name *is* from everlasting.

¹⁷O Jehovah, why do You make us wander from Your ways? You harden our heart from Your fear. For Your servants' sake, return the tribes of Your inheritance. ¹⁸For a little *while* Your holy people possessed *it*. Our enemies have trampled Your sanctuary. ¹⁹We are of old; You never ruled over them. Your name was never called on them.

CHAPTER 64

¹Oh that You would tear the heavens *and* come down, *that* mountains would quake before You. ²As the brushwood fire burns, fire causes water to boil, make known Your name to Your foes, *that* nations might tremble before You. ³When You did terrifying things which we did not look for, You came down; mountains flowed down before You. ⁴And from forever they have not heard; they did not give ear. Eye has not seen a God except You, who works for him who waits for Him. ⁵You meet him who rejoices and works righteousness; they recall You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, for we sinned. In them *is* eternity, we shall be saved. ⁶But we are all as the unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses *are* as a filthy cloth. And we all fade as a leaf, and like the wind our iniquities take us away. ⁷And there is not one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You. For You have hidden Your face from us, and have melted us away into the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, Jehovah, You *are* our Father, we *are* the clay, and You are our Former; and we all *are* Your handiwork. ⁹Do not

be vehemently angry, Jehovah, and do not remember iniquity forever. Behold! Look, please; all of us *are* Your people. ¹⁰Your holy cities are a wilderness; Zion *is* a wilderness; Jerusalem *is* a desolation. ¹¹The house of our holiness and our beauty, where our fathers praised You, has become a burning of fire; and all our pleasant things have become a ruin. ¹²Will You restrain Yourself over these things, Jehovah? Will you be silent and sorely afflict us?

CHAPTER 65

¹I have been sought, not by those who asked. I have been found, not by those who sought Me. To a nation not calling on My name, I said, Behold Me! Behold Me! ²I have spread out My hands all the day long to a rebellious people who walk *in* the way not good, after their own thoughts; ³a people who continually provoke Me to My face; who sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense on the bricks; ⁴who sit among the graves and lodge in the towers; who eat swine's flesh, and broth of unclean things *in* their pots; ⁵who say, Keep to yourself! Do not come near me, for I am holier than you! These *are* a smoke in My nose, a fire burning all the day. ⁶Behold! It is written before Me: I will not be silent, except I repay; yea, I will repay to their bosom, ⁷your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together, says Jehovah; *they* that burned incense on the mountains, and have blasphemed Me on the hills. And I will measure their former work on their bosom.

⁸So says Jehovah: As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, Do not destroy it, for a blessing *is* in it; so I will do for the sake of My servants, not to destroy the whole. ⁹And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah one to inherit My mountains. And My chosen one shall inherit, and My servants shall live there. ¹⁰And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks; and the valley of Achor a resting place of herds for My people who have sought Me. ¹¹But you *are* those who forsake Jehovah, who forget My holy mountain; who array a table for Fortune, and who fill mixed wine for Fate. ¹²And I will number you to the sword; and you

shall all bow down to the slaughter; because I called and you did not answer. I spoke, and you did not hear; and you did the evil in My eyes; and you chose that in which I had no pleasure. ¹³So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry. Behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty. Behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed. ¹⁴Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry from heartbreak, and howl from breaking of spirit. ¹⁵And you shall leave your name for a curse to My chosen. And the Lord Jehovah shall kill you; and He shall call His servants by another name. ¹⁶*He* who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth. And he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former distresses are forgotten; and because they are hidden from My eyes.

¹⁷For, behold, I create new heavens and new earth. And the things before shall not be recalled, and shall not go up on the heart. ¹⁸However, be glad and rejoice forever in what I create. For, behold, I create in Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people. And the voice of weeping and the voice of crying shall no longer be heard in her. ²⁰There shall not still be an infant of days, or an old man that has not filled his days. For the youth shall die the son of a hundred years, but the sinner the son of a hundred years shall be accursed. ²¹And they shall build houses and live *in them*; and they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build, and another live *in them*; they shall not plant, and another eat. For like the days of the tree *are* the days of My people; and My elect shall grow old *to* the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for terror. For they are the seed of the beloved ones of Jehovah, and their offspring with them. ²⁴And it will be, before they call, I will answer. While they are speaking, then I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed as one; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And dust *is* the food of the snake. They shall not do evil nor destroy in all My holy mountain, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 66

¹So says Jehovah: Heaven *is* My throne, and earth the footstool of My feet. Where then *is* the house that you build for Me? And where then *is* the place of My rest? ²And My hand has made all these things, even all these things exist, declares Jehovah. But I will look toward this one, to the afflicted, and *the* contrite of spirit, even trembling at My word.

³He who kills an ox *is as if* he struck a man; he who sacrifices a lamb *is as if* he broke a dog's neck; he who offers a present *as if it were* swine's blood; he who marks incense *is if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their way, and their soul delights in their abominations. ⁴I also will choose their vexations; and I will bring their fears to them; because I called, and no one answered; I spoke, and they did not hear; but they did the evil in My eyes, and chose that in which I had no pleasure.

⁵Hear the word of Jehovah, those who tremble at His word. Your brothers who hate you, who drive you out for My name's sake, have said, Jehovah is glorified. But He shall appear in your joy, and they shall be ashamed. ⁶A roaring sound from the city! A sound from the temple! *It is* the sound of Jehovah repaying retribution to His enemies.

⁷Before she travailed, she brought forth; before pain came to her, she delivered a male child. ⁸Who has heard *anything* like this? Who has seen *things* like these? Shall the earth be brought forth *in* one day? Shall a nation be born *in* one step? For Zion travailed *and* also brought forth her sons. ⁹Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? says Jehovah. Surely I cause birth, and hold back, says your God.

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all who love her. Rejoice a rejoicing with her, all who mourn for her; ¹¹that you may suck and be satisfied with her comforting breasts; that you may milk out and delight yourselves with the fullness of her glory. ¹²For so says Jehovah: Behold, I stretch out peace to her like a river, and glory of nations like an overflowing torrent. And You shall suck; you

shall be carried on the side and be dandled on knees. ¹³As a man whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you. And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And you will see, and your heart shall rejoice; and your bones shall flourish like the grass. And the hand of Jehovah shall be known toward His servants, and He shall be indignant with His enemies.

¹⁵For, behold, Jehovah will come with fire, and His chariots like the tempest, to return His wrath in fury, and His rebuke in flames of fire. ¹⁶For by fire and by His sword Jehovah will execute judgment with all flesh; and the slain of Jehovah shall be many. ¹⁷Those who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves to the gardens, *each* one in the midst, eaters of swine's flesh, and the hateful thing, and the mouse—*these* are cut off together, says Jehovah.

¹⁸For I *know* their works and their thoughts; it comes to gather all the nations and the tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. ¹⁹And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those who escape from them to the nations of Tarsish, Pul, and Lud, drawers of the bow; to Tubal and Javan, to the far away coasts that have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers out of all nations, an offering to Jehovah, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says Jehovah; as the sons of Israel bring the offering in a clean vessel *to* the house of Jehovah. ²¹And I will also take some of them for the priests, for the Levites, says Jehovah.

²²For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I make, stand before Me, declares Jehovah, so your seed and your name shall stand. ²³And it will be, from new moon to its new moon, and from sabbath to its sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says Jehovah. ²⁴And they shall go out and see the dead bodies of the men who have transgressed against Me; for their worm shall not die, nor shall their fire be put out; and they shall be an object of disgust to all flesh.

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, *one* of the priests who *resided* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, ²to whom the word of Jehovah came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³It also came in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month. ⁴Then the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ⁵Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you; and before you came out of the womb, I set you apart. I gave you a *as* prophet to the nations. ⁶Then I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Behold, I do not know how to speak; for I *am* a boy.

⁷But Jehovah said to me, Do not say, I *am* a boy; for you shall go to all that I shall send you. And whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of their faces, for I *am* with you to deliver you, says Jehovah. ⁹Then Jehovah put out His hand and touched my mouth. And Jehovah said to me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰Behold, I have today appointed you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to tear down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

¹¹And was the word of Jehovah to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see an almond rod. ¹²Then Jehovah said to me, You have seen well; for I will watch over My word to perform it. ¹³And the word of Jehovah came to me the second time, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a boiling pot; and its face *is* from the face of the north. ¹⁴And Jehovah said to me, Out of the north evil will be set loose on all the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁵For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, declares Jehovah. And they shall come, and they shall each one set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and all against its walls all around, and against the cities of Judah. ¹⁶And I will pronounce My judgments against them regarding all their evil, *those* who have forsaken Me,

and have burned incense to other gods, and have worshiped the works of their hands.

¹⁷And you must gird up your loins, and rise up, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be terrified before their faces, that I not prostrate you before them. ¹⁸For, behold, today I have made you a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against her princes, against her priests, and to the people of the land. ¹⁹And they shall fight against you; but they shall not overcome you. For I am with you to deliver you, declares Jehovah.

CHAPTER 2

¹And was the word of Jehovah to me, saying, ²Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, So says Jehovah, I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your espousals, your going after Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. ³Israel was holy to Jehovah, the firstfruits of His increase. All that devour him become guilty; evil shall come on them, declares Jehovah. ⁴Hear the word of Jehovah, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

⁵So says Jehovah, What iniquity have your fathers found in Me, that they went far from Me, and have walked after vanity, and have become vain? ⁶Nor did they say, Where *is* Jehovah who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness; in a land of deserts and of pits; in a dry land, and death-shade; in a land that no man has passed through, and not a man has lived there? ⁷And I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat its fruit and its goodness. But when you went in, you defiled My land, and made My inheritance an abomination. ⁸The priests did not say, Where *is* Jehovah? And they who handle the law did not know Me. And the shepherds rebelled against Me; and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things not profitable.

⁹Therefore, I will contend with you, says Jehovah, and I will contend with your sons' sons. ¹⁰For go to the isles of

Chittim and see; and send to Kedar; and carefully consider and see if there is *any* like this. ¹¹Has a nation changed *its* gods; and they *were* not gods? But My people have changed their Glory without it having profit. ¹²Be amazed at this, O heavens, and be horrified; be completely desolated, declares Jehovah. ¹³For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, to hew out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

¹⁴*Is* Israel a servant? Or *is* he a servant of the house? Why has he become a prey? ¹⁵The young lions roared against him; they gave their voice. And they made his land a waste; his cities are ruined, without inhabitant. ¹⁶Also the sons of Noph and Tahpanhes have fed on your crown. ¹⁷Have you not done this to yourself, by your forsaking Jehovah your God, when He led you by the way? ¹⁸And now what *is* for you toward the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? Or what for you toward Assyria, to drink the waters of the River? ¹⁹Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your apostasies shall reprove you. Know, then, and see that your forsaking Jehovah your God *is* evil and bitter; and My fear is not in you, declares the Lord Jehovah of hosts.

²⁰For long ago you broke your yoke and tore up your bands. And you said, I will not transgress — when on every high hill and under every green tree you lay down *like* a harlot. ²¹Yet I planted you a choice vine, wholly a true seed. How then have you turned into the degenerate shoots of an alien vine to Me? ²²Though you wash yourself with potash, and multiply soap for yourself, your iniquity *is* stained before Me, declares the Lord Jehovah. ²³How can you say, I am not defiled; I have not gone after Baals? See your way in the valley; know what you have done! *You are* a swift camel crossing her ways; ²⁴a wild ass used to the wilderness; in the passion of her desire she snuffs up the wind *in* her time. Who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not tire themselves; in her month they will find her. ²⁵Withhold your foot from *being* bare, and your throat from thirst. But you

said, It is hopeless! No! For I love strangers, and after them I will go. ²⁶As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets; ²⁷saying to a tree, *You are* my father; and to a stone, *You gave us birth*. For they turned *their* back to Me, and not the face. But in the time of their evil, they will say, Arise, and save us! ²⁸But where *are* your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your evil; for *according* to the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah. ²⁹Why do you contend with Me? All of you, you have rebelled against Me, says Jehovah. ³⁰In vain I have stricken your sons; they received no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

³¹O generation, see the word of Jehovah. Have I been a wilderness to Israel, or a land of darkness? Why do My people say, We roam; we will come no more to You. ³²Can a virgin forget her finery, a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number. ³³What? Do you trim your ways to seek love? For this reason you have even taught the evil women your ways. ³⁴Also on your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; you did not find them breaking in, but on all these. ³⁵Yet you say, Because I am innocent, surely His anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will judge with you, because you say, I have not sinned. ³⁶Why do you go about so much to change your way? You also shall be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assyria. ³⁷Yes, you shall go out from this *place*, and your hands on your head. For Jehovah has rejected those in whom you trust, and you will not prosper by them.

CHAPTER 3

¹*They* say, If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him and will be for another man, will he return to her again? Would not that land be greatly defiled? But you play the harlot with many lovers; yet *would* you come back to Me? says Jehovah. ²Lift up your eyes on the bare

heights and see. Where have you not been lain with? By the highways you have sat for them, like an Arab in the desert. And you have defiled the land with your fornications and with your evil. ³And the showers are withheld, and there has been no latter rain. And the forehead of a woman, a harlot was to you; you refused to be ashamed. ⁴Have you not just now called to Me, *saying*, My father, You *are* the friend of my youth? ⁵Will He keep His anger forever? Or will He guard *it* to the end? Behold, you have spoken, and you have done *all* the evil things that you could.

⁶Jehovah also said to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen what the apostate Israel has done? She has gone up on every high hill and under every green tree, and has played the harlot there. ⁷And after she had done all these, I said, She will return to Me; but she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw *it*. ⁸And I watched. When for all the causes *for* which the apostate Israel committed adultery, I put her away and gave her a bill of her divorce to her; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she also went and played the harlot. ⁹And it happened, from the wantonness of her harlotry she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with pieces of wood. ¹⁰And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but with falsehood, says Jehovah. ¹¹And Jehovah said to me, The apostate Israel has justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

¹²Go and cry these words toward the north, and say, Return, O backsliding Israel, says Jehovah. I will not cause My face to fall on you; for I *am* merciful, says Jehovah; I will not keep *anger* forever. ¹³Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have rebelled against Jehovah your God and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree. And you have not obeyed My voice, says Jehovah.

¹⁴Return, O apostate sons, declares Jehovah; for I *am* Lord over you. And I will take you, one from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. ¹⁵And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you

with knowledge and understanding. ¹⁶And it will be, when you multiply and increase in the land in those days, says Jehovah, they will no longer say, The ark of the covenant of Jehovah! Nor shall it come to the heart, nor shall they remember it; nor shall they miss *it*; nor shall it be made any more. ¹⁷At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah. And all nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of Jehovah, to Jerusalem. And they shall not walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. ¹⁸In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north, to the land that I have given for an inheritance to your fathers. ¹⁹But I said, How *gladly* would I put you among the sons, and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful inheritance *among* the multitudes of nations! And I said, You shall call Me, My Father; and you shall not turn away from Me.

²⁰Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her lover, so you have dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel, declares Jehovah. ²¹A voice was heard weeping on the bare heights, pleadings of the sons of Israel; for they have perverted their way; they have forgotten Jehovah their God. ²²Return, O apostate sons; I will heal your apostasies. Behold, we come to You, for You *are* Jehovah our God. ²³Truly, for delusion *comes* from the hills, tumult on the mountains. Truly, in Jehovah our God *is* the salvation of Israel. ²⁴For the shameful thing has eaten up the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. ²⁵We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us. For we have sinned against Jehovah our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. And we have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah our God.

CHAPTER 4

¹If you will return, O Israel, says Jehovah, return to Me. And if you will put away your hateful idols out of My face, and will not waver, ²and you will swear, As Jehovah lives, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness; even the nations shall bless

themselves in Him, and in Him they will glory.

³For so says Jehovah to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow to the thorns. ⁴Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah, and take away the foreskin of your heart, O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; that My fury not go forth like fire and burn, so that no one can put it out; because of the evil of your doings. ⁵Declare in Judah, and sound out in Jerusalem; and say, Blow the ram's horn in the land. Cry, fulfill and say, Assemble yourselves and go into the fortified cities. ⁶Lift up a banner toward Zion; flee for safety and do not wait. For I will bring evil from the north, and a great ruin. ⁷The lion has come up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to make your land a waste. Your cities will fall into ruins without inhabitant. ⁸Clothe yourselves with sackcloth for this, wail and howl. For the fierce anger of Jehovah has not turned back from us. ⁹And it will be on that day, says Jehovah, the king's heart and the heart of the rulers shall fail. And the priests shall be amazed; and the prophets shall be astounded.

¹⁰Then I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Surely You have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You shall have peace; but the sword reaches to the soul. ¹¹At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind *from* the bare hills in the desert toward the daughter of My people, not to sift nor to cleanse! ¹²A wind more full than these shall come for Me; now I also will utter judgments against them. ¹³Behold, he shall come up like clouds, and his chariots like a tempest. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we are plundered!

¹⁴O Jerusalem, cleanse your heart from evil so that you may be saved. Until when will your vain thoughts lodge within you? ¹⁵For a voice announces from Dan, and proclaims evil from Mount Ephraim.

¹⁶Tell *it* to the nations: Behold, proclaim against Jerusalem, Besiegers are coming from a distant land and will set their voice against the cities of Judah. ¹⁷Like keepers of a field, they are against her all around,

because she has rebelled against Me, says Jehovah. ¹⁸Your way and your doings have done these things to you; this is your evil, because it is bitter, because it reaches to your heart.

¹⁹My bowels, my bowels! I convulse in pain. O walls of my heart! My heart is restless within me. I cannot be silent, for I have heard. O my soul, the sound of the ram's horn, the alarm of war! ²⁰Ruin on ruin has been called; for the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are laid waste, my curtains *in* a moment. ²¹Until when must I see the banner *and* hear the sound of the ram's horn? ²²For My people *are* foolish. They do not know Me. They *are* stupid children, and they have no understanding. They *are* wise to do evil, but they do not know to do good. ²³I looked on the earth, and, behold, *it was* without form and void; and to the heavens, and they *had* no light. ²⁴I looked on the mountains, and, behold, they quaked. And all the hills were shaken. ²⁵I looked, and, behold, there was no man; and all the birds of the skies had fled. ²⁶I looked, and, behold, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness; and all its cities were broken down before the face of Jehovah, before His glowing anger. ²⁷For so Jehovah has said, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸The earth shall mourn for this; and the heavens above shall grow black; because I have spoken, I have purposed, and I will not repent, nor will I turn back from it. ²⁹Every city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and shooters of the bow. They shall go into thickets and go up in the rocks. Every city shall be forsaken, and not a man shall live in them. ³⁰And you, O stripped one, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold; though you make large your eyes with paint, you beautify yourself in vain; lovers despise you; they will seek your life. ³¹For I have heard a voice like a woman in labor, the anguish as one bearing her first child, the voice of Zion's daughter gasping, and spreading her hands, *saying*, Woe *is* to me now; for my soul faints because of murderers.

CHAPTER 5

¹Roam around in Jerusalem's streets, and see now, and know, and seek in her plazas, if you can find a man, if there is one who does justice, who seeks truth; and I will pardon her. ²And though they say, *As Jehovah lives, surely they swear falsely.* ³O Jehovah, are not Your eyes for the truth? You struck them, but they felt no pain. You consumed them; they refused to take correction; they made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to return. ⁴So I said, Surely they *are* poor; they *are* foolish; for they do not know the way of Jehovah, the ordinance of their God. ⁵I will go up for myself, to the great men, and will speak to them. For they have known the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God. Surely these have joined in breaking the yoke; they have torn off the bonds. ⁶On account of this a lion out of the forest shall strike them; a wolf of the desert shall destroy them; a leopard is watching over their cities. Everyone who goes out from them shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many; their apostasies are multiplied.

⁷Why should I pardon you for this? Your sons have forsaken Me and have sworn by *those who are* no gods. When I adjured them, they then committed adultery and gathered themselves by troops in a harlot's house. ⁸They were *like* lusty, well-fed stallions in the morning, every one neighing after the wife of his neighbor. ⁹Shall I not judge for these *things*? says Jehovah. And shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

¹⁰Go up on her vine rows and destroy; but do not make a full end. Take away her branches, for they *are* not Jehovah's.

¹¹For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have been very devious with Me, declares Jehovah. ¹²They have lied against Jehovah and said, *It is not He*; and, No evil shall come on us; and, We shall not see sword or famine. ¹³And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them; so it shall be done to them. ¹⁴So Jehovah God of hosts says this: Because you spoke this word, behold, I will make My words fire in your mouth, and this people wood; and it shall consume them. ¹⁵Behold, I will bring a

nation on you from far away, O house of Israel, declares Jehovah. *It is* an enduring nation; *it is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor understand what they say. ¹⁶Their quiver *is* as an open grave; they *are* all mighty men. ¹⁷And they will eat up your harvest and your food; and they will eat up your sons and your daughters; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig-trees. One shall beat down your fortified cities with the sword, those in which you trust. ¹⁸Yet even in those days, declares Jehovah, I will not make a full end with you.

¹⁹And it will be, when you shall say, Why does Jehovah our God do all these *things* to us? Then you shall answer them, Just as you have forsaken Me, and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours. ²⁰Declare this in the house of Jacob, and cry it in Judah, saying, ²¹Now hear this, O foolish people, even without heart; who have eyes and do not see; who have ears, and do not hear; ²²do you not fear Me? declares Jehovah. Will you not tremble before My face, that I have placed the sand *as* the boundary for the sea *by* a never-ending decree, so that it cannot cross over it? And though they toss themselves, yet they cannot prevail; though its waves roar, yet they cannot cross over it. ²³But to this people there is a revolting and a rebellious heart; they have turned, and are gone. ²⁴And they do not say in their heart, Let us now fear Jehovah our God, who gives both the former and the latter rain in its season; He keeps for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

²⁵Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withheld good from you. ²⁶For among My people are found wicked ones; they lie in wait, as one who sets snares; they set a trap; they catch men. ²⁷Like a cage full of birds, so their houses are full of treachery; On account of this they have become great and grown rich. ²⁸They have become fat; they shine. Yes, they pass over the deeds of the evil; they do not plead the cause, the cause of the orphan, that they may prosper; and they do not vindicate the right of the needy. ²⁹Shall I not visit

for these things? declares Jehovah. Shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

³⁰An astounding and horrible thing has happened in the land. ³¹The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their hands; and My people love *it* so. And what will you do at the end of it?

CHAPTER 6

¹O sons of Benjamin, take refuge to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem. And blow the ram's horn in Tekoa; and set up a signal over Beth-haccerem. For evil appears out of the north, and great destruction. ²I will destroy the daughter of Zion, the beautiful and tender one. ³The shepherds with their flocks shall come to her; they shall pitch tents on her all around. They shall each one feed *in* his hand. ⁴Consecrate war against her; rise up and let us go up at noon. Woe to us! For the day wanes; for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. ⁵Rise up and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

⁶For so Jehovah of hosts has said, Cut down her trees and pour out a mound against Jerusalem. She *is* the city to be visited; in her midst *is* oppression, all of her. ⁷As a cistern keeps fresh its waters, so she keeps fresh her evil. Violence and destruction are heard in her; sickness and wounds *are* continually before My face. ⁸O Jerusalem, take advice, that My soul not be alienated from you; that I not make you a ruin, a land not inhabited.

⁹So says Jehovah of hosts, they shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel like a vine. Turn back your hand, as a grape gatherer over the tendrils. ¹⁰To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ear *is* not circumcised and they cannot listen. Behold, the word of Jehovah is a reproach to them. They have no delight in it. ¹¹And I am full of the fury of Jehovah; I am weary with holding in. Pour it out on the child in the street, and on the circle of the young men together. For even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the elder with fullness of days. ¹²And their houses shall be turned to others, fields and wives together. For I will stretch out My hand on the

inhabitants of the land, declares Jehovah.

¹³For everyone from the least of them even to the greatest of them cuts off a profit; and from the prophet even to the priest every-one deals falsely. ¹⁴They have also healed the break of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. ¹⁵Were they ashamed when they made an abomination? They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know to blush. So they shall fall among those who fall. At the time I visit them, they shall be cast down, says Jehovah. ¹⁶So says Jehovah, Stand by the ways and see; and ask for the old paths where the good way *is*, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *in it*.

¹⁷Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Listen to the sound of the ram's horn. But they said, We will not listen. ¹⁸So hear, O nations; and know, O congregation, that which *is coming* on them. ¹⁹Hear, O earth; behold, I will bring evil on this people, the fruit of their thoughts. For they have not listened to My words, and My law, they also rejected it. ²⁰Why *is* to Me, frankincense coming from Sheba, and the good cane from a far land? Your burnt offerings *are* not for acceptance, nor *are* your sacrifices sweet to Me. ²¹So Jehovah says this, Behold, I am giving stumbling-blocks to this people; and the fathers and the sons together shall stumble on them; a neighbor and his friend shall perish. ²²So says Jehovah, Behold, a people comes from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred from the sides of the earth. ²³They shall lay hold on bow and javelin; they are cruel and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea; and they ride on horses, arrayed like a man for the battle against you, O daughter of Zion. ²⁴We have heard the rumor of it. Our hands have dropped down; anguish has seized us, pain like a travailing woman. ²⁵Do not go out into the field, or walk by the way; because of the sword of the enemy, *and* terror from every side.

²⁶O daughter of my people, put on sackcloth and roll in ashes. Make mourning for yourself, *as for* an only son, most bitter mourning—for the ravager shall suddenly come on us. ²⁷I have set you up *as* assayer, an examiner among My people,

that you may know, and examine their way. ²⁸They are all rebellious revolvers, goers of slander. All of them *are as* bronze and iron; they are corrupters. ²⁹The bellows blow; the lead is consumed from the fire; the refiner refines in vain; for the evil is not separated. ³⁰*Men* will call them reprobate silver, for Jehovah has rejected them.

CHAPTER 7

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, ²Stand in the gate of the house of Jehovah and call out there this word, and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah. ³So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴Do not trust yourself to lying words, saying, The temple of Jehovah! The temple of Jehovah! This is the temple of Jehovah! ⁵For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor; ⁶*if* you do not oppress the stranger, the orphan, and the widow; and do not shed innocent blood in this place; or walk after other gods to your hurt; ⁷then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from forever and to forever.

⁸Behold, you trust for yourself on lying words without being of use. ⁹Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know; ¹⁰and *then* come and stand before Me in this house on which My name is called, and say, We are delivered in order to do all those detestable things. ¹¹Has this house on which My name is called become a den of violent ones in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen, declares Jehovah. ¹²But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the evil of My people Israel. ¹³And now, because you have done all these works, says Jehovah; and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear; yea, I called you, but you did not answer. ¹⁴And I will do to the house

on which My name is called, in which you are trusting, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. ¹⁵And I will cast you out from My face, as I cast out all your brothers, all the seed of Ephraim. ¹⁶And you, do not pray for this people; do not lift up cry or prayer for them; do not intercede with Me, for I do not hear you.

¹⁷Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁸The sons gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me. ¹⁹Do they provoke Me, says Jehovah? *Is it* not themselves, to the shame of their own faces? ²⁰So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place; on man and on animal; and on the trees of the field; and on the fruit of the ground. And it will burn, and will not be put out.

²¹So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat flesh. ²²For I did not speak to your fathers, nor command them in the day that I brought them out from the land of Egypt, concerning matters of burnt offerings and sacrifices. ²³But I commanded them this thing, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. Also, Walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it may be well with you. ²⁴But they did not listen nor bow their ear. But *they* walked in *their own* plans, in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. ²⁵Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day I have even sent to you all My servants, the prophets, daily rising up early, and sending. ²⁶Yet they did not listen to Me, nor bow their ear; but *they* stiffened their neck; they did more evil than their fathers. ²⁷And you shall speak all these words to them; but they will not listen to you. And you will call to them, but they will not answer you. ²⁸But you shall say to them, This *is* the nation that does not obey the voice of Jehovah their God, nor receive instruction. Truth has perished, and it is cut off from their

mouth. ²⁸Cut off your crown and throw *it* away, and take up a dirge on the heights. For Jehovah has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath. ²⁹For the sons of Judah have done evil in My eyes, says Jehovah. They have set their idols in the house on which is called My name, in order to defile it. ³¹They have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.

³²So, behold, the days come, declares Jehovah, when it shall no more be called Tophet, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter. For they shall bury in Tophet, from lack of a place. ³³And the bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one shall frighten *them* away. ³⁴Then I will cause the voice of gladness to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem; even the voice of joy, and the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. For the land shall become a waste.

CHAPTER 8

¹At that time, declares Jehovah, they will bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its rulers, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves. ²And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of the heavens whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshiped. They shall not be gathered, or buried; they shall be dung on the face of the ground. ³And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the rest of those who remain of this evil family, who remain there in all the places where I have driven them, says Jehovah of hosts.

⁴And you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, Shall they fall, and not rise up? Or shall one turn away, and not return? ⁵Why has this people, Jerusalem, turned away *to* a never-ending apostasy? They

hold fast to deceit; they refuse to return. ⁶I listened and heard; they did not speak so. No man repented because of this evil, saying, What have I done? Everyone turned in their own course, as a horse rushes into the battle. ⁷Also the stork in the heavens knows her seasons; and the turtle-dove, and the swallow, and the thrush observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of Jehovah.

⁸How do you say, *We are wise*, and the law of Jehovah *is* with us? Behold, the lying pen of the scribes has certainly worked deceit. ⁹The wise are ashamed; they are terrified, and are captured. Behold, they have rejected the word of Jehovah; and what wisdom *is* theirs?

¹⁰So I will give their wives to others, their fields to those who shall inherit. For everyone from the least even to the greatest cuts off a profit. From the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely.

¹¹For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

¹²Were they ashamed when they had done hateful things? They were not even at all ashamed, nor did they know how to blush. So they shall fall among those who fall. In the time of their punishment, they will stumble, says Jehovah.

¹³I will utterly consume them, says Jehovah. No grapes will be on the vine, or figs on the fig-tree; even the leaf withers. And I will give to them those who pass over them. ¹⁴Why do we sit still? Gather yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities; and let us stand still there. For Jehovah our God has made us stand still there, and *He* has made us drink poisonous water, because we have sinned against Jehovah. ¹⁵We looked for peace, but no good *came*; for a time of healing, but, behold, terror! ¹⁶The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan; all the land trembles at the sound of the neighing of his stallions. For they come and devour the land and its fullness, the city and those who live in it. ¹⁷For, behold, I will send serpents among you, vipers *for* which there is no charm; and they will bite you, says Jehovah.

¹⁹I suffer from desolation; my heart *is* sick within me, beyond grief. ¹⁹Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a distant land! Is not Jehovah in Zion? Or is not her king in her? Why have they provoked Me with their carved images, with foreign vanities? ²⁰Harvest has passed; the summer has ended; and we are not delivered. ²¹For the breaking of the daughter of my people, I am broken. I mourn; horror has taken hold on me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no healer there? Why then has the healing of my people not come?

CHAPTER 9

¹Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! ²Oh that I had a lodging place for travelers in the wilderness, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous ones. ³And they bend their tongues; their bow *is* a lie. And they are not mighty for the truth on the earth; for they go from evil to evil. They do not know Me, says Jehovah. ⁴Let everyone be on guard against his neighbor, and do not trust any brother. For every brother will supplant, and every neighbor will walk as a slanderer. ⁵And everyone will deceive his neighbor; and they will not speak the truth. They have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. ⁶Your home *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me, says Jehovah. ⁷For this reason, so says Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I will refine them and test them. What *else* can I do because of the daughter of My people? ⁸Their tongue *is* a murdering arrow; it speaks deceit; *one* speaks peace with his neighbor, with his mouth, but in his heart he sets his ambush.

⁹Shall I not visit them for these *things*? says Jehovah. Or shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this? ¹⁰I will take up a weeping and a wailing for the mountains, and a mourning for the pastures of the wilderness; because they are burned up, without a man passing through; yea, they do not hear the voice of cattle.

From the fowl of the heavens, and to the beast, they have fled; they are gone. ¹¹And I will make Jerusalem ruins, a den of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant.

¹²Who is the wise man that can understand this? And he to whom the mouth of Jehovah has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish? It is burned up like the wilderness, so that no one passes through. ¹³And Jehovah says, because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, and have not walked in it; ¹⁴but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them; ¹⁵so Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Behold, I will feed them, this people with wormwood, and make them drink water of poison. ¹⁶I will also scatter them among the nations which they have not known, nor their fathers. And I will send the sword after them until I have consumed them.

¹⁷So says Jehovah of hosts, Think carefully, and call for the wailers, that they may come. And send for the wise women, that they may come. ¹⁸And let them make haste and take up a lament over us, so that our eyes may run down *with* tears, and waters flow *from* our eyelids. ¹⁹For the voice of lament is heard from Zion. How we are ravaged! We are greatly ashamed because we have forsaken the land; because they have thrown down our dwellings. ²⁰Yet hear the word of Jehovah, women; and let your ear receive the word of His mouth; and teach your daughters a lament; and each one her neighbor a dirge. ²¹For death has come into our windows, entering into our fortified palaces, to cut off the children from the street, *the* young men from the plazas. ²²Speak, So says Jehovah, Even the bodies of men shall fall as dung on the open field, and as the fallen grain after the reaper; and no one shall gather *them*.

²³So says Jehovah, Do not let the wise glory in his wisdom; and do not let the mighty glory in his might; do not let the rich glory in his riches; ²⁴but let him who glories glory in this, that *he* understands and knows Me, that I *am* Jehovah, doing kindness, justice and righteousness in the

earth; for I delight in these, says Jehovah.

²Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will punish all the circumcised with foreskin: ²⁶Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the sons of Ammon, and Moab, and all those trimmed on the edges of *their beards*, who dwell in the wilderness. For all the nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel—those uncircumcised of heart.

CHAPTER 10

¹Hear the word which Jehovah speaks to you, O house of Israel. ²So says Jehovah, You shall not be goaded to the way of the nations; and do not be terrified at the signs of the heavens; for the nations are terrified at them. ³For the ordinances of the people are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the craftsman. ⁴They adorn it with silver and with gold; they fasten them with nails and hammers, so that it will not wobble. ⁵They *are* like a rounded post, and they cannot speak; they must surely be carried, because they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them; for they cannot do evil nor good; it is not with them. ⁶There is none like You, O Jehovah; You *are* great, and Your name *is* great in might. ⁷Who would not fear You, O King of nations? For it is fitting to You, because among all the wise of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You. ⁸But they are at once foolish and animal-like; *their tree is* an instruction of vanities.

⁹Silver beaten into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the craftsman and the hands of the goldsmith. Violet and purple *is* their clothing; they *are* all the works of skillful ones. ¹⁰But Jehovah *is* the true God, He *is* the living God, and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to stand His indignation. ¹¹So you shall say to them, The gods who have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. ¹²*It is* He who made the earth by His power; who established the world by His wisdom, and who stretched out the heavens by His understanding. ¹³When He utters His voice, *there is* a noise of waters in the

heavens. He causes the vapors to go up from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings for the rain, and brings forth the wind out of His storehouses. ¹⁴Every man is stupid from *lack of* knowledge; every refiner is put to shame by the carved image; for his molten image *is* a lie, and no breath *is* in them. ¹⁵They are vanity, the work of delusion. In the time of their judgment, they shall perish. ¹⁶The Portion of Jacob *is* not like these. For He *is* the Former of all things; and Israel *is* the tribe of His inheritance; Jehovah of hosts *is* His name.

¹⁷Gather up your bundle from the ground, you who live under the siege. ¹⁸For so says Jehovah, Behold, I will sling out the dwellers of the land at this time, and will distress them, so that they may find *Me*.

¹⁹Woe to me for my breaking! My wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this *is* a malady, and I must bear it. ²⁰My tent is ravaged, and all my cords are broken; my sons went away from me and they are not. *There is* no stretching out my tent any more, or setting up my curtains. ²¹For the pastors have become stupid, and they have not sought Jehovah; therefore, they shall not be blessed, and all their flock shall be scattered. ²²Behold, the sound of a report! It comes, and a great commotion from the land of the north, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a den of jackals.

²³O Jehovah, I know that his way does not *belong* to man; *it is* not in man who walks to direct his steps. ²⁴O Jehovah, correct me; only with judgment, not in Your anger, that You do not bring me to nothing. ²⁵Pour out Your fury on the nations who do not know You, and on the families who do not call on Your name. For they have eaten up Jacob; and they have devoured him, and have destroyed him, and have made his dwelling-place desolate.

CHAPTER 11

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, ²Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; ³and say to them, So says Jehovah, the God of

Israel, Cursed *is* the man who does not obey the words of this covenant, ⁴which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey My voice, and do them according to all that I command you, so that you shall be My people, and I will be your God; ⁵in order to establish the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then I answered and said, Amen, O Jehovah.

⁶And Jehovah said to me, Declare all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the words of this covenant and do them. ⁷For I solemnly warned your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, to this day, rising early and warning, saying, Obey My voice. ⁸Yet they did not obey, nor bow down their ear, but each one walked in the stubbornness of their evil heart. And I will bring on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did not do. ⁹And Jehovah said to me, A plot is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁰They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My words. And they went after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I cut with their fathers.

¹¹So Jehovah says this: Behold, I will bring evil on them, from which they shall not be able to escape. And though they cry to Me, I will not listen to them.

¹²Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall go and cry to the gods to whom they burned incense. But they not at all are able to save them in the time of their trouble. ¹³For according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; yea, according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to *that* shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal. ¹⁴And you, do not pray for this people; and do not lift up a cry or prayer for them. For I will not hear in the time they cry to Me for their trouble. ¹⁵What *is to* My beloved in My house, *since* she has committed her many evils? And has the holy flesh caused your

evil to pass from you? *How* then do you exult? ¹⁶Jehovah called your name, a green olive tree, fair, *with* fine fruit. With the sound of a great storm, He has set fire to it, and its branches are worthless. ¹⁷And Jehovah of hosts who planted you has spoken evil against you, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done to themselves, to provoke Me to anger, by burning incense to Baal.

¹⁸And Jehovah made me know. And I knew. Then You showed me their doings. ¹⁹And I was like a docile lamb being brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had plotted schemes against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; and let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name may be remembered no more. ²⁰But, O Jehovah of hosts who judges with righteousness, who tries the reins and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them. For to You I have laid open my cause. ²¹For this reason, so says Jehovah concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, Do not prophesy in the name of Jehovah, that you do not die by our hand. ²²So Jehovah of hosts says this: Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; ²³and there shall be no survivor of them, for I will bring evil on the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their punishment.

CHAPTER 12

¹Righteous *are* You, O Jehovah, when I might complain to You, yet let me speak with You *of Your* judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? *Why* are all *those* who deal treacherously at ease? ²You planted them; yea, they take root; they grow; they even make fruit. You *are* near in their mouth, and far from their reins. ³But You know me, O Jehovah. You have seen me and tried my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and devote them to the day of slaughter. ⁴Until when shall the land mourn, and the grass of every field wither from the evil of those who dwell in it? The beasts and the birds are swept away,

because they said, He will not see our last end.

¹If you have run with footmen, and they wore you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if you feel secure in the land of peace, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan? ²For even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; even they have fully called after you. Do not believe them, though they speak good things to you.

³I have forsaken My house; I have left My inheritance. I have given the beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies. ⁴My inheritance has become as a lion in the forest to Me; she gave out her voice against Me; on account of this I hated her. ⁵My inheritance *is like* a speckled bird to Me; the birds all around are against her. Come, gather all the beasts of the field, bring them to devour. ⁶Many shepherds have destroyed My vineyard; they have trampled My portion under foot; they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. ⁷One has made it desolate; it mourns to Me; the whole land is made desolate, but no man lays *it* to heart. ⁸The ravagers have come on all bare heights through the wilderness; for the sword of Jehovah devours from *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land. There is no peace for any flesh. ⁹They have sown wheat, but they have reaped thorns. They are worn out, but they do not profit. And they shall be ashamed of your harvests, because of the glow of the anger of Jehovah.

¹⁰So says Jehovah against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will tear them from their land, and I will tear the house of Judah from among them. ¹¹And it shall be, after I have torn them out, I will return and have pity on them, and will bring them again, each man to his inheritance, and each man to his land. ¹²And it shall be, if they will carefully learn the ways of My people, to swear by My name, *As Jehovah lives*—as they taught My people to swear by Baal—then they will be built in the midst of My people. ¹³But if they will not obey, then I will tear and destroy that nation, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 13

¹So says Jehovah to me, Go and buy for yourself a linen band, and put it on your loins, and do not put it in water. ²So I bought a band according to the word of Jehovah, and put *it* on my loins. ³And the word of Jehovah came to me a second time, saying, ⁴Take the band that you bought, which *is* on your loins, and rise up; go to Euphrates and hide it there in the cleft of the rock. ⁵So I went and hid it by Euphrates, as Jehovah commanded me. ⁶And it happened at the end of many days, Jehovah said to me, Rise up, go to Euphrates and take the band from there, which I commanded you to hide there. ⁷And I went to Euphrates and dug, and I took the band from the place, there where I had hidden it. And behold, the band was rotted; it was not useful for anything.

⁸Then the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, ⁹So says Jehovah, So I will spoil the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. ¹⁰This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them and to worship them, shall even be like this girdle; which is not useful for anything. ¹¹For as this girdle holds fast to the loins of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me, says Jehovah; to be to Me for a people, and for a name, and for praise, and for glory; but they would not listen.

¹²So you will speak to them this word: So says Jehovah, God of Israel, Every skin shall be filled with wine. And they shall say to you, Do we not know full well that every skin shall be filled with wine? ¹³Then you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit on David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. ¹⁴And I will smash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, declares Jehovah; I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, *to keep them* from their destruction.

¹⁵Hear and give ear; do not be proud; for Jehovah has spoken. ¹⁶Give glory to

Jehovah your God, before He brings darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains. Yea, while you look for light, He puts it into death-shade, setting up deep gloom. ¹⁷But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride. And my eye shall bitterly weep and run down with tears, because the flock of Jehovah was captured. ¹⁸Say to the king and to the queen mother, Humble yourselves, sit down. For the crown of your glory will come down from your head-places. ¹⁹The cities of the south have been shut up, and none are opening. Judah has been exiled; all of it has been peacefully exiled.

²⁰Lift up your eyes and behold those who come from the north. Where *is* the flock *that* was given to you, your beautiful flock? ²¹What will you say when He visits you? For you taught them *to be* rulers over you for a head. Do not pangs seize you, like a woman in travail? ²²And if you say in your heart, Why do these things come upon me? *It is* because of the greatness of your iniquity; your skirts are bared; your heels suffer violence. ²³Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *Then* you also may do good, who are accustomed to doing evil. ²⁴And I will scatter them as the stubble that passes away to the wilderness wind. ²⁵*This is* your lot, the share of your measure from Me, declares Jehovah; because you have forgotten Me, and have trusted in falsehood. ²⁶So I also have stripped off your skirts over your face, that your shame may appear. ²⁷I have seen your adulteries, and your neighings, the plot of your infidelity, your abominations on the hills, in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you not be made clean? How long *will it still be*?

CHAPTER 14

¹That which was, the word of Jehovah to Jeremiah, concerning the matter of droughts. ²Judah mourns, and her gates droop. They put on mourning for the land, and the cry of Jerusalem has gone up. ³And their nobles have sent their little ones for water; they came to the cisterns; they found no water. They returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed

and confounded, and covered their head. ⁴Because the ground was cracked, for there was no rain in the land; the plowmen were ashamed; they covered their head. ⁵For even the doe calved in the field, and forsook *it*, because there was no grass. ⁶And the wild asses stood in the high places; they snuffed up the wind like jackals; their eyes failed because *there was* no grass.

⁷O Jehovah, though our iniquities testify against us, act for Your name's sake; for our apostasies are many; we have sinned against You. ⁸O Hope of Israel, its Savior in time of trouble, why should You be as a stranger in the land, and as a traveler *who* turns aside to lodge? ⁹Why should You be as one who is stunned, as one mighty, *yet* cannot save? Yet You, O Jehovah, *are* in our midst, and Your name is called on us. Do not leave us.

¹⁰So says Jehovah to this people: So they have loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet; therefore Jehovah does not accept them. He will now remember their iniquity, and punish their sins. ¹¹Then Jehovah said to me, Do not pray for good for this people. ¹²When they fast, I will not listen to their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, and by famine, and by the plague.

¹³Then I said, Ah, O Lord Jehovah! Behold, the prophets are saying to them, You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine; but I will give you true peace in this place. ¹⁴And Jehovah said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I did not send them, and I have not commanded them; nor did I speak to them. They prophesy to you a false vision, and a worthless divination, and the deceit of their heart. ¹⁵So Jehovah says this concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, and I did not send them; yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. ¹⁶And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, because of the famine and the sword. And none will bury them; *either* them, their wives, or their

sons, or their daughters. For I will pour their evil on them.

¹⁷And you shall speak this word to them: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and do not let them cease. For the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great break, *with* a very grievous blow. ¹⁸If I go out into the field, then I see those pierced with the sword. And if I enter into the city, then, behold, *those* pierced by famine! Yes, both the prophet and the priest have gone up into a land that they do not know. ¹⁹Have You completely rejected Judah? Or has Your soul hated Zion? Why have You stricken us, and no healing *is* for us? *We* looked for peace, but no good *came*; and for a healing time, but, behold, terror! ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O Jehovah, the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You. ²¹For Your name's sake, do not spurn *us*; do not dishonor the throne of Your glory. Remember, *and* do not break Your covenant with us. ²²Among the vanities of the nations, are there *any* who make rain fall? Or can the heavens give showers? *Is* it not You, O Jehovah our God? Then we will wait for You; for You do all these *things*.

CHAPTER 15

¹Then Jehovah said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My soul *could not be* toward this people. Send *them* out from before My face; yea, let them go out. ²And it will be, if they say to you, Where shall we go? Then you will tell them, So says Jehovah, Those who *are* for death, go to death; and those for the sword, to the sword; and those for the famine, to the famine; and those for the captivity, to the captivity. ³And I will set over them four kinds, says Jehovah: the sword to kill, and the dogs to drag off, and the birds of the heaven and the beast of the earth to devour and destroy. ⁴And I will cause them to be a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah; for what he did in Jerusalem.

⁵For who shall have pity on you, O Jerusalem? Or who shall weep over you? Or who shall turn aside to ask your welfare? ⁶You have forsaken Me, says

Jehovah; you have gone backward; so I will stretch out My hand against you and destroy you; I am weary of repenting. ⁷And I will sift them with a fork in the gates of the land; I will bereave; I will destroy My people, *for* they do not turn from their ways. ⁸Their widows are more numerous about Me than the sand of the seas; I have brought for them a ravager at noonday against the mother of a young man; I caused anguish and terror to fall on her suddenly. ⁹She who bore seven *now* languishes; she has breathed out her life; her sun has gone down while *it was* still day. She has been ashamed and humiliated; and I will deliver the rest of them to the sword before their enemies, says Jehovah.

¹⁰Woe to me, my mother, that you have borne me, a man of strife, and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not loaned, nor have they loaned to me; *yet* everyone curses me. ¹¹Jehovah said, Truly I will free you for good. Truly I will cause the enemy to entreat you in the time of evil and in the time of distress. ¹²Can one break iron, iron or bronze from the north? ¹³Your wealth and your treasures I will give for prey, not for price, but for all your sins, even in all your borders. ¹⁴And I will make *you* pass with your enemies into a land you do not know. For a fire has been kindled in My anger; it shall burn against you.

¹⁵O Jehovah, You know. Remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on those who seek to hurt me. Do not take me away in Your long-suffering; know that I bear reproach for You. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them; and Your word was to me the joy and gladness of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O Jehovah, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the circle of merry-makers, nor exult; I sat alone, because of Your hand; for You have filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why has my pain been without end, and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? You surely are to me like deceitful waters *which* cannot be trusted.

¹⁹So Jehovah says this: If you return, then I will bring you again; you shall stand before Me. And if you take the precious from the worthless, you shall be as My

mouth. Let them turn back to you, but do not return to them. ²⁰And I will make you a fortified wall of bronze to this people. And they shall fight against you, but they shall not overcome you; for I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you, says Jehovah. ²¹And I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the evil ones.

CHAPTER 16

¹The word of Jehovah came to me, saying, ²You shall not take a wife for yourself, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place. ³For so says Jehovah concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who fathered them in this land: ⁴They shall die of deadly diseases; they shall not be mourned, nor shall they be buried; they shall be as dung on the face of the earth. And they shall be consumed by the sword and by famine; and their bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth. ⁵For so says Jehovah, Do not enter into the house of mourning; do not go to weep or moan for them. For I have taken away My peace with loving-kindness and compassions from this people, says Jehovah. ⁶Both the great and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried, nor shall *men* mourn for them, nor cut himself, nor make himself bald for them. ⁷Nor shall *men* break for them in mourning, to comfort him for the dead. Nor shall *they* give them the cup of comfort to drink for one's father or one's mother.

⁸Also, you shall not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and drink. ⁹For so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place, *before* your eyes, and in your days, the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

¹⁰And it shall be, when you declare to this people all these words, they will say to you, Why has Jehovah pronounced all this great evil against us? Or what *is* our iniquity, or what our sin that we have

committed against Jehovah our God? ¹¹Then you shall say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken Me, says Jehovah, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My law. ¹²And you have done more evil than your fathers. For, behold, you each one walk after the stubbornness of his evil heart, without listening to Me. ¹³And I will cast you out of this land, into a land that you do not know, you nor your fathers. And there you shall serve other gods day and night; where I will not grant you favor.

¹⁴So, behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that it shall no more be said, As Jehovah lives who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt—¹⁵but rather, As Jehovah lives who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands, there where He had driven them. And I will bring them again into their land that I gave to their fathers.

¹⁶Behold, I will send for many fishermen, says Jehovah, and they shall fish them. And after this I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them, from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. ¹⁷For My eyes *are* on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face; their iniquity is not hidden from My eyes. ¹⁸And first I will twice repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land with the bodies of their hateful things. Yea, their hateful idols have filled My inheritance. ¹⁹O Jehovah, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth, and say, Our fathers have inherited only lies, vanity, and there is no profit in them. ²⁰Can a man make gods to himself? But they *are* not gods! ²¹And, behold, I will make them know; this time I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name *is* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 17

¹The sin of Judah is engraved with an iron pen. *It is* carved on the tablet of their heart with the point of a diamond, and on

the horns of your altars; ²*even* while their sons remember their altars and their Asherahs by the green trees on the high hills. ³O My mountain in the field! I will give your wealth, all your treasures, for prey; your high places for sin throughout all your borders. ⁴And you, *even* through yourself, will let drop from your inheritance which I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in a land which you do not know; for you have kindled a fire in My anger; it will burn forever.

⁵So says Jehovah, Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and who makes flesh his arm; and who turns aside his heart from Jehovah. ⁶For he shall be like a juniper in the desert, and shall not see when good comes. But he shall live in parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land that is not inhabited. ⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in Jehovah, and Jehovah is his trust. ⁸For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters; *it* sends out its roots by the stream, and will not fear when the heat comes; but its foliage will be green; and it is not anxious in the year of drouth; nor will it cease from yielding fruit.

⁹The heart *is* deceitful above all things, and it is incurable; who can know it? ¹⁰I, Jehovah, search the heart; I try the reins, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

¹¹As a partridge broods and does not hatch, *so is* he who makes riches, and not by right; it will leave him in the middle of his days, and in his end he will be a fool.

¹²A glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary. ¹³O Jehovah, the Hope of Israel, all who forsake You shall be ashamed. Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Jehovah, the Fountain of living waters.

¹⁴Heal me, O Jehovah, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved; for You *are* my praise.

¹⁵Behold, they say to me, Where *is* the word of Jehovah? Let it come now. ¹⁶And I have not hurried away from shepherding after You; nor have I desired the woeful day. You surely know *that* the utterance of my lips was before Your face. ¹⁷Do not be a terror to me; You *are* my refuge in

the day of evil. ¹⁸Let those who persecute me be ashamed, but do not let me be ashamed. Let them be terrified; but do not let me be terrified. Bring on them the day of evil, and break them *with* double breaking.

¹⁹So said Jehovah to me, Go and stand in the gate of the sons of the people, *that* by which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem. ²⁰And say to them, Hear the word of Jehovah, kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the residents of Jerusalem who enter in by these gates. ²¹So says Jehovah, Take heed for the sake of your lives, and do not carry a burden on the sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem. ²²And do not carry a burden from your houses on the sabbath day, nor do any work, but keep the sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers. ²³But they did not obey or bow down their ear, but they made their neck stiff, not to hear, nor to receive instruction.

²⁴And it shall be, if you carefully listen to me, says Jehovah, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but keep the sabbath day holy, to do no work in it, ²⁵*even* kings and rulers sitting on the throne of David shall enter into the gates of this city, riding on chariots and on horses; they, and their rulers, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And this city will be inhabited forever. ²⁶And they will come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and grain offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of Jehovah. ²⁷But if you will not listen to Me to keep the sabbath day holy, and not to carry a burden and enter at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in her gates. And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem; yea, it shall not be put out.

CHAPTER 18

¹The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, ²Rise up and go down to the potter's house, and there I will

cause you to hear My words. ³Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was working a work on the wheel. ⁴And the vessel that he made in clay was ruined in the hand of the potter. So repeating he made it, another vessel, as it seemed good in the potter's eyes to make it. ⁵And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ⁶O house of Israel, can I not do to you as this potter? says Jehovah. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so *are* you in My hand, O house of Israel. ⁷The instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, or to break down, or to destroy; ⁸if that nation against whom I have spoken will turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to it. ⁹And the instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; ¹⁰if it does evil in My eye, not to obey My voice, then I will repent of the good which I had said to do good to it.

¹¹Now, then, please speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, So says Jehovah, Behold, I am forming evil against you, and devising a plan against you. Now each one turn from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. ¹²And they say, It is hopeless. For we will walk after our own thoughts, and we will each one do *according to* the the stubbornness of his evil heart. ¹³So Jehovah says this: Ask now among the nations. Who has heard *things* like these? The virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing. ¹⁴Does the snow of Lebanon cease from the rock of the field? Or are the cold flowing waters that come from another place uprooted? ¹⁵But My people have forgotten Me; they have burned incense to vain idols; and they have caused them to stumble in their ways, *from* the old paths, to walk *in* by-paths, not *on* the highway; ¹⁶to make their land a desolation, a hissing forever. Everyone who passes by will be amazed, and will shake his head. ¹⁷I will scatter them like an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

¹⁸Then they said, Come and let us plot schemes against Jeremiah. For the law

shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor word from the prophet. Come and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not listen to any of his words. ¹⁹O Jehovah, pay attention to me, and listen to the voice of my foes. ²⁰Should evil be repaid for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember, I stood before You to speak good concerning them, to turn Your wrath from them. ²¹So give their sons to the famine, and give them over to the hand of the sword. And let their wives be bereaved, and widows. And let their men be the slain of death, their young men those struck by the sword in battle. ²²Let a cry be heard from their houses when You suddenly bring a raiding party on them. For they have dug a pit to seize me, and have hidden snares for my feet. ²³Yet, O Jehovah, You know all their counsel to death against me. Do not atone for their iniquity, nor blot out their sin from Your face; but let them be those made to stumble before You; deal with them in the time of Your anger.

CHAPTER 19

¹So says Jehovah, Go and buy a potter's earthen jar, and *gather* from the elders of the people, and from the elders of the priests. ²And go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom by the entry of Potsherd Gate. And there declare the words that I will speak to you. ³And say, Hear the word of Jehovah, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem. So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring evil on this place *by* which all who hear it will *have* tingling ears. ⁴Because they have forsaken Me, and have profaned this place; and have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah; and have filled this place with the blood of innocents. ⁵They have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings to Baal, which I never commanded nor spoke, nor did it come into My heart. ⁶So, behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that this place shall be no more called Tophet, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but Valley of Slaughter. ⁷And I will make

the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem come to nothing in this place. And I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of those who seek their life. And I will give their dead bodies for food to the birds of the heavens, and for the animals of the earth. ⁸And I will make this city a waste and a hissing. Everyone who passes by shall be amazed and shall hiss because of all its plagues. ⁹And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons, and the flesh of their daughters; and they shall each one eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and distress with which their enemies and those who seek their life shall distress them. ¹⁰And you shall break the jar before the eyes of the men who go with you, ¹¹and shall say to them, So says Jehovah of hosts, Even so I will break this people and this city, as *one* breaks the potter's vessel that cannot be restored again. And they shall bury in Tophet, since no place is *left* to bury. ¹²I will do this to this place, says Jehovah, and to its inhabitants, and make this place as Tophet. ¹³And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet; because of all the roofs of the houses on *which* they have burned incense to all the host of the heavens, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

¹⁴Then Jeremiah came from Tophet, where Jehovah had sent him there to prophesy. And he stood in the court of the house of Jehovah, and *he* said to all the people, ¹⁵So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring to this city, and on all its towns, all the evil that I have spoken against it, because they have stiffened their necks in order not to hear My words.

CHAPTER 20

¹When Pashur the son of Immer the priest —he also *was* chief officer in the house of Jehovah — heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, ²then Pashur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the upper Benjamin Gate, which *was* by the house of Jehovah. ³And it was on the next day that Pashur released Jeremiah from the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him,

Jehovah has not called your name Pashur, but Terror from all around. ⁴For so says Jehovah, Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself, and to all your friends. And they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall exile them into Babylon, and kill them with the sword. ⁵And I will give all the wealth of this city, and all its produce, and all its precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah, *even* I will give *them* into the hand of their enemies; who will strip them and take them, and carry them to Babylon. ⁶And you, Pashur, and all who live in your house, shall go into captivity. And you shall come to Babylon; and you shall die there; and you shall be buried there; you and all your friends to whom you have prophesied lies.

⁷O Jehovah, You have deceived me; yea, I was deceived. You are stronger than I, and You have prevailed. I am in derision all the day; everyone laughs at me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I proclaim violence and ruin; for the word of Jehovah has been to me a reproach and derision all the day. ⁹And I said, I will not mention Him or speak any more in His name. But *His word* was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I was weary of holding in; and I could not prevail. ¹⁰For I heard the slanders of many, Terror is all around! Expose! Yea, let us expose him! Every man of my peace watched for my fall, *saying*, Perhaps he will be lured away, and we shall prevail against him; and we shall take revenge on him. ¹¹But Jehovah *is* with me like a mighty, awesome one. On account of this my persecutors shall stumble, and will not prevail. And they shall be greatly ashamed. For they have not acted wisely; *they are* an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten. ¹²But, O Jehovah of hosts, who tries the righteous, *who* sees the reins and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them; for I have revealed my cause to You. ¹³Sing to Jehovah; praise Jehovah; for He has delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

¹⁴Cursed *is* the day in which I was born; let not the day in which my mother bore

me be blessed. ¹⁵Cursed *is* the man who brought news to my father, saying, A man child is born to you; making him very glad. ¹⁶And let that man be as the cities which Jehovah overthrew, and did not repent. And let him hear a cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontime; ¹⁷because he did not kill me from the womb; and that my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great *with me*. ¹⁸Why did I come forth from the womb to see toil and sorrow, and my days consumed in shame?

CHAPTER 21

¹The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, when king Zedekiah sent Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, to him, saying, ²I beg you, inquire of Jehovah for us. For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is warring against us. Perhaps Jehovah will deal with us according to all His wonderful works, that he may go up from us.

³Then Jeremiah said to them, You shall say this to Zedekiah, ⁴So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hand, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the wall. And I will gather them together in the middle of the city. ⁵And I Myself will fight against you with an outstretched arm and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. ⁶And I will strike the people of this city, both man and beast. They shall die of a great plague. ⁷And afterward, says Jehovah, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and those who remain in this city, from the plague, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. And he shall strike them with the mouth of the sword; he shall not spare them, nor have pity, nor have compassion.

⁸And you shall say to this people, So says Jehovah, Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death. ⁹He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the

plague. But he who goes out and falls to the Chaldeans who are besieging you, he shall live; and his life shall be for a prize to him. ¹⁰For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, says Jehovah. It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

¹¹And concerning the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear the word of Jehovah, ¹²O house of David, so says Jehovah: Do justice in the morning, and deliver the plundered one out of the hand of the oppressor, that My fury not go out like fire, and burn so that none can put *it* out, because of the evil of your doings. ¹³Behold, I *am* against you, O dweller of the valley, rock of the plain, says Jehovah; those who say, Who can come down against us? Or who can enter our dwellings? ¹⁴But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says Jehovah. And I will kindle a fire in its forest; and it shall devour all things around it.

CHAPTER 22

¹So says Jehovah, Go down to the house of the king of Judah and speak this word there, ²and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, O king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David, you and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates. ³So says Jehovah, Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one robbed from the oppressor's hand. And do not oppress the alien, the widow, or the orphan, and do not do violence nor shed innocent blood in this place. ⁴For if you indeed do this thing, then there shall enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he and his servants and his people. ⁵But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, says Jehovah, that this house shall become a ruin. ⁶For so says Jehovah concerning the king of Judah's house, You *are* Gilead to Me, the head of Lebanon; yet surely I will make you a wilderness, cities not inhabited. ⁷And I will consecrate destroyers against you, each one with his weapons; and they will cut down your choice cedars, and make fall into the fire. ⁸And many nations

shall pass by this city; and they shall each say to one another, Why has Jehovah done this to this great city? ⁹Then they will answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

¹⁰Weep not for the dead, nor moan for him; weep bitterly for him who goes away, for he shall return no more, nor see the land of his birth. ¹¹For so says Jehovah concerning Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, who reigned in his father Josiah's place, who went forth from this place, he shall not return there any more.

¹²But he shall die there in the place where they have exiled him, and he will see this land no more.

¹³Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness, and his upper rooms without justice; his neighbor serves without pay, and he does not give him his work; ¹⁴who says, I will build myself a wide house and large upper rooms, and who cuts out windows for it, and covers with cedar, and paints with vermilion.

¹⁵Do you reign, because you lust to excel in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then *it was well* for him.

¹⁶He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was well*. Was this not to know Me, says Jehovah?

¹⁷But your eyes and your heart *lust for* nothing but your unjust gain, and to shed innocent blood, and oppression, and to do violence. ¹⁸So Jehovah says this concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, They shall not mourn for him, *saying* Ah, my brother! Or, Ah, sister! They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, lord! Or, Ah, his glory! ¹⁹He shall be buried *with* the burial of an ass, drawn beyond the gates of Jerusalem, and thrown out.

²⁰Go up to Lebanon and cry. And lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry out from Abarim; for all your lovers are destroyed.

²¹I spoke to you in your ease; but you said, I will not hear. This *has been* your way from your youth, for you have not obeyed My voice. ²²The wind shall rule all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity. Surely then you will be ashamed and will blush for all your wickedness. ²³O dweller in Lebanon, nested

in the cedars, how you will groan when pangs come to you, the pain as of a woman in labor! ²⁴As I live, says Jehovah, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet on My right hand, yet I would tear you out of there!

²⁵And I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life; and into the hand of *those* whose face you fear; even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. ²⁶And I will cast you and your mother who bore you into another country, there where you were not born; and there you shall die. ²⁷But concerning the land which they lift up with their soul, to return there, they shall not return there. ²⁸Is this man Coniah a despised, broken jar, or a vessel *in which is* no pleasure? Why are they hurled, he and his seed, and are cast into the land which they do not know? ²⁹O earth, earth, earth! Hear the word of Jehovah! ³⁰So says Jehovah, Write this man childless, a man who will not prosper in his days. For not one from his seed will succeed, a man sitting on the throne of David and ruling, any more in Judah.

CHAPTER 23

¹Woe to shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture, says Jehovah. ²Because of this, so says Jehovah the God of Israel against the shepherds who shepherd My people: You have scattered My flock, and have driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings, says Jehovah. ³And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them there, and will bring them again to their fold. And they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴And I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them. And they will fear no more, nor be terrified; nor will they be missing *anything*, says Jehovah.

⁵Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and act wisely, and shall do justice and righteousness in the earth. ⁶In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely.

And this is His name *by* which He shall be called, Jehovah our Righteousness. ⁷Behold, so the days come, says Jehovah, that they shall no more say, *As* Jehovah lives, who brought the sons of Israel up out of the land of Egypt; ⁸but, *As* Jehovah lives, who brought up and led the seed of the house of Israel out of the land of the north, and from all the lands where I have driven them there. And they shall dwell on their own land.

⁹My heart within me is broken concerning the prophets; all my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man overcome by wine, because of Jehovah, and because of the words of His holiness.

¹⁰For the land is full of adulterers. For the land mourns because of a curse; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up, and their way is evil, and their might is not right. ¹¹For both prophet and priest are ungodly; yea, I have found their evil in My house, says Jehovah. ¹²So their way shall be to them as slippery places in the darkness; they shall be driven out and fall by it. For I will bring evil on them, *even* the year of their judgment, says Jehovah.

¹³And I have seen frivolity among the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused My people Israel to go astray. ¹⁴I have also seen a horrible thing among the prophets of Jerusalem; they commit adultery and walk in falsehood. And they make the hands of evildoers strong, so that not a man returns from his evil. They are all of them like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants *are* like Gornorah. ¹⁵So Jehovah of hosts says this concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them wormwood, and make them drink poisonous water; for ungodliness has gone forth from the prophets of Jerusalem into all the land. ¹⁶So says Jehovah of hosts, do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they make you vain; they speak a vision of their own heart, not out of the mouth of Jehovah.

¹⁷They say to those who despise Me, Jehovah has said, You shall have peace. And they say to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, Evil shall not come on you. ¹⁸For who has stood in the counsel of Jehovah, and has seen and heard His word? Who has

listened to His word, and heard? ¹⁹Behold, the tempest of Jehovah has gone forth in fury, even a whirling tempest. It will whirl on the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of Jehovah shall not turn back until He has executed, and until He has set up the purposes of His heart. In latter days you shall understand it perfectly. ²¹I have not sent the prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. ²³*Am* I a God near by, says Jehovah, and not a God from afar? ²⁴Or can anyone hide himself in secret places so that I do not see him, says Jehovah? Do I not fill Heaven and earth, says Jehovah?

²⁵I have heard what the prophets said, *those* who prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

²⁶How long is *this* there in the heart of the prophets, the prophets of lies; yea, the prophets of the deceit of their own heart?

²⁷*They* plot to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell, each one to his neighbor, even as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal.

²⁸The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream. And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *has* the straw to *do* with the grain, says Jehovah? ²⁹Is not My word thus like fire, says Jehovah, and like a hammer which breaks a rock in pieces? ³⁰Then, Jehovah says, Behold, I *am* against the prophets who steal My words, each one from his neighbor. ³¹Jehovah says, Behold, I *am* against the prophets who use their tongues and say, *He* says. ³²Jehovah says, Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams, and tell them, and cause My people to go astray by their lies, and by their frivolity. Yet I did not send them, nor command them. And they will not profit this people at all, says Jehovah.

³³And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What is the burden of Jehovah? You shall then say to them, What burden? I will even forsake you, says Jehovah. ³⁴And the prophet, and the priest, and the people who shall say, The burden of Jehovah—I will even

punish that man and his house. ³⁵So you shall say each one to his neighbor, and each one to his brother, What has Jehovah answered? And what has Jehovah spoken? ³⁶And you shall not mention the burden of Jehovah again; for each man's word shall be his burden. For you have perverted the words of the living God, of Jehovah of hosts, our God.

³⁷So you shall say to the prophet, What has Jehovah answered you? And what has Jehovah spoken? ³⁸But if you say, The burden of Jehovah, therefore so says Jehovah: Because you say this word, the burden of Jehovah; and I have sent to you saying, You shall not say, The burden of Jehovah; ³⁹therefore, behold, I, even I will utterly forget you, and I will cast off you and the city that I gave to you and your fathers, away from My face. ⁴⁰And I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, and never-ending shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAPTER 24

¹Jehovah showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Jehovah, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had exiled Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the rulers of Judah, and the craftsmen, and the smiths from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. ²One basket *had* very good figs, like first-ripe figs. And the other basket *had* very bad figs which could not be eaten from *their* badness. ³And Jehovah said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs. The good figs are very good, and the bad are very bad, so that they cannot be eaten from *their* badness.

⁴Again the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, ⁵So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Like these good figs, so I will acknowledge the exiles of Judah whom I have sent out of this place *into* the land of the Chaldeans for good. ⁶For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land. And I will build them and not tear down; and I will plant them, and will not pluck up. ⁷And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* Jehovah. And they shall be My people,

and I will be their God. For they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

⁸And like the bad figs which cannot be eaten from badness, so says Jehovah: So I shall make Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his rulers, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt; ⁹I will even make them a horror among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil, for a reproach, and a proverb, a gibe, and a curse, there in all places where I will drive them. ¹⁰And I will send the sword, the famine, and the plague among them until they are destroyed from on the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

CHAPTER 25

¹The word that was to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah. It was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. ²*This* Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the residents of Jerusalem, saying, ³From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, this twenty-three years, the word of Jehovah has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not listened. ⁴And Jehovah has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending, but you have not listened nor bowed your ear to hear, ⁵saying, Now turn each one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and live on the land which Jehovah has given to you and to your fathers from forever even to forever. ⁶And do not go after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no harm. ⁷Yet you have not listened to Me, says Jehovah, so that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; for harm to you.

⁸So Jehovah of hosts says this: Because you have not obeyed My words, ⁹behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, says Jehovah, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and I will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and

against all these nations all around. And I will completely destroy them, and make them a horror, and a hissing, and everlasting ruins. ¹⁰And I will take from them the voice of rejoicing, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp. ¹¹And this whole land shall be a waste and a horror; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

¹²And it shall be, when seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, and the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, says Jehovah; and I will make it everlasting ruins. ¹³And I will bring on that land all My words which I have spoken against it, all that is written in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations. ¹⁴For many nations and great kings will lay service on them, even they. And I will repay them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their own hands.

¹⁵For so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to me. Take the wine cup of this wrath from My hand, and cause all the nations to whom I shall send you to drink it. ¹⁶And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be maddened, because of the sword that I will send among them. ¹⁷Then I took the cup from Jehovah's hand, and made all the nations drink, *those* to whom Jehovah had sent me: ¹⁸Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and their kings, and their rulers, to make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing, and a curse, as *it is* this day; ¹⁹Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and his servants, and his rulers, and all his people; ²⁰and all the mixed people; and all the kings of the land of Uz; and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod; ²¹Edom; and Moab; and the sons of Ammon; ²²and all the kings of Tyre; and all the kings of Sidon; and the coastal kings which *are* beyond the sea; ²³Dedan; and Tema; and Buz; and all who cut the corners of *their* beards; ²⁴and all the kings of Arabia; and all the kings of the mixed people who dwell in the desert; ²⁵and all the kings of Zimri; and all the kings of Elam; and all

the kings of Media; ²⁶and all the kings of the north, far and near; each one to his brother; and all the kingdoms of the world which *are* on the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

²⁷So you shall say to them, So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and do not rise up, because of the sword which I will send among you. ²⁸And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, So says Jehovah of hosts, You shall certainly drink. ²⁹For, behold, I begin to bring evil on the city on which is called My name, and shall you be found entirely without guilt? You shall not be without guilt. For I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth, says Jehovah of hosts. ³⁰And now you prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, Jehovah shall roar from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He shall mightily roar over His dwelling place. He answers with a shout, like those who tread out *the grapes*, against all the inhabitants of the earth. ³¹A roaring will go to the ends of the earth; for Jehovah has a controversy with the nations. He will enter into judgment with all flesh; He will give the wicked to the sword, says Jehovah. ³²So says Jehovah of hosts, Behold, evil is going from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be stirred up from the corners of the earth. ³³And the slain of Jehovah shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth; they shall not be mourned, nor gathered, nor buried; they shall be as dung on the face of the earth.

³⁴Howl, O shepherds; and cry; and roll, O leaders of the flock. For the days of your slaughter and of your scatterings are fulfilled; and you shall fall like a desirable vessel. ³⁵And refuge has perished from the shepherds, and escape from the leaders of the flock. ³⁶The sound of the cry of the shepherds, and the howling from the leaders of the flock! For Jehovah is spoiling their pasture. ³⁷And the peaceful folds are devastated, because of the glow of the anger of Jehovah. ³⁸Like the young lion, He has left His den; for their land is a waste because of the oppressor's

burning *anger*, and because of His glowing anger.

CHAPTER 26

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from Jehovah, saying, ²So says Jehovah, Stand in the court of the house of Jehovah and speak to all the cities of Judah which come to worship in the house of Jehovah, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not keep back a word. ³It may be that they will listen, and each man turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the evil which I plan to do to them because of the evil of their doings. ⁴And you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, ⁵to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I am sending to you; even rising up early and sending—but you have not listened—⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

⁷And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Jehovah. ⁸And it happened when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that Jehovah had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, You shall surely die. ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be wasted, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah.

¹⁰When the rulers of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house to the house of Jehovah. And *they* sat down in the entrance of the New Gate of Jehovah. ¹¹And the priests and the prophets spoke to the rulers, and to all the people, saying, *Let* a death sentence *be* for this man, for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the rulers and to all the people, saying, Jehovah sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you

have heard. ¹³So now make good your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Jehovah your God; and Jehovah will repent toward the evil that He has spoken against you. ¹⁴As for me, behold, I *am* in your hands; do with me as *seems* good and right to you. ¹⁵But know for certain that if you put me to death, you shall surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants. For truly Jehovah has sent me to you, to speak all these words in your ears.

¹⁶Then the rulers, and all the people, said to the priests and to the prophets, There *is* not a sentence of death for this man; for he has spoken to us in the name of Jehovah our God. ¹⁷Then some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, ¹⁸Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. And he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, So says Jehovah of hosts: Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house like the high places of a forest. ¹⁹Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah indeed put him to death? Did he not fear Jehovah, and entreat the face of Jehovah; and *did not* Jehovah repent of the evil which He had spoken against them? So we are doing great evil against our souls.

²⁰And there was also a man who prophesied in the name of Jehovah, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to the words of Jeremiah. ²¹And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the rulers, heard his words, the king tried to put him to death. But Urijah heard, and he was afraid, and fled, and went to Egypt. ²²And Jehoiakim the king sent men to Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and men with him into Egypt. ²³And they brought Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who struck him with the sword, and threw his dead body into the graves of the sons of the people. ²⁴But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

CHAPTER 27

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, ²So says Jehovah to me, Make bonds and yokes for yourself, and put them on your neck. ³And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the sons of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who came to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah. ⁴And command them to go to their masters, saying, So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: So you shall say to your masters, ⁵I have made the earth, the man, and the animals that are on the face of the earth, by My great power, and by My outstretched arm; and I have given it to whom it seemed right in My eyes. ⁶And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant. And I have also given him the beast of the field to serve him. ⁷And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land comes, and his time; and many nations and great kings shall make him a slave. ⁸And it shall be, the nation and kingdom which will not serve him, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put its neck in the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that nation, says Jehovah, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the plague, until I have destroyed them by his hand. ⁹As for you, do not listen to your prophets, or to your fortune-tellers, or to your dreams, or to your conjurers, or to your sorcerers, those who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon. ¹⁰For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, that I should drive you out, and you should perish. ¹¹But the nation that will bring its neck into the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, I will leave it on its own land, says Jehovah; and it will till it and live in it.

¹²I also spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks into the king of Babylon's yoke, and serve him and his people, and

live. ¹³Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, as Jehovah has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? ¹⁴So then do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you. ¹⁵For I have not sent them, says Jehovah. Yet they prophesy a lie in My name, so that I might drive you out, and that you might perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you. ¹⁶Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, So says Jehovah, Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the house of Jehovah shall now be quickly brought again from Babylon. For they prophesy a lie to you. ¹⁷Do not listen to them. Serve the king of Babylon, and live. Why should this city be a waste? ¹⁸But if they are prophets, and if the word of Jehovah is with them, let them now intercede with Jehovah of hosts that the vessels which are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, may not go to Babylon.

¹⁹For so says Jehovah of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels which remain in this city, ²⁰which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he exiled Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem. ²¹For so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of Jehovah, and the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem: ²²They shall be carried to Babylon, and they shall be there until the day I visit them, says Jehovah. Then I will bring them up and give them back to this place.

CHAPTER 28

¹And it happened in that year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of Jehovah, for the eyes of the

priests and of all the people, saying, ²So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. ³Within two years I will again bring into this place all the vessels of the house of Jehovah which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. ⁴And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the exiles of Judah who went into Babylon, says Jehovah. For I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah for the eyes of the priests, and for the eyes of all the people who stood in the house of Jehovah, ⁶even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen! May Jehovah do so; may Jehovah confirm your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the house of Jehovah, and all the exiles, from Babylon into this place. ⁷But hear now this word that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people: ⁸The prophets who have been before me and before you from antiquity prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms; of war, and of evil, and of plague. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, the prophet shall be known as *one* whom Jehovah has truly sent him.

¹⁰Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it. ¹¹And Hananiah spoke for the eyes of the people saying, So says Jehovah, Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the time of two years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

¹²Then the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ¹³Go and tell Hananiah, saying, So says Jehovah, You have broken yokes of wood, but you shall make instead of them yokes of iron. ¹⁴For so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. And they

shall serve him. And I have given him the beasts of the field also.

¹⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah, Jehovah has not sent you, but you have made this people trust in a lie. ¹⁶So Jehovah says this, Behold, I send you away from the face of the earth. You shall die this year, because you have spoken apostasy against Jehovah. ¹⁷And Hananiah died the same year in the seventh month.

CHAPTER 29

¹And these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon— ²after Jeconiah the king, and the queen-mother, and the eunuchs, the rulers of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, had gone out from Jerusalem— ³*He sent* by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying, ⁴So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have caused to be exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses, and live; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit; ⁶Take wives, and father sons and daughters. And take wives for your sons; and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters, and multiply there, and do not become few. ⁷And seek the peace of the city there, where I have caused you to be exiled. And pray to Jehovah for it; for in its peace you shall have peace.

⁸For so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your fortune-tellers in your midst deceive you. And do not listen to your dreams which you dream. ⁹For they prophesy falsely to you in My name. I have not sent them, says Jehovah.

¹⁰For so says Jehovah, When according to My mouth seventy years have been fulfilled for Babylon, I will visit you and confirm My good word to you, to bring

you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the purposes which I am planning for you, says Jehovah; purposes of peace, and not for evil; to give you a future and a hope. ¹²Then you shall call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³And you shall seek and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴And I will be found by you, says Jehovah. And I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places, there where I have driven you, says Jehovah. And I will bring you again into the place from which I sent you into exile from there.

¹⁵Because you have said, Jehovah has raised up for us prophets in Babylon — ¹⁶for so says Jehovah to the king who sits on the throne of David, and to all the people who live in this city, your brothers who have not gone out with you into exile—¹⁷so says Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I am sending on them the sword, the famine, and the plague, and will make them like worthless figs which cannot be eaten from badness. ¹⁸And I will pursue them with the sword, with the famine, and with the plague. And I will make them agitated to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and a terror, and a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations, there where I have driven them. ¹⁹For they have not listened to My words, says Jehovah, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending; but you would not hear, says Jehovah.

²⁰And now you hear the word of Jehovah, all you exiles whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon; ²¹so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in My name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall strike them before your eyes. ²²And a curse shall be taken up from them for all the exiles of Judah who *are* in Babylon, saying, May Jehovah make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire, ²³because they have committed disgraceful

folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbor's wives, and have spoken a lying word in My name, which I have not commanded them; for I *am* He who knows, and a witness, says Jehovah.

²⁴You shall also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying, ²⁵So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people in Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, ²⁶Jehovah has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, to be officers *in* the house of Jehovah, over every madman who prophesies, that you should put him into the stocks and into the *torture* collar. ²⁷And now why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who prophesies to you? ²⁸On account of this he sent to us in Babylon, saying, This *captivity* is long; build houses and live; and plant gardens and eat their fruit. ²⁹And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

³⁰Then the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, ³¹Send to all the exiles, saying, So says Jehovah concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him; and he caused you to trust in a lie; ³²therefore so says Jehovah, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his seed. There shall not be to him a man living among this people; nor shall he behold the good which I shall do for My people, says Jehovah, because he has uttered rebellion against Jehovah.

CHAPTER 30

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, ²So speaks Jehovah, God of Israel, saying, Write for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you in a book. ³For, lo, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will turn the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, says Jehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

⁴And these *are* the words that Jehovah spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah: ⁵For so says Jehovah, We have heard a sound of trembling, of dread, and

not of peace. ⁶Ask now and see whether a man is giving birth? Why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins, like a woman in travail, and all faces are turned to paleness? ⁷Alas! For that day *is* great, for none *is* like it. And it *is* a time of Jacob's trouble. But he will be saved out of it. ⁸For it shall be in that day, says Jehovah of hosts, I will break his yoke from your neck, and I will burst your bonds. And strangers will not again enslave him; ⁹but they shall serve Jehovah their God, and David their King, whom I will raise up to them.

¹⁰And you, O My servant Jacob, do not fear, says Jehovah. Do not be terrified, O Israel. For, lo, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. And Jacob shall return, and have quiet, and be untroubled, and no one will make *him* afraid. ¹¹For I *am* with you, says Jehovah, to save you. Though I make a full end among all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end with you. But I will correct you justly, and I will not leave you unpunished.

¹²For so says Jehovah, Your break cannot be cured; your wound is grievous. ¹³There is no one to plead your cause, for *your* ulcer there are *no* healing medicines for you. ¹⁴All your lovers have forgotten you; they do not seek you. For I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one; because of the greatness of your iniquity. Your sins are many; ¹⁵Why do you cry out over your crushing? Your pain is incurable, for the greatness of your iniquity; your sins are many; *so* I have done these things to you. ¹⁶Therefore, all those who devour you shall be devoured. And all your enemies, every one of them, shall go into captivity. And they who rob you shall be *given* for plunder; and all who strip you, I will give to *be* stripped. ¹⁷For I will give health back to you; and I will heal you of your wounds, says Jehovah; because they called you, Outcast; *saying*, This *is* Zion; no one is seeking for her.

¹⁸So says Jehovah, Behold I will turn the captivity of Jacob's tents and will have mercy on his dwelling places. And the city shall be built on her ruin-heap; and the palace shall remain on its own place.

¹⁹And out of them shall come thanksgiving, and the voice of those who are merry. And I will multiply them, and they shall not be few. I also will honor them, and they shall not be small. ²⁰Also, his sons shall be as before, and his assembly shall be established before Me; and I will punish all who oppress them. ²¹And his leader shall be from him, and his ruler shall come from among him. And I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach Me. For who *is* he who pledged his heart to come near to Me, says Jehovah? ²²And you shall be My people; and I will be your God. ²³Behold, the tempest of Jehovah: fury goes forth; a sweeping tempest; it shall swirl on the head of the wicked. ²⁴The fierce anger of Jehovah shall not turn back until He has finished, and until He has fulfilled the intentions of His heart. In latter days you will understand it.

CHAPTER 31

¹At that time, says Jehovah, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people. ²So says Jehovah, The people, the survivors of the sword, have found grace in the wilderness — Israel — when I will go to give rest to him. ³Jehovah has appeared to me from far away, *saying*, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love! On account of this with loving-kindness I have drawn you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built again, O virgin of Israel. You will again put on your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of those making merry. ⁵You shall yet plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria, the planters shall plant, and shall treat *them* as common. ⁶For there shall be a day when the watchmen on Ephraim's hills shall call out, Arise and let us go up to Zion, to Jehovah our God. ⁷For so says Jehovah, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O Jehovah, save Your people, the remnant of Israel. ⁸Behold I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the corners of the earth. Among them the blind, and the lame, the pregnant one, and the tra-
vailing one together, a great company

shall return here. ⁹They shall come with weeping, and I will lead them with prayers. I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a right way; they will not stumble in it. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of Jehovah, O nations, and declare in the coasts far away. And say, He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd his flock. ¹¹For Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of the one stronger than he. ¹²And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and be radiant over the goodness of Jehovah, for grain, and for wine, and for oil, and for the sons of the flock and the herd. And their life shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not pine away any more at all. ¹³Then the virgin shall rejoice in the dance, both young men and elders together. For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their sorrow. ¹⁴And I will fill the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says Jehovah.

¹⁵So says Jehovah, A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing, bitter weeping: Rachel weeping for her sons; she refuses to be comforted for her sons for they are not.

¹⁶So says Jehovah, Hold back your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears. For there will be a reward for your work, says Jehovah; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. ¹⁷And there is hope for your future, says Jehovah, that *your* sons will come again to their own territory.

¹⁸I have surely heard Ephraim moaning over himself, *saying*, You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bull not broken in. Turn me, and I shall be turned; for *You are* Jehovah my God. ¹⁹For after I had turned away, I repented; and after I was taught, I slapped on *my* thigh. I was ashamed; yea, I even blushed, because I bore the disgrace of my youth. ²⁰Is Ephraim My dear son? Or is *he* a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still. So My bowels groan for him; I will surely have pity on him, declares Jehovah.

²¹Set up roadmarks for yourself; make

sign posts for yourself. Set your heart toward the highway, *even* the way you went. Turn again, O virgin of Israel; turn again to these cities of yours. ²²How long will you turn to and fro, O faithless daughter? For Jehovah has created a new thing in the land, a woman shall enclose a man. ²³So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Again they will speak this word in the land of Judah, and in its cities, when I turn again their captivity, *saying*, Jehovah bless you, O home of righteousness, O holy mountain! ²⁴And Judah and all its cities shall live in it together, the farmers and those who travel with flocks. ²⁵For I satisfy the weary soul, and I have filled every sorrowful soul. ²⁶On this I awoke, and looked up; and my sleep was sweet to me.

²⁷Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, even I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and the seed of animal. ²⁸And it shall be, as I have watched over them to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to bring calamity; so I will watch over them to build, and to plant, says Jehovah. ²⁹In those days they shall not any more say, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the sons are dull. ³⁰But every man will die in his iniquity. Every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be dull.

³¹Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah, ³²not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took *them* by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—*which* covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, says Jehovah — ³³but this *shall be* the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days, declares Jehovah, I will put My law in their inward parts, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴And they shall no longer each man teach his neighbor, and each man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah. For they shall all know Me, from the least of them even to the greatest of them, declares Jehovah. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more.

³⁵So says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, the laws of the moon, and the stars for a light by night; who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—Jehovah of hosts *is* His name — ³⁶If these ordinances depart from before Me, says Jehovah, the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever. ³⁷So says Jehovah, If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be searched out, I will also reject all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, declares Jehovah.

³⁸Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that the city will be built to Jehovah, from the Tower of Hananeel to the Corner Gate. ³⁹And the measuring line shall yet go before it to the hill Gareb, and shall go around to Goath. ⁴⁰And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and the ashes, and all the fields to the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate east, *shall be* holy to Jehovah. It shall not be torn up, nor thrown down, any more forever.

CHAPTER 32

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ²For then the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem. And Jeremiah the prophet was shut in the court of the guard, which *was* in the king of Judah's house. ³For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy and say, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it. ⁴And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon; and he will speak with him mouth to mouth, and will see his eyes with his eyes. ⁵And he shall lead Zedekiah into Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him, says Jehovah. Though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed.

⁶And Jeremiah said, The word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ⁷Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum, your uncle, shall come to you, saying, Buy my field in Anathoth for yourself; for the right to redeem *is* yours, to buy *it*. ⁸So Hanameel,

my uncle's son, came to me in the court of the guard, according to the word of Jehovah, and said to me, Please buy my field in Anathoth, which *is* in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance *is* yours, and the right of redemption *is* yours. Buy *it* for yourself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of Jehovah. ⁹And I bought the field in Anathoth from my uncle's son, Hanameel, and weighed him the silver, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰And I wrote it in the document, and sealed *it*, and called witnesses, and weighed the silver on the scales. ¹¹So I took the document of the purchase, that which was sealed according to the law and the statutes, and the open copy. ¹²And I gave the purchase document to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, before the eyes of my uncle's son Hanameel, and before the eyes of the witnesses who wrote in the purchase document before the eyes of all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard.

¹³And I commanded Baruch before their eyes, saying, ¹⁴So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these books, the purchase document, the one sealed, and the open book, and put them in an earthen vessel so that they may stand many days. ¹⁵For so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.

¹⁶And after I gave the document of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to Jehovah, saying, ¹⁷Ah, Lord Jehovah! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and Your outstretched arm; not any thing is too difficult for You; ¹⁸who acts with loving-kindness to thousands, and repays the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their sons after them. The great, the mighty God, Jehovah of hosts, *is* His name, ¹⁹great in counsel and mighty in work; for Your eyes are open on all the ways of the sons of men, to give to each man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. ²⁰For You have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt until this day, and in Israel, and among men; and You have made a name for Yourself, as at this day. ²¹And You have

brought Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror. ²²And You have given them this land which You swore to their fathers, to give to them a land flowing with milk and honey.

²³And they came in and possessed it, but they did not obey Your voice, nor did they walk in Your law. They have not done all that You commanded them to do; so You have caused all this evil to meet them. ²⁴Behold, the siege-mounds have come to the city, to capture it. And the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, and the famine, and the plague. And what You have spoken has happened. And, behold, You see it. ²⁵And You have said to me, O Lord Jehovah, Buy for yourself the field with silver, and call witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

²⁶And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁷Behold, I *am* Jehovah, the God of all flesh. Is anything too difficult for Me? ²⁸So Jehovah says this: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and he shall take it. ²⁹And the Chaldeans who fight against this city shall enter and set this city *on* fire, and burn it, with the houses where they offered incense on their roofs to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger. ³⁰For the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have only done evil in My eyes from their youth. For the sons of Israel have only provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands, declares Jehovah. ³¹For this city has been to Me a cause of My anger and My wrath from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should remove it from My face; ³²because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and of the sons of Judah which they have done to provoke Me to anger; they, their kings, their rulers, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

³³And they have turned the back to Me, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. ³⁴But they set their idols in the house on which

My name has been called, to defile it. ³⁵And they built the high places of Baal which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to Molech; which I did not command them, nor did it come into My heart, that they should do this detestable thing, to cause Judah to sin.

³⁶And so now Jehovah, God of Israel, says this concerning this city, *of* which you say, It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague; ³⁷Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands, there where I have driven them in My anger, and in My fury, and in great indignation. And I will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them to live in safety. ³⁸And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ³⁹And I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me all the days, for good to them and to their sons after them. ⁴⁰And I will cut an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do good to them. But I will put My fear in their heart, that they shall not depart from Me. ⁴¹And I will rejoice over them, to do good to them; and I will truly plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul. ⁴²For so says Jehovah: As I have brought this great evil on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I am speaking to them. ⁴³And fields will be bought in this land, of which you say, It *is* a desolation, without man or beast; it has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans. ⁴⁴Men shall buy fields for silver, and write in a document, and seal it, and call witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the Negeb. For I will cause their captivity to return, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 33

¹And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

²So says Jehovah the Maker of it, Jehovah who formed it in order to establish it; Jehovah *is* His name: ³Call to Me, and I

will answer you and tell you great and inscrutable things; you do not know them. 'For so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are torn down *to defend* against the siege-mounds, and against the sword, 'they come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men whom I have struck in My anger and in My wrath; and for whom I have hidden My face from this city, because of all their evil. 'Behold, I will bring health and healing to it, and I will heal them and will show them the abundance of peace and truth. 'And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. 'And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities which they have sinned against Me, and which they have rebelled against Me.

'And it shall be a name of joy to Me, a praise and a glory to all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do for them. And they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the peace that I do for it. 'So says Jehovah, In this place which you say *shall be* a desert without man and without beast, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, without inhabitant and without beast; 'There shall be heard again the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of those saying, Praise Jehovah of hosts, for Jehovah *is* good, for His mercy *endures* forever; those who shall bring the sacrifice of thanksgiving into the house of Jehovah. For I will bring back the captivity of the land, as at the first, says Jehovah. 'So says Jehovah of hosts, Again in this place *which is* a waste without man or even beast, and in all its cities *shall be* a home of shepherds causing flocks to lie down. 'In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the Negeb, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall pass again under the hands of

him who tallies, says Jehovah. 'Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will fulfill the good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

'In those days, and at that time, I will cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up to David. And He shall do judgment and righteousness in the land. 'In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety. And this is the name that shall be called on her: JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 'For so says Jehovah, Not a man sitting on the throne of the house of Israel will be cut off to David. 'And for the Levitical priests, they shall not have a man cut off before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle grain offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

'And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying, 'So says Jehovah, If you can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and there should not be day and night in their time, 'then My covenant with My servant David may also be broken, that he should not have a son to reign on his throne; and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. 'As the host of the heavens cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so I will multiply the seed of My servant David, and the Levites who minister to Me. 'And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying, 'Have you not observed what these people have spoken, saying, The two families that Jehovah has chosen, He has also rejected them? And they despise My people, no more to be a nation before them. 'So says Jehovah, If My covenant *is* not *with* day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of the heavens and earth, 'then I also will reject the seed of Jacob, and My servant David, not to take of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will bring back their captivity, and have pity on them.

CHAPTER 34

'The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth—because his hand

rules—and all the peoples fought against Jerusalem, and against all its cities, saying, ²So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. ³And you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be captured and delivered into his hand. And your eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak, his mouth with your mouth; and you shall go to Babylon. ⁴Yet hear the word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah king of Judah: So says Jehovah concerning you, You shall not die by the sword. ⁵You shall die in peace; and as the burnings of spices for your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they shall burn spices for you, saying, Ah, lord! They will wail for you. For I have spoken the word, says Jehovah. ⁶And Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, ⁷when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem and against all the cities of Judah that remained; against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

⁸The word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah after king Zedekiah had cut a covenant with all the people in Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them, ⁹that each man should release his male slave, and each man his slavegirl; if a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, to go free, that not *any* should enslave a Jew, a man, his brother among them. ¹⁰And all the rulers obeyed, and all the people who had entered into the covenant allowed *them* to go free, each man his male slave, and each man his slavegirl; so that not *any* should enslave among them any more; and they obeyed and let *them* go. ¹¹But afterward they turned and made return the male slaves and the slavegirls whom they sent away. And they subjected them for male slaves and for slavegirls. ¹²For this reason the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, ¹³So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: I cut a covenant with your fathers in the day I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, saying, ¹⁴At the end of seven

years each man should let go his brother *who is* a Hebrew, who has been sold to him. When he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you. But your fathers did not listen to Me, nor bow down their ear. ¹⁵And you had turned today, and you did right in My eyes, to call for liberty, each man to his neighbor. And you cut a covenant before Me in the house on which is called My name. ¹⁶But you turned and profaned My name, and each man caused his slave, and each man his slavegirl to return whom you had sent away according to their desire. And *you* subjected them to be slaves and slavegirls to you. ¹⁷So Jehovah says this: You have not listened to Me, to call for liberty, each man to his brother, and each man to his neighbor. Behold, I call for freedom to you, says Jehovah: to the sword, to the plague, and to the famine. And I will cause you to be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. ¹⁸And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not stood on the words of the covenant which they have cut with Me *when they* cut the calf in two, and passed between its parts; ¹⁹the rulers of Judah, and the rulers of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf; ²⁰I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life. And their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth. ²¹And I will give Zedekiah king of Judah, and his rulers, into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life, even into the hand of the king of Babylon's army that has withdrawn from you. ²²Behold, I will command and cause them to return to this city, says Jehovah. And they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire. And I will make the cities of Judah a ruin, without a soul to live in it.

CHAPTER 35

¹The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, ²Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak to them, and bring them to the house of Jehovah, into one of the rooms; and give

them wine to drink. ⁷Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaz-ziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites. ⁸And I brought them into the house of Jehovah, into the room of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaiah, a man of God, which was near the room of the rulers, above the room of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold. ⁹And I set bowls and cups full of wine before the sons of the house of the Rechabites. And I said to them, Drink wine. ¹⁰But they said, We will not drink wine, for Jonadab, the son of Rechab our father, commanded us, saying, You shall not drink wine, you nor your sons forever. ¹¹And you shall not build a house, nor sow seed, nor plant a vineyard, nor shall there be *anything* to you; but all your days you shall live in tents, so that you may live many days on the face of the land where you are staying. ¹²And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab, the son of Rechab our father, to all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters; ¹³nor to build houses for us for our dwelling; nor do we have a vineyard, or field, or seed; ¹⁴but we live in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. ¹⁵But it happened when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, then we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem, because of the army of the Chaldeans, and because of the army of the Syrians. And we live in Jerusalem.

¹⁶Then the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying, ¹⁷So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and tell the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction, to listen to My words? says Jehovah. ¹⁸The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, in which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are done. And to this day they do not drink but obey their father's command. But I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking; and you did not listen to Me. ¹⁹I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending, saying, Each man now return from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; and you

shall live in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers. But you have not bowed your ear, nor listened to Me. ²⁰Because the sons of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, have stood on the command of their father which he gave them, but this people has not listened to Me, ²¹so Jehovah, God of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the people of Jerusalem all the evil that I have spoken against them; because I have spoken to them, but they did not listen. Yea, I have called to them, but they did not answer.

²²And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed your father Jonadab's command, and have kept all his commands, and have done according to all that he has commanded you, ²³so Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Jonadab, the son of Rechab, shall not have a man cut off from standing before Me all the days.

CHAPTER 36

¹And in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, ²Take a roll of a book for yourself, and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day. ³It may be the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I plan to do to them, that they may each man turn from his evil way, and I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. ⁴Then Jeremiah called Baruch, the son of Neriah. And Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah, all the words of Jehovah that He had spoken to him, on a roll of a book. ⁵And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go to the house of Jehovah; ⁶so you go and read in the roll the words of Jehovah that you have written from my mouth, *in* the house of Jehovah, in the ears of the people on the fasting day. And also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out from their cities. ⁷Perhaps their pleading will fall before Jehovah, and each man will turn from his evil way. For great *is* the anger and the

wrath that Jehovah has spoken against this people.

⁸And Baruch, the son of Neriah, did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah *in* the house of Jehovah. ⁹And it happened in the fifth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, they called a fast before Jehovah, to all the people of Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem. ¹⁰And Baruch read in the book the words of Jeremiah, *in* the house of Jehovah, in the room of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entrance to the New Gate of the house of Jehovah, in the ears of all the people.

¹¹When Micaiah, the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard all the words of Jehovah out of the book, ¹²then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's room. And, behold, all the rulers were sitting there, Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah, the son of Hananiah, and all the rulers. ¹³And Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. ¹⁴And all the rulers sent Jehudi, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Take the roll in your hand, which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch, the son of Neriah, took the roll in his hand and came to them. ¹⁵And they said to him, Sit down now and read it in our ears. So Baruch read in their ears. ¹⁶And it happened, when they had heard all the words, they turned each man to his companion in fear. And *they* said to Baruch, We will surely tell all these words to the king. ¹⁷And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, how did you write all these words? From his mouth? ¹⁸And Baruch said to them, He spoke all these words to me from his mouth, and I wrote with ink on the book. ¹⁹And the rulers said to Baruch, Go, hide yourselves, you and Jeremiah; and do not let any man know where you are.

²⁰And they went in to the king, into the

court. But they laid up the roll in the room of Elishama the scribe. And *they* told all the words in the ear of the king. ²¹And the king sent Jehudi to take the roll. And he took it out of the room of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the king's ears, and in the ears of all the rulers who stood beside the king. ²²And the king was sitting *in* the winter house in the ninth month, and with the burning fire-pan before him. ²³And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the scribe's knife and threw *it* into the fire that *was* in the fire-pan, until all the roll was burned up in the fire that *was* in the fire-pan. ²⁴Yet the king and all his servants who heard these words were not afraid, nor did they tear their garments. ²⁵But Elnathan, and Delaiah, and Gemariah had pleaded with the king that he should not burn the roll, but he would not listen to them. ²⁶And the king commanded Jerahmeel, the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah, the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah, the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. But Jehovah hid them.

²⁷Then the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, ²⁸Take for yourself another roll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. ²⁹And you shall say to Jehoiakim the king of Judah, So says Jehovah, You have burned this roll, saying, Why have you written on it, saying, The king of Babylon shall surely come and destroy this land, and shall cause man and beast to cease from there? ³⁰Therefore, so says Jehovah of Jehoiakim, king of Judah: There shall not be *one* to him to sit on the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. ³¹And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their sin. And I will bring on them, and on the people of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evil that I have spoken against them. But they did not listen.

³²Then Jeremiah took another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote in it from the mouth of

Jeremiah, all the words of the book which Jehoiakim, king of Judah, had burned in the fire. And many words like them were added to them.

CHAPTER 37

¹And king Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, reigned instead of Coniah, the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, made king in the land of Judah. ²But not he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of Jehovah which He spoke by Jeremiah the prophet. ³And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal, the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah, the son of Maaseiah the priest, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Pray now for us to Jehovah our God. ⁴And Jeremiah came in and went out among the people, for they had not put him into prison. ⁵And Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt. And when the Chaldeans who besieged Jerusalem heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

⁶And the word of Jehovah was to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 'So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, You shall say this to the king of Judah who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come out to help you, shall return to Egypt, into their own land. ⁸And the Chaldeans shall come again and fight against this city, and capture it, and burn it with fire. ⁹So says Jehovah, Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans will surely leave us; for they shall not leave. ¹⁰For though you had stricken the entire army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and *only* wounded men remained among them, *yet* they would rise up, each man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

¹¹And it happened, when the army of the Chaldeans departed from Jerusalem because of Pharaoh's army, ¹²then Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem, to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive a portion from there in the midst of the people. ¹³And it happened, he *being* in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard *was* there, and his name *was* Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah. And he seized

Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are falling to the Chaldeans. ¹⁴And Jeremiah said, A lie! I am not falling to the Chaldeans. But he did not listen to him. And Irijah took Jeremiah and brought him to the rulers. ¹⁵And the rulers were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in the house of binding, the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made it into a prison-house.

¹⁶When Jeremiah had gone into the house of the pit, and into the cells, then Jeremiah remained there many days. ¹⁷And Zedekiah the king sent and took him out. And the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there word from Jehovah? And Jeremiah said, There is. For He said, You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. ¹⁸And Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, What have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me into the prison-house? ¹⁹Where now *are* your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, or against this land? ²⁰And now hear, I beg you, O my lord the king; please let my plea fall before you, so that you do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, that I not die there. ²¹And Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard-house, and that they should give him a piece of bread out of the baker's street daily, until all the bread of the city was gone. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guardhouse.

CHAPTER 38

¹And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedeliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal, the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur, the son of Melchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying, ²So says Jehovah, He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live; and his life shall be a prize; and he shall live. ³So says Jehovah, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, and he shall capture it. ⁴And the rulers said to the king, Please

let this man be put to death. For in this way he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking these words to them. For this man does not seek the peace of this people, but the evil. ⁵And Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand. For the king cannot do anything against you. ⁶And they took Jeremiah and threw him into the pit of Malchiah, the king's son, which *was* in the court of the guardhouse. And they let Jeremiah down with ropes; but no water was in the pit, only mud. So Jeremiah sank into the mud.

⁷And Ebed-melech, the Ethiopian man, of the eunuchs which *were* in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the pit — the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin — ⁸Ebed-melech went out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying, ⁹My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have thrown into the pit. And he has died in his place because of the famine; for there is no more food in the city. ¹⁰And the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take in your hand thirty men from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the pit before he dies. ¹¹And Ebed-melech took the men in his hand and went into the king's house, to under the treasury. And he took from there worn-out clothes and worn-out rags and let them down by ropes into the pit to Jeremiah. ¹²And Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Now put *these* worn-out clothes and rags under the arm-pits of your hands, under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so. ¹³And they drew up Jeremiah with ropes and took him out of the pit. And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the guard-house.

¹⁴And Zedekiah the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet to him, into the third entrance that is in the house of Jehovah. And the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing; do not hide a thing from me. ¹⁵And Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare *it* to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I counsel you, you will not listen to me. ¹⁶And Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As Jehovah lives, who made us this soul, I

will not put you to death, nor will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life. ¹⁷And Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, So says Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If going out you will go out to the princes of the king of Babylon, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire. And you and your house shall live. ¹⁸But if you will not go out to the princes of the king of Babylon, even this city shall be given into the hands of the Chaldeans, and they will burn it with fire. And you shall not escape out of their hand. ¹⁹And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who have fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand and they abuse me. ²⁰And Jeremiah said, They will not give. Please obey the voice of Jehovah which I am speaking to you, and it will be well with you and your soul will live. ²¹But if you refuse to go out, this *is* the word Jehovah has made me see: ²²Even, behold, all the women who are left in the house of the king of Judah shall be brought out to the princes of the king of Babylon. And they will say, The men of your peace have seduced you and have prevailed against you; your feet have sunk in the mire and they turned back. ²³And they shall bring out all your wives and your sons to the Chaldeans. And you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be seized by the hand of the king of Babylon. And this city shall be burned with fire.

²⁴And Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let not a man know of these words, and you shall not die. ²⁵But if the rulers hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you, Now tell us what you said to the king; do not hide *it* from us and we will not put you to death; also, what did the king say to you? ²⁶Then you shall say to them, I was presenting my plea before the king, that he should not return me to the house of Jonathan to die there. ²⁷And all the rulers came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he told them according to all these words that the king had ordered. And they were silent with him; for the matter was not heard. ²⁸And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the guard-house until the day Jerusalem was captured. And he was *there* when Jerusalem was captured.

CHAPTER 39

¹In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. ²In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth of the month, the city was breached. ³And all the rulers of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the middle gate: Nergal-sharezer; Samgar-nebo; Sarcechim, chief of the eunuchs; Nergal-sharezer; Rab-mag; and all the rest of the rulers of the king of Babylon.

⁴And it happened when Zedekiah king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, they fled and went out from the city by night, the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went the way of the Arabah. ⁵But the Chaldean army ran after them and overtook Zedekiah in the Arabah of Jericho. And he took him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he spoke judgment on him. ⁶And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes at Riblah. Also the king of Babylon slaughtered all the rulers of Judah. ⁷And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in bronze fetters, to make him go to Babylon.

⁸And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire. And they broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

⁹Then the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to him, even the rest of the people who remained Nebuzar-adan the chief of the executioners exiled to Babylon. ¹⁰But Nebuzar-adan the chief of the executioners left *some* of the poor people, who had not a thing to themselves, in the land of Judah. And he gave to them vineyards and fields on that day.

¹¹And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded concerning Jeremiah by the hand of Nebuzar-adan the chief of the executioners, saying: ¹²Take him and set your eyes on him. But do not do anything evil to him. But do with him even as he shall say to you. ¹³And Nebuzar-adan the chief of the executioners, and Nebushasban the chief of the eunuchs, and

Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag and all the chiefs of the king of Babylon sent, ¹⁴even they sent and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard-house. And they gave him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, to cause him to go out to the house. And he lived among the people.

¹⁵And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the guard-house, saying, ¹⁶Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing My words on this city for evil, and not for good. And they shall be before you in that day. ¹⁷But I will deliver you in that day, states Jehovah —and you shall not be given into the hand of the men, of those whom you fear. ¹⁸For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword; but your life shall be a prize to you, because you have trusted in Me, states Jehovah.

CHAPTER 40

¹The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, after Nebuzar-adan the chief of the executioners had sent him from Ramah, when he had taken him — and he was bound in chains, among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah being exiled to Babylon. ²And the chief of the executioners took Jeremiah and said to him, Jehovah your God has spoken this evil against this place. ³And Jehovah has brought *it* and has done according as He has spoken, — because you have sinned and have not obeyed His voice, even this thing has come upon you. ⁴And now behold! I set you free today from the chains which *were* on your hand. If *it is* good in your eyes to come with me into Babylon, come. And I will set my eye on you. But if *it is* evil in your eyes to come with me into Babylon, stay. Behold, all the land is before you, to go to the good and to the right in your eyes. Go there—⁵even while he had not yet returned. Or go back to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has appointed over the cities of Judah, and live with him among the people. Or to all *that is* right in your eyes to go, go. And the chief of the executioners gave him ration and a reward, and sent him away.

⁶And Jeremiah went to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, at Mizpah, and lived with him among the people remaining in the land.

⁷And when all the commanders of the army who *were* in the field, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, over the land, and had appointed with him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of those who were not exiled to Babylon, ⁸then they came to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, even Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan, and Jonathan, the sons of Kareah; and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth; and the sons of Ephai of Netopha; and Jezaniah, the son of the Maachathite; they and their men. ⁹And Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, swore to them and to their men, saying, Do not fear to serve the Chaldeans. Live in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. ¹⁰*As for me*, behold, I will live at Mizpah to stand before the Chaldeans who have come to us. But you go gather wine, and the harvest, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken.

¹¹And when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the sons of Ammon, and in Edom, and in all the lands, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ¹²even all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and the harvest *in* great abundance.

¹³And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the commanders of the army that *were* in the field, came to Gedaliah, to Mizpah.

¹⁴And *they* said to him, You certainly know that Baalis, the king of the sons of Ammon, has sent Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, to strike your soul. But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, did not believe them. ¹⁵And Johanan, the son of Kareah, spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Please let me go, and I will strike Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and a man shall not know. Why should he strike your soul, and all the Jews who are gathered to you be scattered; and the remnant of

Judah perish? ¹⁶But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, said to Johanan, the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing. For you speak falsely concerning Ishmael.

CHAPTER 41

¹And it happened, in the seventh month Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, and of the chief ones of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, to Mizpah. And they ate bread together there in Mizpah. ²And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, rose up, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword. And they killed him whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land. ³Ishmael also struck all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war. ⁴And it happened, the second day after he had killed Gedaliah; and no one knew; ⁵men from Shechem came from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men, *having their* beards shaved, and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, and *with* offerings and incense in their hand, to bring to the house of Jehovah. ⁶And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, went out from Mizpah to meet them, walking as he walked and weeping. And it happened, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam. ⁷And when they came into the middle of the city, Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, killed them, he and the men with him, *throwing them* into the middle of the pit.

⁸But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, Do not kill us, for we have treasures in the field, *of* wheat, and barley, and oil, and honey. So he held back, not killing them with their brothers. ⁹And the pit there, *in* which Ishmael had thrown all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had struck because of Gedaliah, was the one which Asa the king had made from the face of Baasha, king of Israel. Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, filled it with the slain. ¹⁰And Ishmael took captive all the rest of the people who *were* in Mizpah, the king's daughters, and all the people who stayed in Mizpah, whom

Nebuzar-adan, the chief of the executioners, had entrusted to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, carried them away captive, and went to go over to the sons of Ammon.

¹¹But when Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army commanders with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had done, ¹²then they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah. And they found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

¹³And it happened when all the people who *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army commanders with him, then they were glad. ¹⁴And all the people that Ishmael had taken captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan, the son of Kareah. ¹⁵But Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the sons of Ammon.

¹⁶Then Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army commanders with him, took all the remnant of the people, whom he had recovered from Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah — after he had killed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam — mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon. ¹⁷And they departed and lived in the inn of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter Egypt, ¹⁸because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had appointed in the land.

CHAPTER 42

¹And all the army commanders, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah, the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people, from the least even to the greatest, came near. ²And *they* said to Jeremiah the prophet, We beg you, let our plea fall before you; and pray for us to Jehovah your God, for all this remnant, for we are left *but* a few of many, as your eyes see us; ³that Jehovah your God may show us the way in which we may walk, and the thing that we may do. ⁴Then Jeremiah

the prophet said to them, I have heard. Behold, I will pray to Jehovah your God according to your words; and it shall be, all the word Jehovah shall answer, I will declare to you. I will not keep back a thing from you. ⁵And they said to Jeremiah, Let Jehovah be a true and faithful witness between us if not according to all things Jehovah your God shall send you to us, so we will do. ⁶Whether *it is* good, or whether evil, we will obey the voice of Jehovah your God, to whom we send you; so that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of Jehovah our God.

⁷And it happened, at the end of ten days the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah. ⁸And he called Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army commanders with him, and all the people, from the least even to the greatest. ⁹And *he* said to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him: ¹⁰If you will still remain in this land, then I will build you up, and will not tear you down. And I will plant you, and will not pluck *you* up. For I repent as to the evil that I have done to you. ¹¹Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Do not be afraid of his face, declares Jehovah; for *I am* with you to save you and to deliver you from his hand. ¹²And I will show mercies to you, so that he may have pity on you, and cause you to return to your own land.

¹³But if you say, We will not live in this land, or obey the voice of Jehovah your God, ¹⁴saying, No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war or hear the sound of the ram's horn. And we will not hunger for bread, and there we will live. ¹⁵Then hear now the word of Jehovah, O remnant of Judah, So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: If you surely set your faces to go into Egypt, and go to live there, ¹⁶then it shall be, the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt. And the famine which you were anxious about shall cling to you there *in* Egypt; and you shall die there. ¹⁷So *it* shall be to all the men who have set their faces to go into Egypt to reside there. They shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the

plague. And none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them. ¹⁸For so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, As My anger and My fury has flowed out upon the people of Jerusalem, so shall My fury flow out on you when you enter Egypt. And you shall be a curse, and a horror, and a shame, and a reproach; and you shall not see this place any more.

¹⁹Jehovah has spoken concerning you, O remnant of Judah. Do not go into Egypt. Know that I have surely testified against you today. ²⁰For you used deceit against your souls when you sent me to Jehovah your God, saying, Pray for us to Jehovah our God; and according to all that Jehovah our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do *it*. ²¹And I have declared *it* to you this day; but you have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah your God, or anything for which He has sent me to you. ²²And now know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague in the place where you desire to go to sojourn.

CHAPTER 43

¹And it happened, when Jeremiah had finished speaking to all the people all the words of Jehovah their God, for which Jehovah their God had sent him to them—all these words— ²Azariah, the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, then spoke, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely. Jehovah our God has not sent you to say, Do not go to Egypt, to sojourn there. ³But Baruch, the son of Neriah, sets you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, or exile us to Babylon. ⁴And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army commanders, and all the people, did not obey the voice of Jehovah, to live in the land of Judah. ⁵But Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army commanders, took all the remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Judah; ⁶men, women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan, the chief of the executioners, had left with

Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan. Also *they took* Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch, the son of Neriah. ⁷And they came into the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of Jehovah. And they came to Tahpanhes.

⁸And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, ⁹Take great stones to your hand, and hide them in the mortar in the brickwork which *is* at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah. ¹⁰And say to them, So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, My servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden. And he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. ¹¹And when he comes, he shall strike the land of Egypt. And whoever *is* for death *shall go* to death; and whoever *is* for captivity, *shall go* into captivity; and whoever *is* for the sword, to the sword. ¹²And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt. And he shall burn them, and take them captive. And he shall adorn himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd covers himself with his robe. And he shall go forth from there in peace. ¹³He shall also break the obelisks of The House of the Sun which *is* in the land of Egypt; and he shall burn the houses of the gods of the Egyptians with fire.

CHAPTER 44

¹The word which was to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who were living in the land of Egypt, those living at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the land of Pathros, saying, ²So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah. And, behold! This day *they* are a ruin, and no one lives in them; ³because of the evil which they have done, by provoking Me to anger, by going to burn incense, by serving other gods that they did not know; they, you, nor your fathers. ⁴However, I sent to you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending, saying, Oh, do not commit this abominable thing which I hate! ⁵But they did

not listen, nor bow their ear, to turn from their evil, not to burn incense to other gods. ⁶For this reason My fury and My anger were poured out and was kindled in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem. And they are wasted *and* deserted as this day. ⁷And now so says Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you commit great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, not leaving to yourselves a remnant; ⁸to provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, there where you have gone to sojourn, that I might cut you off, and that you might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? ⁹Have you forgotten the evilness of your fathers, and the evilness of the kings of Judah, and the evilness of his wives, and your own evilness, and the evilness of your wives, which they have done in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁰They are not crushed to this day, nor have they feared, nor walked in My law, nor in My statutes which I have set before you and before your fathers.

¹¹So Jehovah of hosts the God of Israel says this: Behold, I will set My face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah. ¹²And I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt, to reside there; and they shall all be consumed *and* fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be consumed by the sword, by the famine. They shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword, and by the famine, and they shall be a curse, a horror, and a shame, and a reproach. ¹³For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague; ¹⁴so that none of the remnant of Judah which has gone into the land of Egypt, to reside there, will be an escaped one, or a survivor; or return to the land of Judah to which they are lifting up their soul, to return to live there. For not one shall return, except those who escape.

¹⁵Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods,

and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, ¹⁶*As for* the word that you have spoken to us in the name of Jehovah, we will not listen to you. ¹⁷But we will certainly do whatever thing goes out of our own mouth to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings, and our rulers, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. And we had plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil. ¹⁸But when we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven, and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all *things*, and have been devoured by the sword and by the famine. ¹⁹And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our men?

²⁰Then Jeremiah said to all the people; to the men, and to the women, and to all the people who were answering: ²¹The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, your kings, and your rulers, and the people of the land, did not Jehovah remember them? Yea, it came into His heart. ²²And Jehovah could no longer bear because of the evil of your doings, because of the detestable things you have committed. For this reason your land is a waste, and a horror, and a curse, without inhabitant, as this day. ²³Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against Jehovah, and have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, in His law, or in His statutes; and *because* you did not walk in His testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as *at* this day.

²⁴Jeremiah also said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah in the land of Egypt; ²⁵so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hands, saying, We will surely fulfill our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her. You

certainly do perform your vows, and certainly make stand your vows. ²⁶So hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah who reside in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by My great name, says Jehovah, that My name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord Jehovah lives. ²⁷Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah in the land of Egypt shall be destroyed by the sword, and by the famine, until they come to an end. ²⁸And he who escapes the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, few in number. And all the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt, to reside there, shall know whose word shall stand, theirs or Mine.

²⁹And this *shall be* a sign to you, says Jehovah, that I will punish you in this place, so that you may know that My words shall surely stand against you for evil: ³⁰So says Jehovah, Behold, I am giving Pharaoh-hophra, king of Egypt, into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his soul, even as I gave Zedekiah, king of Judah, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, his enemy that sought his soul.

CHAPTER 45

¹The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch, the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a writing from the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, ²So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: ³You said, Woe is me now, for Jehovah has added grief to my pain; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

⁴So you shall say to him, Jehovah says this: Behold, I am tearing down what I have built; and I am pulling up what I have planted, even all the land itself to Me. ⁵And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek *them*. For, behold, I will bring evil on all flesh, declares Jehovah. But I will give your soul to you for a prize, there on all the places where you go.

CHAPTER 46

¹The word of Jehovah which was to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations; ²against Egypt; against the army of Pharaoh-necho, king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah: ³Set in order the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. ⁴Harness the horses, and get up, O horsemen. Yea, stand with helmets, polish the spears, put on coats of mail. ⁵Why have I seen? They *are* afraid *and* turned backward. And their mighty ones are beaten down, and have fled *for* refuge, and do not look back. Terror *is* all around, says Jehovah. ⁶Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape. They stumbled and fell to the north, by the side of the river Euphrates. ⁷Who is this rising up like the Nile, whose waters surge about like the rivers? ⁸Egypt rises up like the Nile, and *his* waters surge about like the rivers. And he says, I will go up *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and its people. ⁹Come up, horses; and rage, chariots! And let the mighty men come forth, the Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle the shield; and the Lydians who handle *and* tread the bow. ¹⁰For this *is* the day of the Lord Jehovah of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself of His foes. And the sword shall devour, and be sated, and made drunk with their blood, for a sacrifice *is* to the Lord Jehovah of hosts in the north country by the river Euphrates. ¹¹Go up into Gilead and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt; in vain you shall use many remedies; healing is not for you. ¹²The nations have heard of your shame, and your cry has filled the land. For the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty; they have fallen together, both of them.

¹³The word that Jehovah spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, of the coming of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, to strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴Declare *it* in Egypt, and make it heard in Migdol, and

make it heard in Noph and in Tahpanhes; say, Stand fast and get yourself ready, for the sword shall devour all around you. ¹⁵Why is your mighty one swept away? He did not stand because Jehovah thrust him down. ¹⁶He made many stumble; yea, one fell on his neighbor. And they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, away from the oppressing sword. ¹⁷They cried there, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, *is* a noise; he has passed the chosen time. ¹⁸*As* I live, says the King whose name *is* Jehovah of hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel *is* by the sea, he shall come. ¹⁹O daughter dwelling in Egypt, get ready to go into captivity. For Noph shall be a waste, and set afire, without inhabitant. ²⁰Egypt *is* a beautiful heifer, but a stinger surely comes out of the north. ²¹Also her hired ones *are* in the midst of her like calves of the stall; for they also have turned back, fleeing together. They did not stand because the day of their calamity had come on them, the time of their punishment. ²²Its sound *is* like a serpent's going, for they shall go in force, and come against her with axes, like woodcutters. ²³They have cut down her forest, says Jehovah, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the locusts, and there is no number to them. ²⁴The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed. She shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. ²⁵Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, says, Behold, I am punishing the multitudes of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who trust in him. ²⁶And I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants. And afterward it will be peopled, as in the days of old, declares Jehovah.

²⁷But you, do not fear, O My servant Jacob; and do not be afraid, O Israel. For, behold, I am saving you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their exile. And Jacob shall return and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make afraid. ²⁸You shall not fear, O Jacob My servant, says Jehovah, for I *am* with you. For I will

make a full end of all the nations there where I have driven you. But I will not make a full end of you, but *I will* correct you justly, and by no means will I leave you unpunished.

CHAPTER 47

¹The word of Jehovah that was to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before Pharaoh struck Gaza. ²So says Jehovah, Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing torrent. And *it* shall overflow the land and all its fullness; the city, and those who dwell in it. Then the men shall cry, and all the people of the land shall wail. ³At the noise of the stamping of the hooves of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* sons, because of feebleness of hands; ⁴because of the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines; to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every survivor who helps. For Jehovah will plunder the Philistines, the rest of the coast of Caphtor. ⁵Baldness has come on Gaza; Ashkelon is ruined. O remnant of their valley, until when will you cut off yourself? ⁶O sword of Jehovah, until when will you not be quiet? Put yourself into your sheath; rest, and be still. ⁷How can you be quiet, since Jehovah has given it a command? He has set it there against Ashkelon, and against the seashore.

CHAPTER 48

¹So says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, against Moab: Woe to Nebo, for it is ravaged! Kiriathaim is put to shame and captured. The fortress is put to shame and razed. ²Moab shall not still be praised. In Heshbon they have plotted evil against it, *saying*, Come and let us cut it off as a nation. And you shall be silenced, O madmen; a sword will go after you. ³A voice of crying from Horonaim; plundering and great ruin! ⁴Moab is broken up; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. ⁵For in the ascent to Luhith, they shall go up with great weeping. For in the descent to Horonaim, the enemies have heard a cry of ruin. ⁶Flee! Save your lives, and be like a naked thing in the wilderness.

⁷For because you have trusted in your works, and in your treasures, you shall also be captured. And Chemosh shall go into exile; both his priests and his rulers. ⁸And a plunderer shall come on every city, and no city shall escape. Also the valley shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as Jehovah has spoken. ⁹Give wings to Moab, for it will fly away; and its cities shall be a desert, without an inhabitant in them. ¹⁰Cursed *is* he who does the work of Jehovah deceitfully; and cursed *is* he who keeps back his sword from blood. ¹¹Moab has been at ease from his youth; and he has settled on his lees and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel. He has not gone into captivity. So his taste remains in him, and his scent is not changed. ¹²So, behold, the days come, declares Jehovah, that I will send pourers to him, who shall pour him off, and shall empty his vessels, and break their jars in pieces. ¹³And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of their confidence *in* Bethel. ¹⁴How do you say, We *are* mighty and strong men for war? ¹⁵Moab is ravaged, and her cities have come up. And his chosen young men have gone down to the slaughter, says the King whose name *is* Jehovah of hosts

¹⁶The calamity of Moab *is* near to come, and his evil hurries fast. ¹⁷All who are around him, mourn for him. And all who know his name, say, How the strong staff is broken, the beautiful rod! ¹⁸O dweller, daughter of Dibon, come down from glory and sit in thirst. For a ravager of Moab shall come on you; he has ruined your strongholds. ¹⁹O dweller of Aroer, stand by the way and watch. Ask him who flees, and her who escapes; say, What has happened? ²⁰Moab is put to shame, for it is torn down. Wail and cry! Tell it in Arnon that Moab is ravaged. ²¹And judgment has come to the plain country; on Holon, and on Jahazah, and on Mephath; ²²and on Dibon; and on Nebo; and on Beth-diblathaim; ²³and on Kiria-thaim; and on Beth-gamul; and on Beth-meon; ²⁴and on Kerieth; and on Bozrah; and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near. ²⁵The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, says Jehovah.

²⁶Make him drunk, for he magnified himself against Jehovah. Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be a mockery. ²⁷For was not Israel a mockery to you? Was he found among thieves? For ever since you spoke of him, you skipped for joy. ²⁸Dwellers of Moab, leave the cities, and live in the rock, and be like the dove who makes her nest in the sides of the mouth of the pit. ²⁹We have heard the pride of Moab; he is exceeding proud; His loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogance, and his elevated heart. ³⁰I have known, declares Jehovah, his wrath; and it *is* not so; his boast, they have not done so. ³¹On account of this I will wail for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; *and* he shall mourn for the men of Kirheres.

³²O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for you more than the weeping of Jazer. Your plants have crossed the sea; they reach to the sea of Jazer. A ravager has fallen on your harvest, and on your grape crop. ³³And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab. And I have caused wine to cease from the winepresses; none shall tread *the grapes* with shouting; *their shouting shall be* no shouting. ³⁴From the city of Heshbon to Elealeh, to Jahaz, they have given their voice; from Zoar to Horonaim, *like* a heifer three years old; for the waters of Nimrim also shall be desolate. ³⁵Also I will cause him who offers in the high places to cease in Moab, says Jehovah; and he who burns incense to his gods. ³⁶On account of this my heart shall mourn for Moab, like flutes; and my heart shall sound like flutes for the men of Kirheres, because the riches that he has gotten have perished. ³⁷For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped. On all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and sackcloth on the loins. ³⁸On all Moab's housetops, and in its streets, *is* wailing for all. For I have broken Moab like a vessel; no pleasure is in it, says Jehovah. ³⁹They shall howl, *saying*, How it is broken down! How has Moab turned *his back in* shame! So Moab shall be a mockery, and a terror to all those around him. ⁴⁰For so says Jehovah: Behold, he shall fly like an eagle, and shall spread his wings toward Moab. ⁴¹Kerieth is captured, and the strongholds are

seized; and the mighty men's hearts in Moab shall be at that day like the heart of a woman in *her* pangs. ⁴²And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he has magnified *himself* against Jehovah. ⁴³Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* on you, O dweller of Moab, declares Jehovah. ⁴⁴He who flees from the dread shall fall into the pit. And he who gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare. For I will bring it on Moab, the year of their punishment, declares Jehovah.

⁴⁵Those who fled stood powerless in the shadow of Heshbon, for a fire shall come out of Heshbon, and a flame out of the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the temples of Moab, and the crown of the head of the sons of tumult. ⁴⁶Woe to you, Moab! The people of Chemosh have perished; for your sons are taken away into exile, and your daughters into exile.

⁴⁷But I will restore the prisoners of Moab in the end of the days, declares Jehovah. So far *is* the judgment of Moab.

CHAPTER 49

¹So says Jehovah to the sons of Ammon: Has Israel no sons? Or has he no heir? Why does their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in its cities? ²So, behold, the days come, declares Jehovah, that I will cause a shout of war to be heard in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. And it shall be a heap, a ruin; and her daughter-villages shall be burned with fire. Then Israel shall inherit his inheritance, says Jehovah. ³Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled! Cry, daughters of Rabbah; gird yourselves with sackcloth; mourn; and run to and fro in the walls. For their king shall go into exile, his priests and his rulers together. ⁴Why do you glory in your valleys, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? She trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come to me? ⁵Behold, I will bring a dread on you, declares Jehovah of hosts, from all those who are around you. And you shall be driven out, each man before him. And there shall be none to gather up the runaways. ⁶And after this I will bring again the prisoners of the sons of Ammon, declares Jehovah.

⁷So says Jehovah of hosts concerning Edom: Is wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished? ⁸Flee, turn back, go deep to dwell, O people of Dedan. For I will bring the calamity of Esau on him *in* the time I will visit him. ⁹If the grape gatherers come to you, would they not leave gleanings? If thieves *come* by night, will they ruin *more* than enough for them? ¹⁰But I have stripped Esau; I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself. His seed is ravaged, also his brothers and his neighbors; and he is not.

¹¹Leave your orphans; I will keep *them* alive; and let your widows trust in Me. ¹²For so says Jehovah: Behold, those whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have surely drunk. And are you to be entirely acquitted? You shall not be acquitted, but you shall surely drink. ¹³For I have sworn by Myself, declares Jehovah, that Bozrah shall become a ruin, a reproach, a waste, and a curse. And all its cities shall be wastes forever. ¹⁴I have heard a message from Jehovah, and a herald is sent to the nations: Gather together and come against her, and rise up to the battle. ¹⁵For, behold, I will make you small among the nations, despised among men. ¹⁶Your fearfulness has deceived you, the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill. Though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, declares Jehovah. ¹⁷And Edom shall be a ruin; everyone who goes by it shall be amazed, and shall hiss at all its plagues. ¹⁸As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, and its neighbor, declares Jehovah, no man shall remain there; a son of man shall not live in it.

¹⁹Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the home of the strong. But I will suddenly make him run away from it. And who is *the* chosen *one* I shall appoint over it? For who *is* like Me? And who will summon Me? And who then *is* a shepherd who will stand before Me? ²⁰So then, hear the counsel of Jehovah which He has planned against Edom, and His purposes which

He has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall drag them, the least of the flock. Surely He shall make their pastures desolate over them.

²¹The earth is shaken at the noise of their fall. When *they* cried, the noise of it was heard in the Red Sea. ²²Behold, he shall come up and fly like the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah. And at that day the heart of the mighty men of Edom shall be like the heart of a woman in her pangs.

²³Concerning Damascus: Hamath and Arpad are put to shame, for they have heard bad news; they are melted; anxiety *is* in the sea; it cannot be quiet. ²⁴Damascus has become feeble; she has turned to flee, and trembling has seized *her*; anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor. ²⁵How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy! ²⁶So her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be silenced in that day, says Jehovah of hosts. ²⁷And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus; and it shall burn up the palaces of Ben-hadad.

²⁸So says Jehovah concerning Kedar and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, struck: Rise up, go up to Kedar, and strip the sons of the east. ²⁹They shall take their tents and their flocks. They shall take their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels, to themselves. And they shall cry to them, Fear *is* all around.

³⁰Flee, go far away, go deep to dwell, O inhabitants of Hazor, declares Jehovah. For Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has taken counsel against you, and has plotted a scheme against you. ³¹Rise up, go up to the nation at ease, who dwells securely, declares Jehovah; neither gates nor bars *are* on it; and they dwell alone.

³²And their camels shall be a prize, and the multitude of their cattle a prey. And I will scatter them to all winds, those who cut the corners. And I will bring their calamity from all sides of it, says Jehovah.

³³And Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals, a ruin forever. No man shall live there, nor *any* son of man stay in it.

³⁴The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah, king of

Judah, saying, ³⁵So says Jehovah of hosts, Behold I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. ³⁶And I will bring the four winds from the four ends of the heavens on Elam, and will scatter them toward all those winds. And there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come. ³⁷And I will cause Elam to be afraid before their enemies and before those seeking their life. And I will bring evil on them, the burning of My anger, declares Jehovah. And I will send the sword after them until I have destroyed them. ³⁸And I will set My throne in Elam, and will destroy the king and the rulers from there, declares Jehovah. ³⁹But it shall happen in the latter days; I will bring again the prisoners of Elam, declares Jehovah.

CHAPTER 50

¹The word that Jehovah spoke against Babylon, against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet: ²Declare among the nations, and make them hear, and lift up a banner. Make them hear; do not hide it; say, Babylon is captured; Bel is put to shame; Merodach is broken in pieces; her images are put to shame; her idols are broken in pieces. ³For a nation comes up against her from the north, which shall make her land a desert. Yea, no one shall dwell in it. They shall flee; they shall depart; both man and animal.

⁴In these days, and at that time, the sons of Israel shall come, declares Jehovah; they and the sons of Judah together; going and weeping; they shall go and seek Jehovah their God. ⁵They shall ask the way *to* Zion with their faces *pointing* there, saying, Come and let us join ourselves to Jehovah *in* an everlasting covenant never *to be* forgotten. ⁶My people are lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they turned them away *on* the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place. ⁷All who have found them have devoured them. And their enemies said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Jehovah, the habitation of righteousness, and Jehovah, their fathers' hope. ⁸Flee from the midst of Babylon; and go out of

the land of the Chaldeans; and be as the he-goats before the flocks.

⁹For, behold, I am stirring up and bringing up a company of great nations from a northern land against Babylon. And they shall set themselves in order against her. She shall be captured there; their arrows *shall be* as *those* of a mighty, skillful man; they shall not return empty. ¹⁰And Chaldea shall be a prize; all who plunder her shall be satisfied, declares Jehovah. ¹¹Because you rejoice; because you exult, O destroyers of My inheritance; because you are fat like the heifer *in* grass, and neigh like strong ones; ¹²your mother shall be deeply ashamed; she who bore you shall turn pale. Behold, the last of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. ¹³Because of the wrath of Jehovah, it shall not be inhabited; but all of it shall be a waste; everyone who goes by Babylon shall be amazed and hiss at all her plagues. ¹⁴Put yourselves in order against Babylon all around. All you who tread a bow, shoot at her. Do not spare arrows, for she has sinned against Jehovah. ¹⁵Shout against her all around. She has given her hand; her foundations have fallen; her walls have been thrown down; for it *is* Jehovah's vengeance. Take vengeance on her. As she has done, do to her. ¹⁶Cut off the sower from Babylon, and the one handling the sickle in the time of harvest. They shall turn from a sword of the oppressor, each one to his people. And they shall flee, each one to his own land.

¹⁷Israel is a scattered sheep, driven away by lions. First, the king of Assyria devoured him. And last, this king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon crunched *him*. ¹⁸So Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Behold, I am punishing the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. ¹⁹And I will again bring Israel to his home, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan; and his soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gil-ead. ²⁰In those days, and at that time, states Jehovah, the iniquity of Israel shall not be sought for, and it is not; and the sins of Judah, and they will not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.

²¹Go up against the land of Merathaim, against it and against the dwellers of Pekod. Waste and destroy after them, says Jehovah, and do according to all that I have commanded you. ²²A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great ruin. ²³How the hammer of all the earth is cut off and broken! How Babylon has become a ruin among the nations! ²⁴I have laid a trap for you, and you also are captured, Babylon; and you did not know. You were found, and also caught, because you stirred up yourself against Jehovah. ²⁵Jehovah has opened His armory, and has brought out the weapons of His fury. For this *is* a work of Jehovah, God of hosts, in the land of the Chaldeans. ²⁶Come against her from the end; open her granaries; pile her up as heaps and utterly destroy her. Do not let a remnant be left. ²⁷Put the sword to all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter. Woe to them! For their day has come, the time of their punishment. ²⁸The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of Jehovah our God, the vengeance of His temple. ²⁹Make the archers hear against Babylon. All you who tread a bow, camp against it all around. Let none of them escape. Repay her according to her work, according to all that she has done, do to her. For she has been proud against Jehovah, against the Holy One of Israel. ³⁰So her young men shall fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be silenced in that day, declares Jehovah. ³¹Behold, I *am* against you, O proud one, says the Lord Jehovah of hosts; for your day has come, the time I will punish you. ³²And the proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up. And I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall burn up everything all around him.

³³So says Jehovah of hosts, The sons of Israel and the sons of Judah are oppressed together. Yea, all who captured them held them fast; they refused to let them go. ³⁴Their Redeemer *is* strong; Jehovah of hosts is His name. He shall surely plead their cause, so that He may give rest to the land, and make to tremble the dwellers of Babylon.

³⁵A sword *is* on the Chaldeans, states

Jehovah; and on the dwellers of Babylon, and on her rulers, and on her wise men. ³⁶A sword *is* on the liars, and they shall become fools; a sword *is* on her mighty men, and they shall be broken. ³⁷A sword *is* on his horses and his chariots, and to all the mixed people in her midst. And they shall become *as* women. A sword *is* to her treasures, and they shall be robbed. ³⁸A drouth *is* on her waters, and they shall be dried up. For it *is* the land of idols, and they boast themselves in idols. ³⁹So, the beasts of the desert shall dwell *there* with jackals; and the daughters of the ostrich shall dwell in her again. And it shall not again have anyone *in it* forever; it shall not be lived in until generation and generation. ⁴⁰As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and their neighbors, states Jehovah, *so* no man shall live there, nor shall a son of man stay in it.

⁴¹Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation; and many kings shall be stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth. ⁴²They lay hold of a bow and a javelin; they *shall be* cruel and will show no mercy. Their voice shall roar like the sea; and arrayed like a man for the battle, they shall ride on horses against you, O daughter of Babylon. ⁴³The king of Babylon has heard their report, and his hands became feeble; anguish seized him, pangs like *those of* a woman in labor. ⁴⁴Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan, against the home of the strong. But I will make them suddenly run away from it; and who is a chosen *one* I will appoint over it? For who is like *Me*? And who will summon *Me*? And who *is* a shepherd who will stand before *Me*? ⁴⁵So hear the counsel of Jehovah that He has planned against Babylon; and His purposes which He has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely *they* shall drag them, the least of the flock; surely He will make *their* pasture desolate over them. ⁴⁶At the sound of the Babylon's capture, the earth shall tremble; and a cry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER 51

¹So says Jehovah, Behold, I am arousing a destroying wind against Babylon, and against those dwelling in the heart

of My foes. ²And I will send foreigners to Babylon, who shall empty her and shall empty her land. For in the day of evil, they shall be against her all around. ³Do not let the treader fully tread his bow, nor lift himself up in his armor. And do not spare her young men; utterly destroy all her army. ⁴So the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans; yea, pierced through in her streets. ⁵For neither Israel nor Judah has been forsaken by his God, by Jehovah of hosts, though their land was filled with guilt against the Holy One of Israel. ⁶Flee out of the middle of Babylon; yea, each man deliver his soul. Do not be silenced in her iniquity; for the time of the vengeance of Jehovah *is here*; He will give her a just reward. ⁷Babylon *was* a golden cup in the hand of Jehovah, making all the earth drunk. The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations rage. ⁸Suddenly Babylon has fallen, and it is broken. Wail for her; take balm for her pain; if perhaps she may be healed. ⁹We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go, each one into his own country. For her judgment reaches to the heavens, and is lifted up to the skies. ¹⁰Jehovah has brought forth our righteousness; come and let us declare in Zion the work of Jehovah our God.

¹¹Purify the arrows; fill the shields; Jehovah has aroused the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His plan *is* against Babylon, to destroy *it*; because it *is* the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance of His temple. ¹²Set up the banner to Babylon's walls; make the watch strong; set up the watches; prepare the ambushes. For Jehovah has both planned and has done that which He spoke against the people of Babylon. ¹³O you who live by many waters, rich in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your unjust gain. ¹⁴Jehovah of hosts has sworn by Himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill you with men as with locusts; and they shall lift up a shout against you. ¹⁵He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and stretched out the heavens by His understanding. ¹⁶When He gives *His* voice, a multitude of waters

is in the heavens; and He causes the mists to ascend from the end of the earth. He makes lightnings for rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasures. ¹⁷Every man is brutish in knowledge; every refiner is put to shame by idols. For his casted image *is* a lie, and no breath *is* in them. ¹⁸They *are* vanity, the work of errors; in the time of their punishment they shall perish. ¹⁹The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for He *is* the Former of all things, and the rod of His inheritance; Jehovah of hosts, *is* His name. ²⁰You *are* My war club *and* weapons of war; for with you I will shatter nations, and with you I will destroy kingdoms. ²¹And with you I will shatter the horse and his rider; and with you I will shatter the chariot and his charioteer. ²²And I will shatter man and woman with you; and with you I will shatter old and young; and with you I will shatter the young man and the girl. ²³And I will shatter the shepherd and his flock with you. And I will shatter the farmer and his team with you; and with you I will shatter heads and rulers.

²⁴And I will give to Babylon, and to all the people of Chaldea all the evil that they have done in Zion, before your eyes, declares Jehovah. ²⁵Behold, I *am* against you, O destroying mountain declares Jehovah, who destroys all the earth. And I will stretch out My hand on you, and will roll you down from the rocks; and I will make you a burned mountain. ²⁶And they shall not take a stone from you for a corner, or a stone for foundations; but you shall be a waste forever, says Jehovah. ²⁷Set up a banner in the land; blow a trumpet among the nations; consecrate nations against her. Make hear the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz together against her; set a marshal against her. Cause the horses to come up like rough locusts. ²⁸Consecrate nations against her, with the kings of the Medes, her governors and all her rulers, and all the land of his dominion. ²⁹And the land shall tremble and writhe in pain. For every purpose of Jehovah shall be done against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desert without inhabitant.

³⁰The mighty men of Babylon have

stopped fighting; they have dwelt in strongholds; their might has withered; they became *as* women; they have burned their houses; her bars are broken. ³¹A runner shall run to meet a runner, and a herald to meet a herald, to announce to the king of Babylon that his city is captured from end *to* end; ³²and that the fords are captured. And they have burned the reeds with fire, and the men of war are terrified. ³³For so says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon *is* like a grain-floor; *it is* time to tread her. Yet a little while, and the time of her harvest will come.

³⁴Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has devoured us. He has crushed us. He has made us an empty vessel. He has swallowed us like a jackal. He has filled his belly with delicacies. He has thrown me out. ³⁵The violence done to me and to my flesh *is* on Babylon, the dweller in Zion shall say. And Jerusalem shall say, My blood shall be on the dwellers of Chaldea. ³⁶So Jehovah says this:: Behold, I will strive for you and take vengeance for you. And I will dry up her sea, and make her well dry. ³⁷And Babylon shall become heaps, a home for jackals, a horror and a hissing, without a dweller. ³⁸They shall roar together like lions; they shall growl like lions' cubs. ³⁹In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunk so that they rejoice and sleep a never-ending sleep, and never awaken, says Jehovah. ⁴⁰I shall bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats. ⁴¹How Sheshach is captured! And how the praise of all the earth is seized! How Babylon has become a ruin among the nations! ⁴²The sea has come up over Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves. ⁴³Her cities have become a ruin, a dry land and a wilderness, a land in which no man dwells; nor does *any* son of man pass by it. ⁴⁴And I will punish Bel in Babylon; and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up. And the nations shall not flow together any more to him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

⁴⁵My people, go out of her midst; and each man deliver his soul from the fierce anger of Jehovah. ⁴⁶And that your heart

not faint, and you fear the report that shall be heard in the land, the report shall come in a year. And after that the report shall come in *another* year; and there shall be violence in the land, ruler against ruler. ⁴⁷So behold, the days come that I will punish on the idols of Babylon. And all her land shall be put to shame, and all her slain shall fall in her midst. ⁴⁸Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, shall shout for Babylon; for the plunderers shall come to her from the north, says Jehovah. ⁴⁹As Babylon is to fall for the slain of Israel, so for Babylon the slain of all the earth shall fall. ⁵⁰You who have escaped the sword, go away. Do not stand still. Remember Jehovah afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your heart. ⁵¹We have turned pale because we have heard reproach; dishonor has covered our faces; for foreigners have come into the holy places of the house of Jehovah. ⁵²So, behold, the days are coming, says Jehovah, that I will punish on her idols; and through all her land the wounded shall groan. ⁵³Though Babylon should mount up to the heavens, and though she should fortify her strong height, plunderers shall come from Me to her, states Jehovah. ⁵⁴A sound of a cry from Babylon, and great ruin from the land of Chaldeans! ⁵⁵For Jehovah is stripping Babylon, and the great voice will perish out of her. And her waves will roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is given. ⁵⁶Because the plunderer is coming on her, on Babylon, and her mighty men are captured; their bows are shattered; for Jehovah the God of recompenses shall surely repay. ⁵⁷And I will make her rulers drunk, and her wise ones, her governors and her rulers, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a never-ending sleep, and not awaken, says the King whose name is Jehovah of hosts.

⁵⁸So says Jehovah of hosts, The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly laid bare, and her high gates shall be burned with fire. And the peoples shall labor as for vanity; and the peoples as for fire; and they shall be weary.

⁵⁹The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah, the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with

Zedekiah, the king of Judah, to Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. And Seraiah was chief quartermaster. ⁶⁰So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come on Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon. ⁶¹And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon and shall see and shall cry all these words, ⁶²then you shall say, O Jehovah, You have spoken against this place to cut it off, so that no dweller shall be in it, from man to animal, but it shall be a ruin forever. ⁶³And it shall be, when you have finished crying this book, you shall tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates. ⁶⁴And you shall say, In this way Babylon shall sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I am bringing on her. And they shall be weary. So far are the words of Jeremiah.

CHAPTER 52

¹Zedekiah was a son of twenty-one years when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his the name of his mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ²And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. ³For it was because of the anger of Jehovah in Jerusalem and Judah that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon, until Jehovah had cast them out from his face.

⁴And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came, he and all his army against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built a siege-wall against it all around. ⁵And the city came under siege until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. ⁶And in the fourth month, in the ninth of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no food for the people of the land. ⁷Then the city was breached, and all the men of war fled, and went out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden—and the Chaldeans lay all around the city—and they went by the way of the Arabah.

⁸But the army of the Chaldeans ran after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the Arabah of Jericho. And all his army was

scattered from him. ⁹And they took the king and carried him up to the king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgments against him. ¹⁰And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. He also slaughtered all the rulers of Judah in Riblah. ¹¹And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah. And the king of Babylon bound him in bronze fetters and carried him to Babylon. And he put him in prison until the day of his death.

¹²And in the fifth month, in the tenth of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Nebuzar-adan, the chief of the executioners, who stood before the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem. ¹³And he burned the house of Jehovah, and the king's house. And he burned all the houses of Jerusalem with fire, and all the houses of the great ones. ¹⁴And all the army of the Chaldeans with the chief of the executioners broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around. ¹⁵Then Nebuzar-adan, the chief of the executioners, exiled *some* the poor of the people, and the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. ¹⁶But Nebuzar-adan, the chief of the executioners, left *some* of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for farmers. ¹⁷Also the Chaldeans broke the pillars of bronze that *were* in the house of Jehovah, and the bases, and the bronze sea that *was* in the house of Jehovah, and carried all the bronze from them to Babylon. ¹⁸They also took away the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they served. ¹⁹And the chief of the executioners took away the basins, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the pots, the lampstands, and the spoons, and the cups—*what was gold, in gold; and what was silver, in silver*—²⁰the two pillars, one sea, and twelve bronze bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of Jehovah. The weight of the bronze of all these vessels was not *known*; ²¹and the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits. And a line of

twelve cubits went around it, and its thickness *was* four fingers; *it was* hollow. ²²And a capital of bronze *was* on it; and the height of one capital *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capitals all around, all of bronze. And like these *was* the second pillar, and the pomegranates. ²³And there were ninety-six pomegranates on a side; all the pomegranates on the network *were* a hundred all around. ²⁴And the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the head priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers. ²⁵He also took out of the city one eunuch who was in charge of the men of war, and seven men who saw the king's face, who were found in the city, and the commander of the army's scribe, who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the middle of the city. ²⁶And Nebuzar-adan the chief of the executioners took them and led them to the king of Babylon, to Riblah. ²⁷And the king of Babylon struck them and slaughtered them in Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah was exiled from off his land.

²⁸This is the people whom Nebuchadnezzar exiled: In the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Jews; ²⁹in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar, eight hundred thirty-two souls from Jerusalem; ³⁰in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzar-adan the chief of the executioners exiled seven hundred forty-five souls of the Jews. All the souls *were* four thousand and six hundred.

³¹And it happened in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth of the month, Evil-merodach, king of Babylon, in the year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, and brought him from the prison house. ³²And he spoke good to him and set his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon. ³³And he changed his prison garments, and he ate bread before his face continually all the days of his life. ³⁴And his allowance in continual allowance was given to him from the king of Babylon, that matter of a day in its day, until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS

CHAPTER 1

¹How alone sits the city *that was* full of people! She has become like a widow, great among the nations; a noblewoman among the provinces has become a payer of tribute. ²She bitterly weeps in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks; she has no comforter among all her lovers. All her friends dealt deceit with her; they became enemies to her.

³Judah went captive from affliction, and from great slavery. She dwells among the nations; she finds no rest. All her pursuers have overtaken her between the straits. ⁴The roads of Zion *are* in mourning without *any* going to the appointed feasts. All her gates are deserted; her priests sigh; her virgins are afflicted; and she *is in* bitterness. ⁵Her foes have become as chief; her haters are at ease. For Jehovah has afflicted her for the multitude of her trespasses. Her children have gone, captive before the foe. ⁶And from the daughter of Zion all her splendor has departed. Her rulers have become like bucks; they find no pasture; and they have gone without strength before the pursuer. ⁷Jerusalem remembers all her desirable things which were from previous days, when her people fell into the hand of the foe; and there is no ally for her. The foes saw her; they laughed at her annihilations.

⁸Jerusalem has grievously sinned; on account of this she has been removed; all *the* ones knowing her despise her, for they saw her nakedness. Also, she groans and turns backward. ⁹Her uncleanness *is* in her skirts; she did not remember her end, and has gone down astoundingly. She had no comforter. O Jehovah, behold my affliction, for the enemy has magnified *himself*. ¹⁰The enemy has spread out his hand on all her desirable things. Indeed, she has seen the nations enter into her holy place, whom You commanded *that* they not enter into Your congregation. ¹¹All her people sigh from seeking bread. They gave their desirable things for food to revive the soul. See, O Jehovah, and look on *me*, for I have become vile.

¹²*Is it* nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold, and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which is done to me, with which Jehovah has afflicted *me* in the day of His burning anger. ¹³From on high He has sent fire into my bones, and subdued it. He spread a net for my feet; He has turned me back; He gave me desolation; all the days *I* faint. ¹⁴The yoke of my transgressions is bound by His hand; they intertwine; they rise on my neck. He caused my strength to falter; the Lord gave me into *their* hands. I am not able to rise up. ¹⁵The Lord has trampled all my mighty ones in my midst; He called a gathering against me to crush my young men. *As* a winepress, the Lord trod the virgin daughter of Judah. ¹⁶I weep for these; my eye, my eye runs down *with* water, because far from me is a comforter reviving my soul. My sons are desolate because the enemy prevails. ¹⁷Zion spreads forth her hands; there is not *one* comforting to her; Jehovah has commanded concerning Jacob *that* his enemies *should be* all around him. Jerusalem has become as an impure thing among them.

¹⁸Jehovah *is* righteous, for I rebelled against His mouth. I beseech you, all peoples, hear and see my sorrow. My virgins and my young men went into exile.

¹⁹I called for my lovers; they deceived me; my priests and my elders expired in the city while they sought food for them to bring back their life. ²⁰Behold, O Jehovah, for I *am* distressed. My inward parts ferment; my heart is overturned within me; for I have grievously rebelled. On the outside the sword bereaves; in the house *it is* as death. ²¹They hear that I sigh; *there is* no comforter to me. All my enemies have heard my evil; they rejoice that You have done *it*. You will bring the day *that* You have called, and they shall be like me. ²²Let all their evil come before You; and do to them as You have done to me for all my transgressions. For my sighs are many, and my heart *is* faint.

CHAPTER 2

¹How the Lord has clouded over the daughter of Zion in His anger! He cast the beauty of Israel down from the heavens *to the earth*, and did not remember His footstool in the day of His wrath. ²The Lord swallowed up all of Jacob's dwelling-places, *and* did not pity. In His wrath He has thrown down the strongholds of the daughter of Judah. He made *them* touch to the earth; He has defiled the kingdom and its rulers. ³He cut off all the horn of Israel in hot anger. He has turned back His right hand from the face of the haters, and He burned in Jacob as a flaming fire; it consumes all around. ⁴He trod His bow like an enemy, *and* set His right hand like a foe; and killed all *who were* desirable to the eye in the tent of the daughter of Zion. He poured out His fury like fire. ⁵The Lord was like an enemy; He swallowed up Israel; He swallowed up all his palaces *and* destroyed his strongholds; and He increased mourning and weeping in the daughter of Judah. ⁶And He violated his booth like a garden *and* destroyed his meeting-places. Jehovah made meeting-places and sabbaths forgotten in Zion; and He rejected king and priest in the fury of His anger. ⁷The Lord has cast off His altar; He rejected His holy place; He has delivered the walls of her palaces into the hater's hand; they gave a noise in Jehovah's house, as a day of meeting. ⁸Jehovah willed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; He has stretched out a line; He has not withdrawn His hand from swallowing; and He made rampart and wall lament; they languish together. ⁹Her gates have sunk in the ground; He has dispersed and shattered her bars. Her kings and her rulers *are* among the nations. The law is not. Also her prophets have not found a vision from Jehovah.

¹⁰They sit on the ground; the elders of Zion's daughters are silent; they send up dust on their heads, they gird on sack-cloths. The virgins of Jerusalem let their heads hang to the ground. ¹¹And my eyes *are* at an end with tears; my inward parts ferment; my liver is poured on the ground for the ruin of the daughter of my people; in the fainting of children and sucklings in

the city's plazas. ¹²They say to their mothers, Where *are* grain and wine? In their fainting *they are* like the wounded in the plazas of the city, in their pouring out their lives to their mothers' bosom. ¹³What will I compare to you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I equate to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your crushing *is* great like the seal who can heal you? ¹⁴Your prophets have seen false and foolish things for you, and they have not revealed your iniquity, to turn back your captivity. Yea, they visioned for you burdens of falsehood and seductions.

¹⁵All who pass by clap their hands at you. They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*, Is this the city which they called the perfection of beauty, the joy of all the earth? ¹⁶All your haters have opened their mouth against you; they hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, We have swallowed up. Surely this *is* the day for which we waited; we have found; we have seen. ¹⁷Jehovah has done that which He purposed; He fulfilled His word which He commanded from days of antiquity. He has dashed and not pitied. And He made glad the hater over you; He raised the horn of your foes. ¹⁸Their heart cried to the Lord. O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears go out like a torrent by day and by night; do not give relief to yourself; let not the daughter of your eye rest. ¹⁹Rise up; cry out in the night at the head of the watches; pour out your heart like waters before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the life of your children, faint with hunger at the head of every open place.

²⁰Behold, O Jehovah, and look! To whom have you done this? Should women eat their fruit, children of tender care? Should priest and prophet be killed in the holy place of the Lord? ²¹Young and old lie on the ground of the plazas. My virgins and my young men have fallen by the sword. You have killed in the day of Your anger; You have killed; You have not pitied. ²²You have called my terrors all around, as in a day of appointment, and there was not an escaped one or a survivor in the day of the anger of Jehovah. Those

whom I have nursed and multiplied, my enemy has consumed.

CHAPTER 3

¹I the man have seen affliction by the rod of His wrath. ²He led me and made *me* go in darkness and not light. ³Surely He turned against me; He turns His hand all the day. ⁴He has wasted my flesh and my skin. He has shattered my bones. ⁵He built against me and has put around *me* bitterness and hardship. ⁶He has made me live in dark places like the dead of old. ⁷He walled around me and I cannot go out; He has made heavy my bronze *chain*. ⁸Also when I cry out and shout for help, He shuts out my prayer. ⁹He walled up my ways with cut stone; my paths *are* crooked. ¹⁰He was a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in secret places. ¹¹He has deflected my ways and torn me to pieces; He made me desolate. ¹²He has trod His bow and set me up as a mark for the arrow.

¹³He caused the sons of His quiver to enter into my inward parts. ¹⁴I was a mockery to all my people, their song all the day. ¹⁵He has filled me with bitterness and made me drunk *with* wormwood. ¹⁶And He broke my teeth with gravel; He has covered me in the ashes. ¹⁷And You cast off my soul from peace; I have forgotten goodness. ¹⁸And I said, My strength and my hope *is* gone from Jehovah.

¹⁹Remember my affliction and my roaming, *as* wormwood and bitterness. ²⁰My soul vividly remembers and bows down on me. ²¹I bring back this to my heart. On account of this I hope.

²²*It is by* the kindnesses of Jehovah that we are not consumed, for His mercies are not ended. ²³*They are* new by mornings; great *is* Your faithfulness. ²⁴Jehovah *is* my portion, says my soul; on account of this I shall hope to Him. ²⁵Jehovah *is* good to those waiting on Him, to the soul seeking Him. ²⁶*It is* good that *a man* hopes for the salvation of Jehovah, even *in* silence. ²⁷*It is* good for a man that he bear a yoke in his youth. ²⁸He sits alone and is silent, for He laid *it* on him. ²⁹He puts his mouth in the dust, if perhaps there is hope. ³⁰He gives *his* cheek to Him who strikes him; he is filled with reproach. ³¹For the Lord will not cast off forever.

³²For though He causes grief, He will have pity according to His many kindnesses. ³³For He does not afflict from His heart, nor does He grieve the sons of man; ³⁴to crush all the prisoners of earth under His feet, ³⁵to turn aside the justice of a man before the face of the Most High, ³⁶to wrong a man in his cause — *this* the Lord does not see.

³⁷*Who is* this speaking, and it happens, *when* the Lord does not command *it*? ³⁸*Both* the evil and the good do not go out from the mouth of the Most High. ³⁹What? Should mankind complain, living man because of his sins? ⁴⁰Let us search and examine our ways, and turn again to Jehovah. ⁴¹Let us lift up our hearts *and* palms to God in Heaven. ⁴²We have transgressed and rebelled; You, You have not forgiven. ⁴³You have wrapped Yourself with anger and pursued us; You have slain; You have not pitied. ⁴⁴You have covered with a cloud for You, from *any* prayer passing through. ⁴⁵You have made us sweepings and garbage in the midst of the peoples. ⁴⁶All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. ⁴⁷Dread and a pit is ours, devastation and ruin. ⁴⁸Streams of water go out of my eye for the ruin of the daughter of my people. ⁴⁹My eye flows out and does not cease, from there not being *any* relaxing, ⁵⁰until Jehovah shall look down and see from Heaven. ⁵¹My eye deals severely with my soul, from all the daughters of my city. ⁵²My haters have hunted me like a bird without cause. ⁵³They have cut off my life in the pit, and *they* threw stones at me. ⁵⁴Waters flowed over on my head; I said, I am cut off.

⁵⁵I called on Your name, O Jehovah, from the lowest pit. ⁵⁶You have heard my voice; do not hide Your ear at my relief, at my cry for help. ⁵⁷You came near in the day I called You; you said, Do not fear! ⁵⁸O Lord, You contended for the causes of my soul; You redeemed my life. ⁵⁹You have seen my wrong, O Jehovah; judge my cause. ⁶⁰You have seen all their vengeance, all their plots against me.

⁶¹You have heard their reproach, O Jehovah, all their plots against me, ⁶²the lips of those rising against me, and their

scheming all the day. ⁶³Look at their sitting and their rising up; I *am* their song. ⁶⁴You will will give back a recompense to them, O Jehovah, according to the work of their hands. ⁶⁵You will given them an insolent heart *as* Your curse to them. ⁶⁶Pursue and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 4

¹How the gold dims, the good gold is changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of every street. ²The precious sons of Zion are weighed against pure gold — how they are counted as earthen vessels, the work of a potter's hand! ³Even the jackals draw out the breast; they suckle their young; *but* the daughter of my people *is* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. ⁴The tongue of the nursling cleaves to his palate in thirst; the young children ask bread, *but* there is no breaking for them. ⁵Those who ate delicacies are desolate in the streets; those reared on scarlet embrace dunghills. ⁶And the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, *which was* overthrown as *in* a moment, and no hands were spun on her. ⁷Her Nazarites *were* purer than snow, whiter than milk; they *were* redder *of* bone than corals; their cuttings *as* *azure-blue* as lapis lazuli. ⁸Their appearance *is* darker than soot; they are not recognized in the streets; their skin has shriveled on their bones; it is dried up; it has become like wood. ⁹Better are the ones slain by the sword than the ones slain by hunger, those who flew away, pierced because the produce of my fields *failed*. ¹⁰The hands of the compassionate women have boiled their own children; they became food to them in the ruin of the daughter of my people. ¹¹Jehovah has fulfilled His fury; He has poured out His fierce anger and has kindled a fire in Zion; and it has devoured its foundations.

¹²The kings of the earth and all the world's inhabitants would not have believed that the foe and the hater would go into the gates of Jerusalem. ¹³Because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, shedding the blood of the righteous in her midst; ¹⁴they reeled blind

in the streets; they are defiled with blood, so that not *any* are able to touch their garments. ¹⁵They cried out to them, Depart! Unclean! Depart, depart! Touch not! Indeed they fled and reeled; they said among the nations, They will not continue to live there. ¹⁶The face of Jehovah has shared them out; He will not continue to look on them; they did not lift up the face of the priests; they did not favor the elders. ¹⁷While we are, our eyes fail for our vain help. In our watching we have watched for a nation; it does not save. ¹⁸They hunted our steps from going in our open places; our end came near; our days were fulfilled, for our end had come. ¹⁹Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens; they hotly pursued us on the mountains; they lay in wait for us in the wilderness. ²⁰The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Jehovah, was captured in their pits; *of* whom we said, In his shadow we will live among the nations.

²¹Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom living in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through to you; you shall be drunken and make yourself naked.

²²Your perversity *is* complete, daughter of Zion; He will not continue to exile you. He will visit your perversity, daughter of Edom; He will expose your sins.

CHAPTER 5

¹O Jehovah, remember what has been to us; look upon and see our shame. ²Our inheritance has been turned to aliens, our houses to foreigners. ³We are orphans; there is no father; our mothers *are* like widows. ⁴We have drunk our water for silver; our wood comes for a price. ⁵We are pursued; we grow weary; rest is not given to us. ⁶We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians, to the Assyrian, in order to be satisfied *with* bread. ⁷Our fathers have sinned, and we are not; we have borne their iniquities. ⁸Slaves rule over us; there is no rescuer from their hand. ⁹We bring in our bread with our souls, from the face of the sword of the wilderness. ¹⁰Our skin *is* burned black like an oven, because of the fever heat of famine. ¹¹They raped the women in Zion, virgins in the cities of Judah. ¹²Rulers were hanged by their hands; the faces of the elders were not

honored. ¹³They lifted the young men *to* the hand mill, and the youths stumbled at the wood. ¹⁴The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.

¹⁵The joy of our heart has ceased; our dance has turned to mourning. ¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head. Woe now to us, for we have sinned! ¹⁷For this our heart is faint; our eyes are dim for these

things. ¹⁸On the mountain of Zion laid waste, foxes walk about on it. ¹⁹O Jehovah, You remain forever; Your throne to generation and generation. ²⁰Why do You forget us forever, forsake us the length of days? ²¹Return us to You, O Jehovah, and we shall return; renew our days as of old, ²²unless You have utterly rejected us; You are exceedingly angry against us.

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

CHAPTER 1

¹And it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ²On the fifth of the month, the fifth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin the king; ³the word of Jehovah surely became *known* to Ezekiel, the son of Buzi, the priest, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the river Chebar. And there the hand of Jehovah was on him.

⁴And I looked, and behold, a wind-storm came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire flashing itself, and a brightness to it all around. And out of its midst, like the color of polished bronze *it came*, out of the midst of the fire. ⁵Also from its midst *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* how they looked: they *had* the likeness of a man; ⁶and four faces *were* to each, and four wings to each of them; ⁷and their feet *were* straight feet; and the sole of their feet like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the color of burnished copper. ⁸And the hands of a man *extended* from under their wings on their four sides; and their faces and their wings *were* to the four of them, ⁹joining each one to the other *by* their wings. They did not turn in their going; each one went toward the front of their face. ¹⁰And the likeness of their faces: the face of a man; and the face of a lion; on the right *side* to the four of them; and the face of an ox on the left to the four of them; and the face of an eagle to the four of them. ¹¹So their faces *were*. And their wings were spread upward; to each, the two *wings of* each one were joined; and two *wings* covering their bodies. ¹²And each went toward the front of their faces. To where the spirit was to go, there they went; they did not turn in their going. ¹³And the likeness of the living creatures: they appeared like coals of burning fire; like the appearance of torches. It *was* continually circling among the living creatures. And the fire *was* bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. ¹⁴And the living creatures kept running and returning, like the appearance

of a flash of lightning. ¹⁵And I looked at the living creatures, and, behold, one wheel *was* on the earth beside the living creatures, with the four of its faces. ¹⁶The appearance of the wheels, and their workmanship, *was* like the color of beryl; and the one likeness *was* to the four of them. And their appearance and their workmanship *was* like the wheel in the middle of the wheel. ¹⁷They went on the four of their sides in their going; they did not turn in their going. ¹⁸And also their rims *were* high, even awesome to them; and their rims *were* full of eyes all around the four of them. ¹⁹And in the going of the living creatures the wheels went beside them. And in the lifting up of the living creatures from on the earth, the wheels were lifted up. ²⁰Where the spirit was to go, there they went; there *their* spirit *was* to go; and the wheels were lifted up along with them. For the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels. ²¹In their going, these went; and in their standing still, these stood still. And in their being lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up along with them. For the spirit of the the living creature *was* in the wheels.

²²And a likeness *was* over the heads of the living creature, an expanse like the color of awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads from above. ²³And under the expanse their wings *were* straight; the one toward the other; to each, two *wings* covering on this side, and to each two covering on that *side of* their bodies. ²⁴And I heard the sound of their wings, like the sound of great waters; like the voice of the Almighty, in their going — the sound of tumult, like the sound of an army. In their standing still, they let down their wings. ²⁵And there was a voice from the expanse that *was* over their heads. In their standing still, they let down their wings. ²⁶And from above the expanse that *was* over their heads *was* an appearance like a sapphire stone, the likeness of a throne. And on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness in appearance like a man on it from above. ²⁷And I saw *Him*, like the color of polished bronze, looking like fire within it all around.

From the appearance of His loins and upward, and from the appearance of His loins and downward, I saw *Him* looking like fire, and brightness to it all around. ²⁶As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of the rain, so appeared the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And I saw; and I fell on my face; and I heard a voice of One speaking.

CHAPTER 2

¹And He said to me, Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you. ²And the Spirit entered into me as He spoke to me; and He made me stand on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me. ³And He said to me, Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to the nations, the rebelling ones who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this day. ⁴And the sons *are* stiff of face and hard of heart; I am sending you to them. And you shall say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah. ⁵And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear—for they are a rebellious house—yea, they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

⁶And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them and of their words. Do not be afraid, though briers and thorns *are* with you, and *though* you are living among scorpions. Do not be afraid of their words; and do not be frightened by their faces, though they *are* a house of rebellion. ⁷And you shall speak My words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they *are* rebellious.

⁸But you, son of man, hear what I am saying to you. Do not be like *that* rebellious house of rebellion. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving to you. ⁹And I looked; and behold, a hand was extended to me. And behold, a roll of a book *was* in it. ¹⁰And He spread it before me; and it was written on the face and the back. And written on it *were* weepings, and mourning, and woe.

CHAPTER 3

¹And He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find. Eat this roll, and go speak to the house of Israel. ²So I opened my mouth, and He made me eat that roll. ³And He said to me, Son of man, make your belly eat, and fill your bowels with the roll, this that I give to you. And I ate; and it was in my mouth like honey for sweetness.

⁴And He said to me, Son of man, Go! Come to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of deep lip and hardness of tongue, *but* to the house of Israel; ⁶not to many peoples of deep lip and of a hard tongue, whose words you cannot hear. If rather I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. ⁷But the house of Israel is not willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to Me; for all the house of Israel *are* strong of forehead and hard of heart. ⁸Behold, I have made your face strong over against their faces, and your forehead strong over against their foreheads. ⁹I have made your forehead as an adamant harder than flint. Do not fear them; and do not be frightened by their faces, though they *are* a house of rebellion. ¹⁰And He said to me, Son of man, all My words which I speak to you, receive into your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹And go! Come to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them, and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah—whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. ¹²And the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a sound of a great tumult, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of Jehovah from His place; ¹³and the sound of the wings of the living creatures touching each one to the other; and the sound of the wheels along with them; and the sound of a great tumult. ¹⁴So the Spirit lifted me up and took me, and I went bitterly in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of Jehovah was strong upon me.

¹⁵Then I came to the exiles at Tel-at-abib, those dwelling by the river Chebar. And I sat there *where* they were sitting. I

also dwelt there seven days, being benumbed among them. ¹⁶And it happened at the end of the seven days; even it happened *that* the word of Jehovah *came* to me, saying, ¹⁷Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. And hear the word of My mouth, and warn them from Me. ¹⁸In My saying to the wicked, Surely you shall die; and you do not warn him, and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; he, the wicked, shall die in his iniquity. But I will require his blood at your hand. ¹⁹And you, because you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his way, he, the wicked, shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul. ²⁰And when the righteous turns from his righteousness, and does injustice, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die. Since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but I will require his blood at your hand. ²¹But you, because you warned him, the righteous, so that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned; and you have delivered your soul.

²²And the hand of Jehovah was on me there. And He said to me, Rise up, go forth into the plain, and I will speak with you there. ²³And I rose up and went forth into the plain. And, behold, there the glory of Jehovah was standing, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar. And I fell on my face. ²⁴And the Spirit entered into me, and stood me on my feet, and spoke with me. And He said to me, Come, shut yourself within your house. ²⁵But you, son of man, behold, they shall put on you cords, and shall bind you with them; and you shall not go out among them. ²⁶And I will make your tongue cling to your palate; and you shall be dumb; and there shall not be to them a reproving man. For they *are* a rebellious house. ²⁷But in My speaking with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: He who hears, let him hear; and he who stops, let him stop. For they *are* a rebellious house.

CHAPTER 4

¹And you, son of man, take a brick to yourself, and lay it before you, and engrave on it a city — Jerusalem. ²And lay a siege on it, and build a fort on it, and pour out a ramp on it. And place a camp on it, and set battering rams all around on it. ³And you, take a girdle of iron to yourself, and place it *as* a wall of iron between you and the city. And place your face against it; and it shall be under siege, and thrust upon it. It is a sign to the house of Israel.

⁴And you, lie down on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it. The number of the days that you shall lie down on it, you shall bear their iniquity. ⁵For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of days: three hundred and ninety days. And you shall bear the house of Israel's iniquity. ⁶And when you complete them, even lie on your right side, the second. And you shall bear the house of Judah's iniquity forty days, a day for a year. I have set it for you, a day for a year. ⁷And you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm bared; and you shall prophesy over it. ⁸And, behold, I will put cords on you, and you cannot turn from your side to your *other* side, until you have completed the days of your siege. ⁹And you, take to yourself wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and place them in a single vessel; and prepare them for yourself into bread; *to* the number of days that you are lying on your side. You shall eat it three hundred and ninety days. ¹⁰And your food which you shall eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day. From time to time you shall eat it. ¹¹And you shall drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin. From time to time you shall drink. ¹²And you shall eat cakes of barley; and you shall bake it with dung of the excrement of man, in their sight. ¹³And Jehovah said, Even so the sons of Israel shall eat their defiled bread among the nations there where I will drive them. ¹⁴Then I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Behold, my soul has not been defiled. I have not even eaten a carcase, or

a torn animal, from my youth even until now. And unclean flesh has not come into my mouth. ¹⁷Then He said to me, See, I have given to you the dung of cattle in place of the dung of man. And you shall prepare bread over it.

¹⁶And He said to me, Son of man, behold, I am breaking the staff of bread in Jerusalem. And they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxiety. And they shall drink water by measure, and in horror; ¹⁷because they will lack bread and water, and each one be horrified with his brother. And *they* will waste away in their iniquity.

CHAPTER 5

¹And you, son of man, take to yourself a sharp sword, the razor of a barber. Take it to yourself, and make it pass over your head and over your beard. And take to yourself scales to weigh, and to divide them out. ²You shall burn a third part in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled. And you shall take the third part *and* beat with a sword all around it. And you shall scatter the third part into the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. ³Also you shall take from there a few in number, and bind them in your skirts. ⁴And take from them again, and throw them into the middle of the fire; and burn them in the fire. From it shall come forth a fire into all the house of Israel.

⁵So says the Lord Jehovah: This *is* Jerusalem. I have set her in the midst of the nations; and all around her *are* the lands. ⁶And she has changed My judgments for wickedness more than the nations; and *defiled* My laws more than the lands that *are* all around her. For they have rejected My judgments and My laws; they have not walked in them. ⁷Therefore, so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you rebelled more than the nations that *are* all around you, not having walked in My laws, and not having performed My judgments; and you have not done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* all around you; ⁸therefore, so says the Lord Jehovah: behold, I, even *I am* against you, and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. ⁹And I will do in

you that which I have not done, and which I will not do the like again, for all your abominations. ¹⁰Therefore, the fathers shall eat the sons in your midst; and the sons shall eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments against you, and I will scatter the whole remnant of you into every wind. ¹¹Therefore, *as* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, Surely because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your idolatries and with all your abominations, so I also will withdraw. And My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity.

¹²A third part of you shall die by the plague, and shall be consumed by the famine in your midst. And a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and a third part I will scatter into every wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. ¹³And My anger shall be spent, and I will make My fury rest on them, and I will be eased. And they shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken in My zeal, in My fulfilling My fury among them. ¹⁴And I will make you into a waste and a reproach among the nations that *are* around you; in the eyes of all who pass by. ¹⁵And it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an example and a wonder, to the nations which *are* all around you, when I shall execute against you judgments in anger and in fury and in rebukes *among* them. I, Jehovah, have spoken it. ¹⁶When I shall send the arrows of evil famine among them, which shall be for ruin, for which I will send them to destroy you; even I will increase the famine on you, and break the staff of bread to you. ¹⁷Yea, I will send famine and evil beasts on you; and you will be bereaved. And pestilence and blood shall pass among you; and I shall bring a sword on you. I, Jehovah, have spoken.

CHAPTER 6

¹And it happened, the word of Jehovah *came* to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face towards the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them. ³And say, Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah: So says the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys, Behold, I will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high

places. ⁴And your altars shall be ruined, and your pillars shall be broken. And I will cast down your slain before your idols. ⁵And I will put the dead bodies of the sons of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars. ⁶In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be deserted; so that your altars may be laid waste and become guilty; and your idols may be broken and brought to an end; and your pillars may be cut down, and your works wiped out. ⁷And the slain shall fall in your midst; and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

⁸Yet I will leave a remainder, so that may be *left* to you those who escape the sword among the nations, in your scattering among the lands. ⁹And those who escape shall remember Me among the nations where they will be made captive, because I was broken *by* their whoring heart which has turned away from Me, and by their whoring eyes which go after their idols. And they shall loathe against their faces for the evils which they have done in all their abominations. ¹⁰And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah; not in vain have I said to do this evil to them.

¹¹So says the Lord Jehovah: Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. ¹²He who is far off shall die by the plague; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine. So I will fulfill My fury on them. ¹³And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah when their slain shall be in the midst of their idols all around their altars, on every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every leafy oak; the place where they offered there a soothing aroma to all their idols. ¹⁴And I will stretch out My hand on them and make the land a desolation, even more desolate than the desert toward Diblath, in all their dwelling-places. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 7

¹And it happened, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²And you, son of man, so says the Lord Jehovah to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come on the four corners of the land. ³The end *is* now on you, and I will send My anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways, and will lay on you all your abominations. ⁴And My eye shall not spare you, and I will not have pity. But I will lay your ways on you, and your abominations shall be in your midst; and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

⁵So says the Lord Jehovah: An evil! An only evil! Behold, it has come! ⁶An end has come; the end has come! It has awakened against you; behold, it has come! ⁷The encirclement has come to you, O dwellers of the land. The time has come; the day of tumult is near, and not a shout of the hills. ⁸Now I will soon pour out My fury on you, and fulfill My anger on you. And I will judge you according to your ways, and will put on you all your abominations. ⁹And My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity; I will put on you according to your ways, and your abominations that are in your midst. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah who strikes.

¹⁰Behold the day! Behold, it has come; the encirclement has gone out; the rod has blossomed; pride has budded. ¹¹Violence has risen for a rod of wickedness. None of them *shall remain*, even none of their multitude, and none of their riches, and none eminent among them. ¹²The time has come; the day has arrived. Do not let the buyer rejoice, and do not let the sellers mourn; for wrath *is* on all her multitude. ¹³For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they still are among the living—for the vision *is* to all her multitude; and a man shall not return to his iniquity; his life shall not hold strong. ¹⁴They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready. But no one goes to the battle; for My wrath *is* on all her multitude. ¹⁵The sword *is* outside, and the plague, and the famine *are* inside. He who

is in the field shall die with the sword; and he who *is* in the city, famine and plague shall devour him.

¹⁶But *if* their fugitives shall escape, then *they* shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, each for his iniquity. ¹⁷All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall go *as* water. ¹⁸They shall also gird *on* sackcloth, and trembling shall cover them. And shame *shall be* on all faces, and baldness on all heads. ¹⁹They shall throw their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be an impure thing. Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of Jehovah. They shall not satisfy their soul, and they shall not fill their bowels; for their iniquity has become a stumbling-block for *them*. ²⁰And the beauty of His ornament, He set it in majesty. But they made it the images of their abominations, and of their hateful things. Therefore, I have put it to them as an impure thing. ²¹And I will also give it into the hand of the strangers for a prize; and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall defile it. ²²I also will turn My face from them, and they shall defile My hidden *place*. And violent ones shall enter into it and defile it.

²³Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody judgments, and the city is full of violence. ²⁴And I will bring the most evil of the nations, and they shall possess their houses. And I will make cease the pomp of the strong ones; and their holy places shall be defiled. ²⁵Anguish comes! And they shall seek peace, but none *shall be*. ²⁶Disaster on disaster shall come, and rumor to rumor shall be. And they shall seek a vision from the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. ²⁷The king shall mourn, and the ruler shall be clothed with despair. And the hands of the people of the land shall be terrified. According to their way, I will do to them; and according to their judgments, I will judge them. And they shall know that *I am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 8

¹And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, on the fifth of the month, I was sitting in my house. And the elders of

Judah were sitting before me. And the hand of the Lord Jehovah fell on me there. ²And I looked, and behold, a likeness as the look of fire; from the appearance of His loins and downward, *like* fire. And from His loins and upward, as the look of brightness, like the color of polished bronze. ³And He put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me to Jerusalem—in the visions of God—to the opening of the inner gate facing north, where there *was* a seat of the image of jealousy, which causes jealousy. ⁴And, behold! The glory of the God of Israel *was* there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.

⁵And He said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now *to* the way of the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way of the north; and, behold, from the north, at the gate of the altar, this *was* the image of jealousy at the entrance. ⁶And He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Israel is doing here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But you turn again; you shall see greater abominations.

⁷And He brought me to the opening of the court. And I looked, and, behold, a single hole in the wall. ⁸And He said to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall. And I dug in the wall, and, behold, an opening! ⁹And He said to me, Go in and see the the evil abominations that they are doing here. ¹⁰And I went in and saw. And, behold, every form of creeping thing, and hateful beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel were carved on the wall round *and* round. ¹¹And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah, the son of Shaphan, standing among them. *These* were standing among them, and each man with his censer in his hand; and the odor of the cloud of incense *was* rising. ¹²And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each man in the rooms of his image? For they are saying, Jehovah does not see us; Jehovah has forsaken the earth.

¹³And He said to me, You turn again, you shall see greater abominations which

they are doing. ¹⁴And He brought me to the opening of the gate of the house of Jehovah, toward the north. And, behold, women were sitting there, weeping for Tammuz. ¹⁵And He said to me, Have you seen, son of man? You turn again; you shall see greater abominations than these. ¹⁶And he brought me into the inner court of the house of Jehovah. And, behold, at the opening of the temple of Jehovah, between the porch and the altar *were* about twenty-five men *with* their backs to the temple of Jehovah, and their faces eastward. And they bowed themselves eastward to the sun. ¹⁷And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen? Is it nothing to the house of Judah from doing the abominations which they do here? For they have filled the land *with* violence, and have returned to provoke Me to anger. And, behold, they are putting the branch to their nose! ¹⁸And I also will deal with fury; My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity. And though they cry in My ears *with* a loud voice, I will not hear them.

CHAPTER 9

¹And He cried in my ears *with* a loud voice, saying, Let the overseers of the city draw near, even each *with* his destroying weapon in his hand. ²And, behold, six men were coming from the way of the Upper Gate, which faces north. And each *had* his shattering weapon in his hand. And one man among them was clothed in linen, and an ink horn of a scribe at his loins. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar. ³And the glory of the God of Israel had gone on, from on the cherub, where it was on it, to the threshold of the house. And He called to the man clothed in linen, *with* the ink horn of a scribe at his loins. ⁴And Jehovah said to him, Pass through in the midst of the city, in the midst of Jerusalem, and mark a mark on the foreheads of the men who are groaning and are mourning over all the abominations that are done in her midst. ⁵And He said to those in my hearing, Pass over in the city after him, and strike. Do not let your eye spare, and do not have pity. ⁶Slay old *men*, choice men, and virgins, and children, and women; *all* to destruction. But to every man who has the

mark on him, do not come near. And begin from My sanctuary. And they began with the old men who *were* before the house. ⁷And He said to them, Defile the house and fill the courts *with* the slain. Go forth! And they went out and killed in the city.

⁸And it happened as they struck, and I remained; *even* I; then I fell on my face and I cried out and said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in Your pouring out of Your fury on Jerusalem? ⁹And He said to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and of Judah is very great; and the land is filled *with* blood; and the city is full of perversity. For they say, Jehovah has forsaken the land; and, Jehovah does not see. ¹⁰And even I, My eye does not spare, and I will not have pity. I will put their way on their head. ¹¹And, behold, the man clothed with linen, *with* the ink horn at his loins, reported the matter, saying, I have done as You commanded me.

CHAPTER 10

¹And I looked. And, behold, in the expanse that *was* over the head of the cherubs appeared the look of the form of a throne, like a sapphire stone, above them. ²And He spoke to the man clothed *with* linen, and said, Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubs; and sprinkle on the city. And he went in before me. ³And the cherubs were standing on the right side of the house when he, the man, went in. And the cloud filled the inner court. ⁴And the glory of Jehovah glory of Jehovah lifted up from the cherub, over the threshold of the house. And the house was filled with the cloud; and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of Jehovah. ⁵And the sound of the wings of cherubs was heard over the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when He speaks. ⁶And it happened, when He had commanded the man clothed *with* linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubs; then he went and stood beside the wheels. ⁷And *one* cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubs, to the fire that *was* between the cherubs. And he lifted and put

it into the hands of the one clothed with linen. And he took it and went out.

⁸And the form of a man's hand was seen under the wings of the cherubs. ⁹And I looked, and, behold, the four wheels *were* beside the cherubs; one wheel beside one cherub, one wheel beside one cherub. And the look of the wheels was like the color of a stone of Tarshish. ¹⁰And their appearance *was* as one, the four of them; as if the wheel were in the midst of the wheel. ¹¹In their going on their four sides, they went. They did not turn in their going; for *to* the place where the head faces, after it they went. They did not turn in their going. ¹²And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes all around; *even* their wheels which the four of them had. ¹³As for the wheels, it was cried to them in my hearing, Whirling Wheel! ¹⁴And four faces *were* to each. The first face *was* the face of a cherub; and the second face the face of a man; and the third the face of a lion; and the fourth the face of an eagle. ¹⁵And the cherubs rose up. This *is* the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar.

¹⁶And in the going of the cherubs, the wheels went beside them. And when the cherubs lifted their wings to soar from the earth, the wheels did not turn from beside them, *even* they. ¹⁷When they stood still, *these* stood still. And when they rose up, *these also* lifted up. For the spirit of the living creature *was* in them. ¹⁸And the glory of Jehovah went from the threshold of the house and stood over the cherubs. ¹⁹And the cherubs lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels also *were* with them. And he stood at the door of the gate of the house of Jehovah, the eastern gate. And the glory of the God of Israel was over them from above. ²⁰This *is* the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they *were* cherubs. ²¹Four, *even* four faces *are* to each; and four wings to each. And the form of a man's hands *was* under their wings. ²²And the form of their faces, they *are* the faces that I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances, *even* theirs. They each went straight forward.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of the house of Jehovah, the gate which faces eastward. And, behold, at the opening of the gate *were* twenty-five men. And I saw among them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah, the son of Benaiah, leaders of the people. ²And He said to me, Son of man, these *are* the men who plot evil and advise wicked advice in this city; ³who say, It is not near; let us build houses; she *is* the pot, and we *are* the flesh. ⁴So prophesy against them; prophesy, son of man! ⁵And the Spirit of Jehovah fell on me and said to me, Speak, So says Jehovah: So you have said, house of Israel; for I Myself know the elevations of your spirit. ⁶You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled her streets *with* the slain. ⁷So the Lord Jehovah says this: Your slain whom you have laid in her midst, they *are* the flesh, and she *is* the pot. But I will bring you forth out of her midst. ⁸You have feared the sword; but I will bring a sword on you, says the Lord Jehovah. ⁹And I will bring you out of her midst, and will give you into the hand of strangers. And I will execute judgments against you. ¹⁰You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you to the border of Israel, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. ¹¹This city shall not be for a pot to you, nor shall you be in its midst for flesh. ¹²I will judge you to the border of Israel, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah, in whose statutes you have not walked; yea, you have not done My judgments. Yea, as the judgments of the nations who are around you, you have done.

¹³And it happened when I prophesied, Pelatiah, the son of Benaiah, died. Then I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Will you make an full end of the remnant of Israel? ¹⁴And the word of Jehovah *came* to me, saying, ¹⁵Son of man, your brothers, the redemption-men, your brothers and all the house of Israel that have *heard* the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying to all of them, Go far away from Jehovah; this land is given to us for a possession. ¹⁶Therefore, say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Though I have sent them far off among the nations,

and though I scattered them among the lands; yet I was to them as a little sanctuary in the countries there where they had gone. ¹⁷So the Lord Jehovah says this: I shall gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the lands, in those where you were scattered; and I shall give to you the land of Israel. ¹⁸And they will come there, and they will remove all its hateful things and all its abominations from it. ¹⁹And I shall give to them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰so that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments, and do them. And they shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to them for God. ²¹And as to those whose heart is going toward their hateful things, and their heart is going after their disgusting idols, I will give their way on their heads, declares the Lord Jehovah.

²²Then the cherubs lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them. And the glory of the God of Israel was over them from above. ²³And the glory of Jehovah went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain which is on the east of the city.

²⁴And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into Chaldea, to the exiles, in a vision by the Spirit of God. And the vision that I had seen went up from me. ²⁵And I spoke to the exiles all the things which Jehovah had shown me.

CHAPTER 12

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house. They have eyes to see, but they do not see; they have ears to hear, but they do not hear; for they are a rebellious house. ³And you, son of man, prepare for yourself vessels for exile, and go into exile by day in their sight. And you shall be exiled from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will see that they are a rebellious house. ⁴And you shall bring forth your vessels, as vessels for exile, by day in their sight. And you shall go forth at evening in their sight, as those going into exile. ⁵In their sight dig for yourself through the wall, and carry out

through it. ⁶In their sight you shall carry on the shoulder; in the dark, carry out. You shall cover your face, so that you do not see the ground; for I have set you as a wonder to the house of Israel. ⁷And I did so, as I was commanded. I brought forth my vessel, as vessels for exile, by day. And in the evening I dug by hand for myself through the wall. I brought it out in the dark; I carried on my shoulder in their sight. ⁸And in the morning the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, ⁹Son of man, Has not the house of Israel that rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing? ¹⁰Say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: This burden is to the prince in Jerusalem, and to all the house of Israel who are among them. ¹¹Say, I am your wonder. As I have done, so it shall be done to them. They shall go into exile, into captivity. ¹²And the prince who is among them shall carry on his shoulder in the dark, and go forth through the wall. They shall dig to bring out by it. He shall cover his face so that he does not look with the eye on the earth. ¹³And I will spread My net on him, and he shall be taken in My snare. And I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans. Yet he will not see it; and he shall die there. ¹⁴And all who are around him, his help and all his bands, I will scatter to every wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. ¹⁵And they shall know that I am Jehovah when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the lands. ¹⁶But of them I will leave a number of men from the sword, from the famine, and from the plague, so that they may declare all their abominations among the nations, there where they go. And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

¹⁷And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with anxiety. ¹⁹And say to the people of the land, So says the Lord Jehovah to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with horror, so that her land may be desolated of her fullness, because of the violence of all those who live in her. ²⁰And the cities that have people shall be laid

waste, and the land shall be desolate. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

²¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²²Son of man, what *is* this proverb to you on the land of Israel, saying, The days are long, and every vision shall perish? ²³Therefore, tell them, So says the Lord Jehovah: I will make this proverb cease, and they shall not use it again in Israel. However, say to them, The days draw near, and the matter of every vision. ²⁴For there shall not again be every vain vision, nor slippery divination, within the house of Israel. ²⁵For I, Jehovah, will speak. The word which I shall speak shall be done; it shall not be drawn out again. For in your days, O house of rebellion, I will say the word and will do it, declares the Lord Jehovah.

²⁶And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²⁷Son of man, behold, the house of Israel *is* saying, The vision that he *is* seeing *is* for many days, and he prophesies for times far off. ²⁸So say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Not any of My words will be drawn out any longer. What I have spoken, *that* word shall be done, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 13

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy. And say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, Hear the word of Jehovah: ³So says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to the foolish prophets who walk after their own spirit, and have seen nothing! ⁴O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. ⁵You have not gone up into the breaks, nor built a wall around the house of Israel, that it might stand in the battle, in the day of Jehovah. ⁶They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, Jehovah declares! And Jehovah has not sent them; but they hoped to confirm *their* word. ⁷Did you not see a vain vision and speak a lying divination? Yet *you* say, Jehovah declares; though I have not spoken.

⁸So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you have spoken vanity and have seen a lie, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, declares the Lord Jehovah. ⁹And My hand shall be against the prophets

who see vanity, and who divine a lie. They shall not be in the council of My people, and they shall not be written in the writing of the house of Israel; and they shall not enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁰Because, even because they made My people go astray, saying, Peace — and there was no peace — and he builds a wall, and, behold, *others* daubed it *with* lime. ¹¹Say to those daubing *with* lime, Yea, it will fall; there will be a flooding rain; and you, O hailstones, shall fall; and a raging wind shall break. ¹²And, behold, when the wall has fallen, it shall not be said to you, Where *is* the daubing with which you have daubed?

¹³So the Lord Jehovah says this: I will even break in My fury *with* a raging wind. And there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and hailstones in fury, to consume it. ¹⁴And I will break down the wall that you have daubed *with* lime, and bring it down to the ground; yea, I will bare its base. And it shall fall, and you will be consumed in its midst. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. ¹⁵And I will fulfill My wrath in the wall, and in those who daubed it *with* lime. And I will say to you, The wall is not; and, Those who daubed *are* not — ¹⁶the prophets of Israel who prophesy *as* to Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her; and there is no peace—declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁷And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their heart; and prophesy against them, ¹⁸and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Woe to those sewing bands to all joints of my hands, and make long veils for the head of every *man of* stature, to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people; and will you save alive the souls for yourselves? ¹⁹And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley, and for bits of bread, to put to death the souls that should not die, and to save alive the souls that should not live; by your lying to My people who listen to lies?

²⁰So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I *am* against your bands with which you are hunting the souls there, to make

them fly. And I will tear them from your arms, and will send out the souls, souls which you are hunting, to make *them* fly. ²¹Also I will tear your long veils and deliver My people out of your hand. And they shall not again be in your hand to be hunted. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. ²²Because you have saddened the heart of the righteous *with* lies, and I have not made him sad; and have made the hands of the wicked strong, so that he should not turn from his evil way, to keep him alive; ²³So you shall not see vanity; and you shall not divine any divination. And I will deliver My people out of your hand. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 14

¹And the men of the elders of Israel came to me, and sat before me. ²And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, ³Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I at all be sought by them?

⁴Therefore, speak to them and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Every man of the house of Israel who makes go up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet, I, Jehovah, will answer him in it by the host of his idols; ⁵so that I may capture the house of Israel in their own heart, who are estranged from Me by their idols, all of them.

⁶Therefore, say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Turn, and be turned from your idols, and from all your abominations turn away your faces. ⁷For every man of the house of Israel, or of the alien who sojourns in Israel, who is separated from after Me, and makes go up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet to inquire of him concerning Me—I, Jehovah, will answer him Myself. ⁸And I will set My face against that man, and I will make him desolate for a sign and for proverbs. And I will cut him off from the midst of My

people. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

⁹And the prophet, if he is deceived, and he speaks a word, I, Jehovah, have deceived that prophet. And I will stretch out My hand on him and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel.

¹⁰And they shall bear their iniquity. As the iniquity of the inquirer, so the iniquity of the prophet shall be. ¹¹So that the house of Israel may not stray any more from after Me, and not be defiled again with all their transgressions; but they are to Me for a people, and I will be to them for God, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹²And the word of Jehovah *came* to me, saying, ¹³Son of man, when a land sins against Me by traitorous betraying, then I will stretch out My hand on it, and will shatter the staff of bread to it, and I will send famine on it. And I will cut off from it man and beast. ¹⁴And *though* these three men were in its midst, Noah, Daniel, and Job; by their righteousness they should deliver *only* their souls, declares the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁵If I make evil beasts go through the land, and they bereave it, and it is desolate, so that no one would go through because of the beasts; ¹⁶*though* these three men *were* in its midst, *as* I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; they would only deliver themselves; but the land would be desolate. ¹⁷Or *if* I bring a sword on that land and say, Let a sword go through the land, and I will cut off man and beast from it; ¹⁸*even though* these three men *were* in its midst, *as* I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, they should not deliver sons or daughters, but they only would deliver themselves. ¹⁹Or *if* I send a plague into that land, and pour out My fury on it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; ²⁰*even though* Noah, Daniel, and Job *were* in its midst, *as* I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they by their righteousness would deliver *only* their souls.

²¹For so says the Lord Jehovah, How much more when the four of My evil judgments: sword, and famine, and evil beast, and plague, I send on Jerusalem, to

cut off from it man and beast! ²²Yet, behold, there shall be left in it escaping ones that shall be led out, sons and daughters. Behold, they shall come to you, and you shall see their way and their doings. And you will be comforted for the evil which I have brought against Jerusalem, *for* all which I have brought upon it. ²³And they will comfort you when you see their way and their doings. And you will know that not in vain I have done all that I did in it, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 15

¹And the word of Jehovah *came* to me, saying, ²Son of man, how is the vine tree more than any *other* tree, *or than* a branch that is among the trees of the forest? ³Shall wood be taken from it to do work? Or will *men* take from it *for* a peg to hang every vessel on it? ⁴Behold, it is put in the fire for fuel. Both its ends the fire devours, and its middle is charred. Will it prosper for work? ⁵Behold, when it was whole, it was not made for work. How much less when the fire has devoured it, and it is charred! Shall it yet be made to work?

⁶Therefore, so says the Lord Jehovah: As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given it to the fire for fuel, so I will give the dwellers of Jerusalem. ⁷And I will set my face against them. They shall go out from the fire, and the fire shall devour them. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I set My face against them. ⁸And I will give the land *to be* desolate, because they have done a treacherous act, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the word of Jehovah *came* to me, saying, ²Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; ³and say, So says the Lord Jehovah to Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth *is* of the land of Canaan. Your father *was* an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite. ⁴As for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, and you were not washed with water to cleanse *you*. And you were not salted; and you were not at all swaddled.

⁵An eye did not have pity on you, to do to you one of these, to have compassion on you. But you were thrown into the face of the field; for your person was loathed in the day you were born. ⁶And *when* I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you in your blood, Live! Yea, I said to you in your blood, Live!

⁷As a myriad, as the field shoot I have made you; and you are grown, and are great; and you come *in* the finest ornaments. Your breasts are formed, and hair is grown; yet you *were* naked and bare.

⁸And I passed by you, and I looked on you, and, behold, your time *was* the time of love. And I spread My skirt over you, and covered your nakedness. And I swore to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord Jehovah. And you became Mine. ⁹And I washed you with water; I washed away your blood from you; and I anointed you with oil. ¹⁰And I dressed you *with* embroidered work, and I shod you *with* dugong sandals. And I wrapped you *in* fine linen, and I covered you *with* silk. ¹¹And I adorned you *with* ornaments, and I put bracelets on your hands, and a chain on your neck. ¹²And I put a ring on your nose, and earrings on your ears, and a crown of beauty on your head. ¹³And you were adorned with gold and silver. And your clothing was fine linen and silk and embroidered work. Fine flour and honey and oil you ate. And you were very, very beautiful. And you advanced to regal estate. ¹⁴And your name went out among the nations, because of your beauty; for it *was* perfect by My splendor which I had set on you, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁵But you trusted in your beauty, and played the harlot because of your name, and poured out your fornications on all who passed by—it was to him! ¹⁶And you took from your clothes and made for you high places of various colors, and whored on them; *such as* had not come, nor shall be. ¹⁷And you have taken beautiful things of My gold and of My silver, which I had given to you, and made images of males, and whored with them. ¹⁸And *you* took your embroidered clothes and covered them; and My oil and My

incense you have given to their face. ¹⁹Also My food which I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey which I fed you, you have given it to their face for a soothing aroma. And it happened, declares the Lord Jehovah. ²⁰And you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to Me, and you gave these to them for food. Are your fornications small? ²¹You have slaughtered My sons, and gave them, to cause these to pass through *the fire* for them.

²²And *in* all your abominations and your fornications you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare; you were squirming in your blood. ²³Woe, woe to you, says the Lord Jehovah! *For* it happened, after all your evil, ²⁴that you have also built yourself a mound, and you have made yourself a high place in every open place. ²⁵At the head of every highway you have built your high place, and have made your beauty despised. And *you* have parted your feet to all who passed by, and have multiplied your fornications. ²⁶You have whored with the sons of Egypt, your neighbors, great of flesh, and have multiplied your fornications to provoke Me to anger. ²⁷And behold, I have stretched out My hand over you, and I drew back your portion. And I gave you to the will of those hating you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your wicked way. ²⁸You have whored with the sons of Assyria, without being satisfied; yea, you whored and yet you were not satisfied. ²⁹And you have multiplied your fornication in the land of Canaan, *to the* Chaldean, and yet you were not satisfied with this.

³⁰How weak *is* your heart, declares the Lord Jehovah, since you do all these, the work of a woman, an overbearing harlot; ³¹in that you built your mound in the head of every highway, and you make your high place in every open place; yet you have not been as a harlot, *even* scorning wages. ³²*Like* the adulterous wife — instead of her husband, she takes strangers — ³³they give a gift to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them to come to you from all around, for your fornication. ³⁴And in you was the

opposite from *those* women, in your fornications, since no one whores after you, and in your giving wages, and hire is not given to you. *In* this you are opposite.

³⁷Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of Jehovah, ³⁸So says the Lord Jehovah: Because your lewdness was poured out, and your nakedness was bared in your fornications with your lovers, and with the idols of your abominations, and by the blood of your sons whom you gave to them; ³⁹therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you have been pleased, even all whom you have loved, with all whom you have hated; I will even gather them against you from all around, and will uncover your nakedness to them; yea, they will see all your nakedness. ³⁸And I will judge you with judgments of adulteresses, and with shedders of blood. And I will give you blood of fury and jealousy. ³⁹And I will give you into their hand, and they will tear down your mound, and will demolish your high places. They shall also strip you of your clothes, and shall take your beautiful things, and leave you naked and bare. ⁴⁰And they will raise against you a company, and they shall stone you with stones, and cut you with their swords. ⁴¹And they shall burn your houses with fire, and make judgments against you in the sight of many women. And I will make you stop whoring; and also, you shall not give hire again. ⁴²So I will make My fury to rest against you, and My jealousy shall depart from you. And I will be quiet, and will not be angry any more. ⁴³Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have troubled Me in all these; so, behold, I also will give your way back on *your* head, declares the Lord Jehovah. And you shall not commit the wickedness above all your abominations.

⁴⁴Behold, all who use proverbs shall use *this* proverb against you, saying, As the mother, *so is* the daughter. ⁴⁵*You are* your mother's daughter, who despises her husband and her sons. And you *are* the sister of your sisters, who despise their husbands and their sons. Your mother *was* a Hittite, and your father *was* an Amorite. ⁴⁶And your older sister *is* Samaria; she and her daughters who are

dwelling on your left. And your younger sister from you, who dwells on the right, *is* Sodom, and her daughters. ⁴⁷Yet you have not walked in their ways, nor have done according to their abominations. As *if it were* only a little *thing*, you were even more corrupted than they in all your ways. ⁴⁸As I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, your sister Sodom, she and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. ⁴⁹Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and her daughters; and she did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. ⁵⁰Also they were haughty, and did abomination before My face. And I turned them away as I saw fit.

⁵¹And Samaria has not sinned as *much* as half your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters in all your abominations which you have done. ⁵²And you who have judged your sisters, bear your humiliation, by your sins which you abominably did, more than they. They are more righteous than you. And also you be ashamed, and bear your shame, since you have justified your sisters. ⁵³When I shall return their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *also* the captivity of your captivity in their midst. ⁵⁴So that you may bear your shame and may blush from all that you have done, since you are a comfort to them. ⁵⁵When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former state, then you and your daughters shall return to your former state. ⁵⁶For your sister Sodom was not to be heard from your mouth in the day of your pride, ⁵⁷before your evil was uncovered, as at the time of the reproach of Syria's daughters, and all the ones around her; the daughters of the Philistines who hated you from all around. ⁵⁸You are bearing your wickedness and your abominations, declares Jehovah. ⁵⁹For so says the Lord Jehovah: I will even deal with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

⁶⁰But I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will raise up to you an everlasting covenant. ⁶¹Then you shall remember your ways and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, the older than you to the younger than you. And I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant. ⁶²And I, *even* I, will raise up My covenant with you. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah; ⁶³so that you may remember and be ashamed, and will not any more open your mouth, because of your humiliation — when I am covered for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 17

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, put forth a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel. ³And say, So says the Lord Jehovah: A great eagle came to Lebanon, *one with* great wings, long of pinion, full of feathers, having different colors to him. And *he* took the top of the cedar. ⁴He plucked off the first of its young twigs and brought it into a land of traders. He set it in a city of merchants. ⁵He also took of the seed of the land and planted it in a field of seed. He took *it* by great waters; he set it *as* a willow. ⁶And it sprouted and became a spreading low vine; *and it* turned its branches to face toward him; and its roots were under him. So it became a vine and made branches, and sent out boughs. ⁷Also there was another great eagle *with* great wings and many feathers. And, behold, this vine bent its roots toward him, and sent out its branches to him, to water it, away from the beds of its planting. ⁸It was planted in a good field by great waters, to make branches, and to bear fruit; to be a splendid vine. ⁹Say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, and wither it? All the leaves of its sprouting shall wither, and not with great arm, nor by many people *shall any* raise it by its roots. ¹⁰And, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It shall wither in the beds *where* it sprouted.

¹¹And the word of Jehovah was to me,

saying, ¹²Say now to the rebellious house, Do you not know what these *mean*? *But* speak, Behold, the king of Babylon has come to Jerusalem, and has taken its king and its rulers, and has brought them to himself at Babylon. ¹³And he took of the royal seed, and has cut with him a covenant, and made him enter into an oath. And he took the mighty of the land, ¹⁴that the kingdom might be low, that it might not lift itself up; to keep its covenant, that it might stand. ¹⁵But he rebelled against him in sending his messengers to Egypt, to give horses and many people to him. Shall he prosper? Shall he who does these *things* escape? Or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered? ¹⁶As I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, Surely, in the place of the king who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, he shall die there with him, in the midst of Babylon. ¹⁷And Pharaoh shall not work for him with great army or great company, in the war by pouring out mounds and building siege walls to cut off many souls. ¹⁸And he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant. And, behold, he had given his hand, and he has done all these *things*. He shall not escape.

¹⁹So the Lord Jehovah says this: As I live, surely My oath that he has despised, and My covenant that he has broken, I will even give it on his head. ²⁰And I will spread My net over him, and he shall be taken in My snare; and I will bring him to Babylon. And I will judge him there with his treason which he has betrayed against Me. ²¹And all his fugitives shall fall by the sword, with all his bands; and those who remain shall be scattered to every wind. And you shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken. ²²So says the Lord Jehovah: I will also take, *even* I, of the top of the highest cedar, and will set *it*; I will crop off a tender one from the first of its young twigs; and I will plant *it* on a high and lofty mountain, *even* I. ²³I will plant it in a high mountain of Israel. And it will bear boughs and produce fruit, and will become a majestic cedar. And every bird of every wing shall dwell under it; they shall dwell in the shadow of its branches. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I, Jehovah, have brought down the high

tree, *and* have exalted the low tree; *and* have dried up the green tree; *and* have made the dry tree flourish. I, Jehovah, have spoken and acted.

CHAPTER 18

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²What *is it* to you that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the sons are dull? ³As I live, states the Lord Jehovah, there is not any longer *occasion* to you to use this proverb in Israel. ⁴Behold, they *are* all My souls. As the soul of the father, also the soul of the son; they *are* Mine. The soul that sins, it shall die.

⁵But a man that is righteous and does that which is just and right; ⁶who has not eaten on the mountains; and his eyes *have* not lifted up to the idols of the house of Israel; and has not defiled his neighbor's wife; and has not come near to a menstruating woman; ⁷and has not oppressed a man; he returns his pledge to the debtor; *and* has not robbed by robbery; has given his bread to the hungry; and he has covered the naked *with* clothing; ⁸he has not loaned on interest, and he has not taken increase; he has kept his hand from injustice, having done true justice between man and man; ⁹he has walked in My statutes, and has kept My judgments to deal truly—he *is* righteous; surely he shall live, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁰And if he fathers a son who is violent, who sheds blood, and does to a brother *any* of these—¹¹even he does not any of these: that also he has eaten on the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife; ¹²he has oppressed the poor and needy; thieving, he stole; *he* has not returned the pledge; and has lifted up his eyes to the idols; he has committed abomination; ¹³*he* has loaned on interest and has taken increase; shall he also live? He shall not live. He has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be on him.

¹⁴Now, behold, *if* he fathers a son who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and sees, and does not do like them—¹⁵*he* has not eaten on the mountains; and has not lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel; has not defiled

his neighbor's wife; ¹⁶and has not oppressed a man; has not withheld the pledge; and has not robbed by robbery—he has given his bread to the hungry, and he has covered the naked *with* clothes; ¹⁷has withdrawn his hand from the poor; and has not received interest and increase; *he* has done My judgments, has walked in My statutes—he shall not die for the iniquity of his father. He shall surely live. ¹⁸His father, because he did extortion, robbed *his* brother by robbery, and did what is not good among his people, behold, even he shall die in his iniquity.

¹⁹Yet you say, Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done justice and righteousness; he has kept all My statutes, and has done them; surely he shall live. ²⁰The soul that sins, it shall die. A son shall not bear the iniquity of the father. And a father shall not bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him; and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him.

²¹But the wicked, if he will turn from all his sins which he has done, and keep all My statutes, and do justice and righteousness, surely he shall live; he shall not die. ²²All his transgressions that he has done, they shall not be mentioned to him—in his righteousness which he has done, he shall live.

²³Do I actually desire the death of the wicked? declares the Lord Jehovah. Is it not that he should turn from his ways and live? ²⁴But when the righteous turns from his righteousness, and does injustice; according to all the abominations that the wicked do, he does; shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered in his treason that he has betrayed, and in his sin that he has sinned—in them he shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair. Hear now, O house of Israel. Is My way not fair? Are your ways not unfair? ²⁶When a righteous one turns from his righteousness and does injustice, and dies in them; he shall die for his injustice which he has done. ²⁷And when the wicked turns from his wickedness that

he has done, and does justice and righteousness, he shall keep his soul alive. ²⁸Because he considers and turns from all his transgressions that he has done, surely he shall live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, The way of the Lord is not fair. Are My ways not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair? ³⁰So I will judge you, each man by his ways, O house of Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah. Turn and be made to turn from all your transgressions, and iniquity shall not be a stumbling-block to you. ³¹Cast away all your transgressions from you by which you have transgressed in them; and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit; for why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I do not have pleasure in the death of him who dies, declares the Lord Jehovah. So turn and live.

CHAPTER 19

¹And you take up a lament for the rulers of Israel, ²and say, What *is* your mother? A lioness; she lay down among lions; among young lions she multiplied her cubs. ³And she raised one of her cubs; he became a young lion, and learned to tear the prey; he ate men. ⁴And the nations heard of him. He was taken in their pit, and they brought him in chains to the land of Egypt. ⁵And when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope had been lost, then she took another of her cubs *and* made him a young lion. ⁶And he went about among the lions. He became a young lion, and learned to tear the prey; he ate men. ⁷And he knew his widows, and he laid their cities waste; and the land and its fullness were desolated from the sound of his roaring. ⁸Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit. ⁹And they put him in a cage in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him into hunting nets, so that his voice should not any longer be heard on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁰Your mother *is* like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters. She was fruitful and full of branches because of

many waters. ¹¹And there *were* rods to her, strong for the scepters of rulers; and her stature was exalted among the thick branches. And it was seen in her height, with the multitude of her branches. ¹²But she was plucked in fury. She was thrown to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit. Her strong rods were torn away and withered; the fire burned her. ¹³And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground. ¹⁴And fire has gone out from a rod of her branches; it consumed her fruit, and there is not a strong rod in her *to be* a scepter to rule. It is a lament, and has become a lament.

CHAPTER 20

¹And it was in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth of the month, men came from the elders of Israel to inquire of Jehovah, and sat before me. ²And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ³Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Have you come to inquire of Me? *As I live*, declares the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you. ⁴Will you judge them; will you judge, son of man? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers.

⁵And say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day I chose Israel, and lifted My hand to the seed of the house of Jacob—and I was made known to them in the land of Egypt—when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, *I am Jehovah your God*; ⁶in that day I lifted up My hand to them to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing *with* milk and honey, the glory of it is to all lands; ⁷then I said to them, let each man cast away the filthy idols of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; *I am Jehovah your God*. ⁸But they rebelled against Me, and would not listen to Me. They did not each man throw away the filthy idols of their eyes, and they did not forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, I will pour out My fury against them, to fulfill My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. ⁹But I worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations among

whom they *were*, for I made Myself known to them in their eyes, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰So I made them leave from the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. ¹¹And I gave them My statutes, and I made them know My judgments, which *if* a man does them, he will even live by them. ¹²And I also gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that *they* might know that I *am* Jehovah, who sets them apart. ¹³But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes, and they despised My judgments; which *if* a man does them he will even live by them. And they greatly profaned My sabbaths. Then I said, *I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them*. ¹⁴But I worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, *before* whom I brought them out, in their eyes. ¹⁵And I also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that *I* would not bring them into the land which I had given, flowing *with* milk and honey — it is the glory to all the lands; ¹⁶because they despised My judgments, and they did not walk in My statutes; and they profaned My sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. ¹⁷And My eye spared them, from destroying them; and I did not make an end of them in the wilderness. ¹⁸But I said to their sons in the wilderness, Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, and do not keep their judgments; and do not defile yourselves with their idols. ¹⁹*I am Jehovah your God*. Walk in My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them. ²⁰And keep My sabbaths holy; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that *you* may know that I *am* Jehovah your God.

²¹But the sons rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, and they did not keep My judgments, to do them; which *if* a man does them, he shall live by them. They profaned My sabbaths. Then I said *I would pour out My fury on them, to fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness*. ²²But I withdrew My hand and acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations,

from whom I brought them out in their eyes. ²³And I lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, to scatter them among the nations and sow them among the lands, ²⁴because they had not done My judgments, and had despised My statutes, and had profaned My sabbaths; and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. ²⁵Also I gave them statutes not good, and judgments by which they could not live. ²⁶And I defiled them by their own gifts, by making all that open the womb to cross *the fire*, so that I might waste them; to the end that they might know that I *am* Jehovah.

²⁷So speak to the house of Israel, son of man, and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed Me, by trespassing a trespass against Me. ²⁸When I had brought them into the land *for* which I lifted up My hand, to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and every leafy tree; and they offered their sacrifices there. And they gave their provoking offering there. They also made their soothing aroma there, and poured out their drink offerings there. ²⁹Then I said to them, What is the high place to which you go there? And its name is called High Place to this day. ³⁰For this reason, say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Are you being defiled in the way of your fathers? And do you go whoring after their filthy idols? ³¹For when you lift up your gifts, when you pass your sons through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to *this* day. And I will not be inquired of by you, O house of Israel. *As* I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you. ³²And what comes up on your spirit shall surely not occur, that you say, We will be like the nations, like the families of the lands, to serve wood and stone. ³³*As* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, Surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will reign over you. ³⁴And I will bring you out from the peoples, and gather you from the lands in which you are scattered among them; with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. ³⁵And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples;

and I will be judging with you there face to face. ³⁶Just as I was judging your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will be judging you, declares the Lord Jehovah. ³⁷And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. ³⁸And I will purge from among you the rebels and the transgressors against Me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn. And they shall not enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

³⁹And you, O house of Israel, so says the Lord Jehovah: *Every* man go, serve his idols, even hereafter, if you will not listen to Me. But you will not still profane My holy name with your gifts and with your idols. ⁴⁰For in My holy mountain in the mountain height *of* Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah, all the house of Israel shall serve Me there; all of them in the land. There I will accept them; and there I will seek your heave offerings, and the first-fruits of your offerings, with all your holy things. ⁴¹I will accept you with a soothing aroma, when I bring you from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you have been scattered in them. And I will be sanctified among you in the eyes of the nations. ⁴²And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I bring you into the land of Israel, to the land *for* which I lifted up My hand to give it to your fathers. ⁴³And you shall remember there your ways and all your deeds by which you have been defiled in them. And you will hate yourselves to your faces for all your evils which you have done. ⁴⁴And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have worked with you for My name's sake; *and* not by your evil ways, nor by your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah.

⁴⁵And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ⁴⁶Son of man, set your face the way of the south, and drop *a word* toward the Negeb, and prophesy against the forest of the field of the Negeb. ⁴⁷And say to the forest of the Negeb, Hear the word of Jehovah, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it will eat up every moist tree and every dry tree among you. The glowing of the flame shall not be put out; and by it shall be

scorched all the faces from the Negeb to the north. ⁴⁸And all flesh shall see that I, Jehovah, have kindled it; it shall not be put out. ⁴⁹Then I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! They are saying of me, Does he not speak in parables?

CHAPTER 21

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against Jerusalem and drop *a word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel. ³And say to the land of Israel, So says Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you and will draw out My sword from its sheath, and I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked. ⁴Since, then, I will cut off the righteous and the wicked from you, Therefore, My sword shall be drawn from its sheath against all flesh, from the Negeb to the north. ⁵And all flesh shall know that I, Jehovah, have drawn out My sword from its sheath; it shall not return any more. ⁶And you, son of man, groan with the breaking of your loins; and groan with bitterness before their eyes. ⁷And it will be, when they say to you, For what do you groan? Then you shall say, Because of the news that is coming; and every heart will melt; and all hands will become feeble; and every spirit will faint; and all knees will flow *as* water. Behold, it comes; and it shall be, declares the Lord Jehovah.

⁸And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ⁹Son of man, prophesy and say, So says the Lord; Say, A sword! A sword is sharpened, and also is polished! ¹⁰It is sharpened in order to slaughter; *for* a slaughter. It is polished so that there may be a flash to it. Or shall we rejoice? You are despising the rod of My Son, *as if it were* every tree. ¹¹And He has given it to be polished, to be taken by the hand. The sword, it is sharpened, and it is polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. ¹²Cry out and howl, son of man. For it shall be on My people. It *shall be* on all the rulers of Israel; they are thrown to the sword with My people; so slap your thigh. ¹³Because *it is* a test; and what if even the despising rod shall not be? declares the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁴And you, son of man, prophesy and strike palm to palm. And let

the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain. It *is* the sword of the slain, the great one that surrounds them; ¹⁵so that *their* heart may melt, and many stumble at all their gates. I have given the threatening sword. Ah! It is made like lightning; it is wrapped for a slaughter. ¹⁶Sharpen yourself on the right! Set yourself on the left, wherever your face is appointed. ¹⁷And also I, I will strike My palm to My palm, and I will cause My fury to rest. I, Jehovah, have spoken.

¹⁸And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ¹⁹And you, son of man, set for yourself two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come. Both of them shall come out from one land. And create a hand at the head of the way to the city; create it. ²⁰You shall set a way that the sword may enter *into* Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and *into* Judah, into fortified Jerusalem. ²¹For the king of Babylon shall stand at the mother of the way, at the head of the two ways to practice divination. He shall shake arrows; he shall ask household idols; he shall look at the liver. ²²At his right shall be the divining *for* Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting; to set battering rams against the gates; to pour out a mound, and to build a siege wall. ²³And it shall be to them an empty divining in their sight, those who have sworn oaths to them. But he will remember iniquity, that they may be taken. ²⁴So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you made remembrance of your iniquity, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that your sins are seen in all your deeds — because you have been remembered, you shall be taken with the palm. ²⁵And you, O slain, wicked prince of Israel, of whom has come his day in the time of iniquity of the end. ²⁶So says the Lord Jehovah: Remove the diadem and lift off the crown. This *shall not be as this was*. Lift up the low one, and make the high one low. ²⁷Ruin, ruin, ruin, I will appoint it! Also this shall not be until the coming of Him to whom is the right; and I will give it.

²⁸And you, son of man, prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah concerning the sons of Ammon, and as to their

shame; even say: The sword, the sword is drawn; *it is* polished for slaughter to make an end, so that *it may be* like lightning; ²⁹while they see vain visions for you; while they divine a lie to you, to put you on the necks of the slain of the wicked, *of* whom their day has come, in the time of iniquity *it shall have* an end. ³⁰Return it to its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your origin, I will judge you. ³¹And I will pour out on you My disgust — with the fire of My wrath I will blow against you, and give you into the hand of burning men, skilled in destruction. ³²You shall be to the fire for food. Your blood shall be in the midst of the land. You shall not be remembered. For I, Jehovah, have spoken.

CHAPTER 22

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²And you, son of man, will you judge; will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her abominations. ³Then you shall say, So says the Lord Jehovah: The city sheds blood in her midst, that her time may come; and makes idols against herself, to defile *herself*. ⁴By your blood which you have shed, you are guilty; and by your idols which you have made, you are defiled. And your days *are* brought near, and have come to your years. On account of this I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the lands. ⁵Those who are near, and those who are far from you, shall mock against you, O defiled of name, abounding in tumult. ⁶Behold, the rulers of Israel, each man by his might, have been in you to enter in *and* shed blood. ⁷In you they have despised father and mother. In your midst they have dealt with the alien by oppression. In you they oppressed the widow and the orphan. ⁸You have despised My holy things, and have profaned My sabbaths. ⁹In you are men of slander, in order to shed blood; and in you they eat on the mountains; in your midst they do unchaste acts. ¹⁰In you he has uncovered the nakedness of the father; in you they humbled the defiled *by her* impurity. ¹¹And a man has done abomination with his neighbor's wife; and a man has defiled his daughter-in-law in

unchaste acts; and a man has humbled within you his sister, his father's daughter. ¹²In you they have taken bribes, in order to shed blood. You have taken interest and increase; and you have gained by extortion *of* your neighbor; and you have forgotten Me, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹³And behold, I have struck My palm against your unjust gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in your midst. ¹⁴Can your heart stand, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, Jehovah, have spoken, and I will act. ¹⁵And I will scatter you among the nations, and sow you in the lands, and I will destroy your uncleanness out of you. ¹⁶And you will be profaned in you in the eyes of the nations. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

¹⁷And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me. All of them *are* bronze and tin, and iron and lead, in the middle of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. ¹⁹So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because all of you have become for dross, therefore, behold I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. ²⁰*As they* gather silver, and bronze, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire on it to melt *it*; so I will gather *you* in My anger and in My fury; and I will leave *you there*, and melt you. ²¹And I will collect you and blow on you in the fire of My wrath; and you shall be melted in its midst. ²²As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so you shall be melted in its midst. And you shall know that I, Jehovah, have poured out My fury on you.

²³And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²⁴Son of man, speak to her: You *are* a land, she *is* not being cleansed; you are not rained on in the day of disgust. ²⁵A plot *by* her prophets *is* in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing prey. They have devoured souls; and they have taken the riches and gems; they multiplied her widows in her midst. ²⁶Her priests have violated My law and have profaned My holy things; they have not divided between the holy and the common; and between the unclean and clean they have not taught; and they have hidden their

eyes from My sabbaths; and I am profaned among them. ²⁷Her rulers in her midst *are* like wolves tearing prey, to shed blood, to destroy souls, in order to gain unjust gain. ²⁸And her prophets have daubed themselves *with* lime, seeing empty visions, and divining to them lies, saying, So says the Lord Jehovah, when Jehovah has not spoken. ²⁹The people of the land have used oppression and practiced robbery; and they troubled the poor and the needy; and *they* have oppressed the stranger without justice. ³⁰And I sought among them a man to wall up a wall, and stand in the breach before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found not. ³¹So I have poured out on them My disgust, with the fire of My wrath I consumed them; I have given their way on their heads, states the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 23

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, there were two women, daughters of one mother. ³And they played the harlot in Egypt; in their youth they whored there; their breasts were handled, and there their virgin nipples were squeezed. ⁴And their names *were* Oholah, the oldest; and Oholibah, her sister. And they were Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And their names: Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah. ⁵And Oholah whored under Me. And she lusted after her lovers, to Assyrian neighbors, ⁶clothed with purple, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men; horsemen riding horses. ⁷And she bestowed her harlotries on them, the choice sons of Assyria, *with* all of them, and with all whom she lusted after; she defiled herself with all their idols. ⁸And she did not leave her fornications from Egypt; for they lay with her in her youth, and they squeezed her virgin nipples, and poured their fornications on her. ⁹So I have given her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the sons of Assyria on whom she lusted. ¹⁰They uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and her daughters. And they killed her with the sword. And she became notorious among women; and they executed judgments on her.

¹¹And her sister Oholibah saw; and she was more corrupt in her lust than she; and her fornications were greater than her sister's. ¹²She lusted to the sons of Assyria, neighboring governors and rulers clothed most perfectly; horsemen riding horses, all of them desirable young men. ¹³Then I saw that she was defiled; one way *was* to both of them. ¹⁴And she added to her fornications. And she saw men carved on the wall — images of the Chaldeans engraved with red color; ¹⁵girded with girdles on their loins; with overflowing turbans on their heads, the look of rulers, all of them, like the sons of Babylon *in* Chaldea, the land of their birth — ¹⁶and she lusted after them, to the look of her eyes, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea. ¹⁷And the sons of Babylon came to her, to the bed of love; and they defiled her with their fornications. And she was defiled with them, and her soul was alienated from them. ¹⁸And she uncovered her fornications and uncovered her nakedness. Then My soul was alienated from her, just as My soul was alienated from her sister. ¹⁹And she multiplied her fornications to recall the days of her youth, in which she had whored in the land of Egypt. ²⁰And she lusted on their lovers of whom the flesh of asses resembles their flesh; and *as* the issue of horses their issue. ²¹So you longed for the wickedness of your youth, when from Egypt *they* worked your nipples, for the sake of the breasts of your youth.

²²So, O Oholibah, the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will arouse your lovers against you, from whom your soul is alienated. And I will bring them against you from all around, ²³Babylon's sons and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, all the sons of Assyria with them — desirable young men, governors and rulers, all of them; third heads and called ones; all of them riding horses. ²⁴And they shall come against you *with* weapons, chariots, and wheels, and with a group of peoples; buckler and shield and helmet shall set against you all around. And I will give before them judgment, and they will judge you by their judgments. ²⁵And I will give My jealousy against you, and they will deal with you in fury. Your

nose and your ears they will take, and the rest of you shall fall by the sword. They will take your sons and your daughters, and the rest of you shall be devoured by the fire. ²⁶And they will strip you of your clothes, and take the articles of your beauty. ²⁷And I will make cease your wickedness from you, and your fornication from the land of Egypt; and you shall not lift up your eyes to them; and Egypt shall not be remembered by you any more.

²⁸For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will give you in the hand of those whom you hate, in the hand of whom your soul was alienated from them. ²⁹And they shall deal with you in hatred, and take all your wealth, and shall leave you naked and bare. And the nudity of your adulteries will be bared, even your lewdness and your fornications. ³⁰These things will be done to you because you have whored after the nations, because that you are defiled with their idols. ³¹You have walked in the way of your sister, and I will give her cup into your hand. ³²So says the Lord Jehovah: You shall drink your sister's cup deep and wide; you shall be laughed at and mocked; for it holds much. ³³In drunkenness and sorrow you are filled, the cup of horror and ruin, the cup of your sister Samaria. ³⁴And you shall drink it and drain it. And you shall break its fragments, and tear off your breasts. For I have spoken, declares the Lord Jehovah. ³⁵So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, so also you bear your wickedness and your adulteries.

³⁶And Jehovah said to me, Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations. ³⁷For they did adultery, and blood is on their hands. And they did adultery with their idols, and even their sons whom they bore to Me they make pass to them, to be devoured. ³⁸Even still they have done this to Me: They have defiled My sanctuary in that day, and have profaned My sabbaths. ³⁹And when they had slain their sons to their idols, then they came into My sanctuary in that day to profane it. And, lo, this they have done in the

midst of My house. ⁴⁰Furthermore, they have sent for men to come from a distance, of whom a messenger was sent to them. And behold, they came, for whom you washed, painted your eyes, and were adorned with gems; ⁴¹and you sat on a glorious bed, and a table arranged before it, and My incense and My oil you set on it. ⁴²And the sound of a crowd at ease was with her; and drunkards from the wilderness were brought with the men of the host of mankind; and they put bracelets on their hands, and crowns of beauty on their heads. ⁴³Then I said about the one worn in adulteries, Will they now whore with her, and she with them? ⁴⁴And they went in to her, as they go in to a woman of harlotry, so they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the wicked women.

⁴⁵And as righteous men they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and the judgment of women who shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands. ⁴⁶For so says the Lord Jehovah: Bring up on them an assembly, and give them to terror and plunder. ⁴⁷And the assembly shall stone them with stones, and cut them down with their swords. They shall slay their sons and their daughters, and they shall burn their houses with fire. ⁴⁸So I will make cease wickedness out of the land, that all the women may be taught, even not to do according to your wickedness. ⁴⁹And they shall put your wickedness on you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols. And you shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 24

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, saying, ²Son of man, write for yourself the name of the day, this very day; the king of Babylon has leaned toward Jerusalem in this very day. ³And parable a parable to the house of rebellion, and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Set on the pot! Set on, and also pour water in it. ⁴Gather its pieces into it, every good piece, the thigh and the shoulder. Fill it with choice bones; ⁵take the choice of the flock and also pile the

bones under it; boiling make it boil; also let them seethe its bones in it.

⁶So the Lord Jehovah says this: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose rust *is* in it, and its rust has not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece. Let not a lot fall on it. ⁷For her blood is in her midst; she set it on a shining rock. She did not pour it on the ground, to cover it *with* dust. ⁸In order to cause fury to come up to take vengeance, I have put her blood on a shining rock, that it should not be covered. ⁹So the Lord Jehovah says this: Woe to the bloody city! I also shall heap on the pile. ¹⁰And kindle the fire on the wood, complete the flesh, and mix in the spice; and let the bones be burned. ¹¹Then make it stand on its coals empty, so that it may be hot, and its bronze may glow, and its defilement be melted in its midst, *that* its rust may be consumed. ¹²She is wearied with toil, and the increase of her rust did not go out; her rust *will be* in the fire. ¹³In your defilement *is* wickedness. Because I have cleaned you, yet you are not clean; you shall not be cleansed from your defilement any more until I have made cease My fury on you. ¹⁴I, Jehovah, have spoken, it shall come, and I will do *it*. I will not let go, and I will not spare; I will not pity. By our ways and by your doings they shall judge you, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁵And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ¹⁶Son of man, behold, I am taking from you the desire of your eyes with a blow. Yet you shall not wail, and not weep, and your tears shall not come. ¹⁷Groan, *but* be silent; do not make a mourning *for* the dead. Bind your turban on you, and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover over the mustache; and do not eat the bread of men.

¹⁸So I spoke to the people in the morning. And my wife died in the evening. And I did in the morning as I was commanded. ¹⁹And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things *are* to us, that you are doing? ²⁰Then I said to them, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²¹Speak to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, the pride of your strength, the

desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities. And your sons and your daughters, whom you have forsaken, shall fall by the sword. ²²And you shall do as I have done. You shall not cover over the mustache, and you shall not eat the bread of men. ²³And your turbans *shall be* on your heads, and your shoes on your feet. You shall not wail nor weep; but you shall rot away in your iniquities, and each man groan to his brother. ²⁴So Ezekiel is for a sign to you. As all that he has done, you shall do. And when it comes, then you shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

²⁵And you, son of man, will *it* not be on the day *when* I take from them their strength, the joy of their beauty, the desire of their eyes, and the lifting up of their soul — their sons and their daughters? ²⁶He will come in that day, he who escaped to you, to cause *you* to hear *with your ears*. ²⁷In that day your mouth shall be opened to the escaped one, and you shall speak and not be dumb any longer. And you shall be to them a sign, and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 25

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against the sons of Ammon and prophesy against them. ³And say to the sons of Ammon, Hear the word of the Lord Jehovah. So says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have said, Aha! against My sanctuary, when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was ruined, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile; ⁴therefore, behold, I will give you to the sons of the east for a possession. And they shall set their camp sites among you, and put among you their dwellings. They shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. ⁵And I will give Rabbah for a pasture *for* camels, and the sons of Ammon for a resting place *for* flocks. And you shall know Jehovah. ⁶For so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have clapped the hand, and you stamped the foot, and rejoiced with all your spite in *your* soul against the land of Israel; ⁷so, behold, I will stretch out My hand on you and will

give you as a prize to the nations. And I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will make you perish from the lands. I will destroy you. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

⁸So says the Lord Jehovah: Because Moab and Seir say, Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations; ⁹so, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities, from his borders, the glory of the land: Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim. ¹⁰To the sons of the east, with the sons of Ammon, even I will give it for a possession so that the sons of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations. ¹¹And I will execute judgments on Moab. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

¹²So says the Lord Jehovah: Because Edom has acted by taking vengeance against the house of Judah, and they are very guilty and are avenged on them, ¹³so the Lord Jehovah says this: I will stretch My hand on Edom and will cut off from it man and beast; and I will lay it waste. From Teman even to Dedan they shall fall by the sword. ¹⁴And I will put My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel. And they shall do in Edom as *is* My anger and as *is* My fury. And they shall know My vengeance, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁵So says the Lord Jehovah: Because the Philistines have acted in vengeance and have taken vengeance with spite in *their* soul, to destroy *with* perpetual enmity; ¹⁶so the Lord Jehovah says this, Behold, I will stretch My hand on the Philistines, and I will cut off the Chereythim and will destroy the rest of the coast of the sea. ¹⁷And I will execute on them great vengeance with rebukes of fury. And when I put My vengeance on them, they will know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 26

¹And it was in the eleventh year, in the first of the month, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha! She is shattered, the doors of the peoples; she has turned to me; I shall be filled; she is laid waste. ³So the Lord Jehovah says this, Behold, I *am* against you, O Tyre.

And I will cause to go up against you many nations, *as* the sea causes its waves to go up. ⁴And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers. I will also scrape her dust from her and make her like a shining rock. ⁵It shall be a spreading place for nets in the middle of the sea. For I have spoken, declares the Lord Jehovah. And she shall be a spoil to the nations. ⁶And her daughters who *are* in the field shall be killed by the sword. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

⁷For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring on Tyre from the north, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, a king of kings, with horses, and with chariots, and with a company of horsemen, even many people. ⁸He shall kill your daughters in the field with the sword. And he shall give siege-walls against you and pour out a mound against you, and raise a buckler against you. ⁹And he will set the blow of his ram against your walls; and he will break down your towers with his axes. ¹⁰From the multitude of his horses their dust shall cover you. From the sound of the horsemen, and the wheels, and the chariots, your walls shall shake, when he goes into your gates, as *they* enter a city that is breached. ¹¹With the hoofs of his horses he will trample all your streets. He shall kill your people by the sword, and the pillars of your strength shall go down to the ground. ¹²And they shall strip your wealth and plunder your merchandise. And they shall tear down your walls and destroy your desirable houses. And they shall set your stones and your timbers and your dust in the midst of the water. ¹³And I will make cease the noise of your songs. And the sound of your harps shall not be heard any more. ¹⁴And I will make you like a shining rock. You shall be a spreading place for nets; you shall not be built any more. For I, Jehovah, have spoken, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁵So says the Lord Jehovah to Tyre: Shall not the coastlands shake at the sound of your fall, when the slain groan, in the slaying of the slaughter in your midst? ¹⁶And shall come down from their thrones all the rulers of the sea and lay aside their robes and strip off their embroidered garments. They shall be clothed *with*

tremblings; they shall sit on the ground and shall tremble at every moment, and be appalled at you. ¹⁷And they shall take up a lament for you and say to you, How you are perished, who lived by the seas, the city well-praised, which was strong in the sea, she and her dwellers, who put their terror on all her dwellers! ¹⁸Now the coasts shall tremble *in* the day of your fall. And the coasts that are by the sea shall be troubled at your going down. ¹⁹For so says the Lord Jehovah: When I shall make you a ruined city, like the cities that do not have dwellers; when I shall bring up on you the deep and great waters shall cover you; ²⁰and I shall bring you down with those who go into the Pit, with the people of old time, and I shall set you in the earth's lowest parts, in places ruined from days of old, with ones who go to the Pit, so that you have no dwellers — but I gave glory in the land of the living — ²¹I will give you terrors; and you will not be. Though you are sought, yet you shall not be found any more forever, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 27

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²And you, son of man, take up a lament in Tyre. ³And say to Tyre, O you who dwell at the entrances of the sea, a merchant of the peoples for many coast-lands, so says the Lord Jehovah: O Tyre, you have said, *I am* perfect of beauty. ⁴In the heart of the seas are your borders; your builders have perfected your beauty. ⁵They have made for you all your planks of fir-trees of Senir; they have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you. ⁶They have made your oars *of* the oaks of Bashan. They made your deck *with* ivory from the coasts of Chittim, daughter of Assyria. ⁷Your sail was of fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt, an ensign for you; violet and purple from the coasts of Elishah was your covering. ⁸The residents of Sidon and Arvad were rowers to you. Your wise ones, O Tyre, they *were* your sailors. ⁹The elders of Gebal and her wise men were with you, reinforcing your seams. All the ships of the sea and their seamen

were with you, to exchange your merchandise. ¹⁰Persia and Lud and Lydia were in your army, men of war *to* you; they hung the shield and the helmet in you; they gave your splendor. ¹¹The sons of Arvad and your army *were* on your walls all around; and warriors *were* in your towers. They hung their weapons on your walls all around; they have perfected your beauty.

¹²Tarshish was your trader, from the multitude of *your* wealth; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they gave for your wares.

¹³Javan, Tubal and Meshech, they *were* your merchants; they gave the souls of men and vessels of bronze for your goods.

¹⁴From the house of Togarmah they gave horses and war-horses and mules for your wares. ¹⁵The sons of Dedan were your merchants; many coast-lands *were* the traffic of your hand. Tusks of ivory and ebony they brought as your gift.

¹⁶Syria was your trader from the multitude of your works, with jewels, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies they gave for your wares.

¹⁷Judah and the land of Israel *were* your merchants; with wheat from Minnith and Pannag, and honey and oil and balm they gave for your goods.

¹⁸Damascus was your trader in the multitude of your works, from the multitude of all *your* wealth; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool. ¹⁹And Dan and Javan going about gave for your wares; smooth iron, cassia, and cane were among your goods.

²⁰Dedan was your merchant in loose cloths for riding. ²¹Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they *were* traders of your hand, in lambs and rams and goats; in them was your trade.

²²The merchants of Sheba and Raamah *were* your merchants; with the chief of all the spices, and with every precious stone, and gold, they gave for your wares.

²³Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Assyria, Chilmad *were* your merchants; ²⁴they *were* your merchants in perfect things, in violet cloth and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors, with tightly bound cords, and cedars among your merchandise.

²⁵The ships of Tarshish *were* the travelers of your goods. And you were filled and

made very glorious in the heart of the seas.

²⁶Your rowers made you come into great waters; the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas. ²⁷Your wealth and your wares *and* your goods, your seamen and your sailors reinforcing your seams, and the traders of your goods, and all your men of war who *are* in you, and all your assembly which *is* in your midst, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of your ruin. ²⁸At the sound of the cry of your sailors the pasture lands will shake. ²⁹And all who handle the oar shall come down from their ships, the seamen, all the sailors of the sea; they shall stand on the land, ³⁰and will make heard their voice against you, and will cry bitterly, and will cause to go up dust on their heads; they will wallow in the ashes.

³¹And they shall be bald for you and gird with sackcloth; and they shall weep for you with bitterness of soul, a bitter wailing. ³²And they shall take up for you a lament *in* their mourning and will lament over you: Who *is* like Tyre, as she who is quiet in the midst of the sea? ³³When your wares went out from the seas, you satisfied many peoples. With the plenty of your riches and your goods you enriched the kings of the earth. ³⁴At *this time* you are broken from the seas, by the depths of the waters your goods and all your assembly have fallen in your midst. ³⁵All the dwellers of the coasts are appalled at you; and their kings are horribly terrified; faces tremble. ³⁶The traders among the peoples hiss over you; you have become terrors. And until forever you shall not be.

CHAPTER 28

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, So says the Lord Jehovah, Because your heart is lifted up and you have said, *I am* a god; I sit in the seat of gods, in the heart of the seas — yet you *are* a man, and not God, though you give your heart as the heart of gods — ³Behold, you *are* wiser than Daniel; every *one* of the secret *things* are not hidden *to* you. ⁴With your wisdom and with your understanding you have made riches for yourself, and have worked gold and silver into your treasures. ⁵By

your great wisdom, by your trade you have multiplied your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches. ⁶So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you have given your heart as the heart of gods, ⁷behold, so I will bring on you awesome strangers *of* the nations, And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom and will profane your splendor. ⁸They will cause you to go down to the Pit, and you shall die the deaths of the slain in the heart of the seas. ⁹Will you still say, *I am of the gods* before him who strikes you? But you *are* a man, and not God, in the hands of him who pierces you. ¹⁰You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised, by the hand of strangers. For I have spoken, says the Lord Jehovah.

¹¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ¹²Son of man, lift up a lament over the king of Tyre, and say to him, So says the Lord Jehovah: You seal the measure, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* your covering, the ruby, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes in you—in the day you were created, they were prepared. ¹⁴You *were* the anointed cherub that covers, and I had put you in the holy height of God, *where* you were. You walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, until iniquity was found in you. ¹⁶By the multitude of your trade they filled your midst *with* violence, and you sinned. So I cast you defiled from the height of God, and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from among the stones of fire. ¹⁷Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. I have cast you to the ground. I will put you before kings, that they may see you. ¹⁸By the host of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trade, you have profaned your holy places; thus I brought a fire from your midst; it shall devour you, and I will give you for ashes on the earth, in the sight of all who see you. ¹⁹All who know you among the peoples shall be

appalled at you; you shall be terrors, and you will not be forever.

²⁰And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²¹Son of man, set your face against Sidon and prophesy against her. ²²And say, So says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against you, O Sidon, and I will be glorified in your midst. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have done judgments in her, and shall be sanctified by her. ²³And I will send a plague into her, and blood into her streets. And the slain will fall in her midst by the sword, on her from all around. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

²⁴And there will not be a pricking brier or a painful thorn to the house of Israel any more, from all who surround them, who hate them. And they shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah. ²⁵So says the Lord Jehovah: When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples of whom they are dispersed among them, and have been sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then they shall dwell on their land which I have given to My servant Jacob. ²⁶And they shall dwell in it securely, and shall build houses and plant vineyards. Yes, they shall dwell securely, when I have done judgments on all those who hate them round about them. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God.

CHAPTER 29

¹In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth of the month, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against Egypt, all of it. ³Speak and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, My river *is* mine, and I have made it. ⁴But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause to stick to your scales the fish of your rivers; and I will bring you up from amidst your rivers, and all the fish of your rivers shall stick to your scales. ⁵And I will leave you *to* the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers; you shall fall on the open field; you shall not be removed or gathered. I have given you to the beasts of the field and to

the birds of the heavens for food. ⁶And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* Jehovah, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. ⁷When they seized you by your hand, you broke and tore off all their shoulder. And when they leaned on you, you shattered and made all their loins stand.

⁸So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will bring on you a sword and cut off from you man and beast. ⁹And the land of Egypt shall become for a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, because he has said, The River is mine, and I have made it. ¹⁰So, behold, I *am* against you and against your rivers; and I will give the land of Egypt for an utter waste *and* a desolation, from Migdol *to* Syene, even to the border of Ethiopia. ¹¹The foot of man shall not pass through it; and the foot of beast shall not pass through it; and you shall not dwell forty years. ¹²And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the lands that are desolate; and her cities shall be desolate among the wasted cities forty years. And I will disperse Egypt among the nations, and sow them among the lands.

¹³For so says the Lord Jehovah: At the end of forty years I will gather Egypt from the peoples where they are scattered there. ¹⁴And I will return the captivity of Egypt and will make them return *to* the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin. And they shall be a lowly kingdom there. ¹⁵It shall be the lowest of the kingdoms, and shall not lift itself any more above the nations. And I will diminish them so that they will not rule over the nations. ¹⁶And it shall not be any more as confidence for the house of Israel, recalling the iniquity of their turning after them. And they shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁷And it came about, in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, in the first of the month, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made his army to serve a great service against Tyre. Every head was made bald, and every shoulder was rubbed bare. Yet there was no hire to him or to his army from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it.

¹⁹So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will give to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon the land of Egypt. And he shall carry her host and spoil her spoil, and seize her plunder. And it shall be hire for his army. ²⁰For his labor which he served against it, I have given him the land of Egypt, because they worked for Me, declares the Lord Jehovah.

²¹In that day I will make a horn bud to the house of Israel, and I will give to you the opening of the mouth in their midst. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 30

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Howl, Alas for the day! ³For the day is near, even the day of Jehovah is near, a day of clouds; it shall be the time of the nations. ⁴And the sword shall come on Egypt, and anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take her host; and her foundations shall be razed. ⁵Ethiopia, and Lydia, and Lud, and all the mixed people; and Chub, and the sons of the land of the covenant with them, shall fall by the sword.

⁶So says Jehovah: Even those leaning on Egypt shall fall, and the pride of her power shall go down. From Migdol to Syene they shall fall with her by the sword, declares the Lord Jehovah. ⁷And they will be ruined amidst the wasted lands; and her cities shall be in the midst of the desolated cities. ⁸And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers shall be crushed. ⁹In that day messengers shall go out from before Me in ships, to terrify the confident Ethiopia, and anguish shall be on them, as in the day of Egypt; for behold it is coming.

¹⁰So says the Lord Jehovah: I will make the multitude of Egypt cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. ¹¹He and his people with him, awesome of the nations, shall be brought to corrupt the land. And they shall draw their swords against Egypt and fill the lands *with* the slain. ¹²And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of evil ones.

And I will waste the land, and her fullness, by the hand of strangers. I Jehovah have spoken.

¹³So says the Lord Jehovah: I will also destroy the idols, and I will make vanities cease from Noph. And there shall not any longer be a prince of the land of Egypt. And I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

¹⁴And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will do judgments in Thebes. ¹⁵And I will pour my fury on Sin, the strength of Egypt. And I will cut off the multitude of Thebes. ¹⁶And I will set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall greatly anguish; and Thebes shall be broken through; and Noph *shall have* daily woes; the young men of Aven and Pibeseth shall fall by the sword; and they shall go into captivity. ¹⁸At Tehaphnehes the day will be held back, when I shatter there the yokes of Egypt. And the pride of her strength shall cease in her; a cloud shall cover her; and her daughters shall go into captivity. ¹⁹And I will do judgments in Egypt. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

²⁰And it was, in the eleventh year, in the first *month* in the seventh of the month, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²¹Son of man, I have shattered the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And behold, it shall not be bound up to give healing, to set a bandage to bind it, to make it strong to handle the sword. ²²So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and I will shatter his arms, the strong one, and the shattered one. And I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. ²³And I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and will sow them through the lands. ²⁴And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put My sword in his hand. But I will shatter the arms of Pharaoh, and he will groan with the groanings of the slain before him. ²⁵But I will make the arms of the king of Babylon stronger, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I put My sword into the king of Babylon's hand — and he will stretch it against the land of Egypt. ²⁶And I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and sow them among the lands. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 31

¹And it came about, in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, on the first of the month, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his host: To whom are you like in your greatness? ³Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon, with fair branches and forest shade, and exalted in height; and his top was among the thick boughs. ⁴The waters made him great; the deep made him high with her rivers, going all around her planting; and she sent out her channels to all the trees of the field. ⁵On account of this his height was lifted up above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long, because of the many waters, in his sending. ⁶All the birds of the heavens nested in his boughs, and under his branches all the beasts of the field gave birth; and in his shadow dwelt all great nations. ⁷And he was fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches. For his root was to many waters. ⁸The cedars did not overshadow him in the garden of God; the fir-trees were not like his boughs; and the plane trees were not like his branches. Every tree in the garden of God was not like him in his beauty. ⁹I have made him beautiful by his many branches, and all the trees of Eden that *were* in the garden of God envied him.

¹⁰So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you were exalted in height, and he has set his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; ¹¹so I have given him into the mighty hand of the nations. He shall surely deal with him; I have expelled him for his evil. ¹²And strangers have cut him off, the fearful of the nations, and have left him. His branches have fallen on the mountains and in all the valleys, and his boughs have been broken in all the ravines of the land. And all the people of the land have gone from his shadow, and have left him. ¹³All the birds of the heavens shall dwell on his ruin, and on his branches shall be all the beasts of the field, ¹⁴in order that all the trees *by* the waters may not be exalted in their height, and do not give their top among the thick boughs; and do not stand up in their mighty exaltation, all drinking

waters. For all of them are given to death, to the earth's lowest parts, in the midst of the sons of men, with those going down *into* the Pit.

¹⁵So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day he went down to Sheol, I caused a mourning. I covered over him the deep, and I held back her rivers; and many waters were confined. And I darkened Lebanon on him, and all the trees of the field wilted away because of him. ¹⁶I made the nations shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down *in* the Pit. And all the trees of Eden shall be cheered in the earth's lowest parts, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink waters. ¹⁷They also went down with him into Sheol, to the slain of the sword, even his arm, who dwelt in his shadow in the midst of the nations.

¹⁸To whom are you like in glory and greatness among Eden's trees? Yet you shall go down with the trees of Eden to the earth's lowest parts. You shall lie amidst the uncircumcised, with the slain of the sword. He is Pharaoh and all *his* host, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 32

¹And it happened in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first of the month, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, take up a lament over Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and say to him, You were like a young lion of the nations, but you *are* like the monster in the seas. And you gushed in your rivers, and stirred up the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers. ³So says the Lord Jehovah: So I will spread out My net over you, with an assembly of many peoples; and they will lift you up in My net. ⁴Then I will leave you on the land; I will hurl you on the face of the field, and will make all the birds of the heavens to dwell on you; and I will fill the beasts of all the earth from you. ⁵And I will put your flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys *with* your height. ⁶And I will also make the land drink your discharge of your blood, to the mountains; and the ravines shall be full of you. ⁷And I will cover the heavens

when *I* quench you, and will darken their stars. I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. ⁸I will darken all the shining lights in the heavens over you, and will give darkness on your land, declares the Lord Jehovah. ⁹I will also vex the heart of many peoples when I bring your breaking among the nations, to the lands which you have not known. ¹⁰And I will make many people appalled at you, and their kings will be horribly afraid at you, when I make to fly My sword before their faces. And they shall quake at *every* moment, *each* man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

¹¹For so says the Lord Jehovah: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come on you. ¹²By the swords of the mighty I will make your host fall, *by* the fearful of the nations, all of them. And they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed. ¹³I will also destroy all her beasts from on the great waters; and the foot of man shall not stir them any longer; and the hoofs of beasts shall not stir them up. ¹⁴Then I will make their waters settle, and cause their rivers to run as oil, says the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁵When I shall make the land of Egypt a ruin, and the land shall be stripped of its fullness; when I shall strike all those who dwell in it; then they shall know that *I am* Jehovah.

¹⁶This is the lament, and they shall lament her; the daughters of the nations shall lament her. Over Egypt and over all her multitude, they shall lament her, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹⁷And it happened, in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth of the month, the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, wail over the host of Egypt, and bring it down, her and the daughters of the majestic nations, to the earth's lowest parts, with those going down to the Pit. ¹⁹Than whom are you more lovely? Go down and be laid with the uncircumcised. ²⁰They shall fall in the midst of the slain of the sword. She is given to the sword; they draw her and all her multitudes. ²¹The strong of the mighty shall speak to him from the midst of Sheol; they went with his helpers; they, the uncircumcised, lie slain by the sword. ²²There *is* Assyria

and all her assembly; all around him *are* his graves; all of them *are* slain, fallen by the sword; ²³of whom *are* given her graves in the recesses of the Pit; and her assembly is all around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, because they gave terror in the land of the living. ²⁴There *is* Elam and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised into the earth's lowest parts; who gave their terror in the land of the living. Yet they bore their shame with those going down to the Pit. ²⁵In the midst of the slain, they have put a bed for her, with all her multitude; her graves *are* all around him, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; though their terror was given in the land of the living, yet they have become their shame with those going down to the Pit; he is put among the slain.

²⁶There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude; all around him *are* her graves; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; though they gave their terror in the land of the living. ²⁷And they shall not lie with the mighty of the uncircumcised who *are* fallen, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war. And they have put their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be on their bones; though the terror of the mighty *was* in the land of the living. ²⁸And you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with the slain by the sword.

²⁹There *is* Edom, her kings and all her rulers, who *are* placed in their might with the slain of the sword; they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with those going down to the Pit. ³⁰These *are* the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain in their terror. They *are* ashamed of their might. And they lie uncircumcised with those slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those going down to the Pit. ³¹Pharaoh shall see them, and be cheered over all his multitude, those slain by the sword, Pharaoh and all the army, declares the Lord Jehovah. ³²For I had put his terror in the land of the living; but he will be laid among the uncircumcised, with those slain by sword, Pharaoh and

all his multitude, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 33

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them: When I bring the sword on it, on a land, and take one man from the people of the land, their borders, and set him for a watchman to them; ³and *when* he sees the sword coming on the land, and he blows the ram's horn and warns the people, and the hearer hears the sound of the ram's horn, ⁴and does not take warning; and the sword comes and takes him; his blood shall be on his own head. ⁵He heard the sound of the ram's horn, and did not take warning; his blood shall be on himself. But he who took warning, he shall deliver his soul. ⁶But if the watchman sees the sword coming, and does not blow the ram's horn, and the people are not warned; and the sword comes and takes a soul from them, he is taken in his iniquity. But I will require his blood from the watchman's hand.

⁷And you, son of man, I have set you as a watchman to the house of Israel. And you shall hear the word from My mouth, and warn them from Me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, O wicked one, surely you shall die; and you do not speak to warn the wicked one from his way, that wicked one shall die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood from your hand. ⁹But you, if you warn the wicked from his way, to turn from it; and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity. But you have delivered your soul. ¹⁰And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, This you have spoken, saying, Surely our transgressions and our sins *are* on us, and we are rotting in them, even then shall we live? ¹¹Say to them, *As I live*, declares the Lord Jehovah, I do not have pleasure in the death of the wicked, except in the wicked turning from his way, and *so to* live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! For why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²And you, son of man, say to the sons of your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his trespass. And the evil of the evil; in

the day he turns from his wickedness, he shall not fall by it. And the righteous shall not be able to live by it, in the day he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous, He shall surely live; yet he trusts in his own righteousness, and commits iniquity; all his righteousness shall not be remembered. But he shall die for his iniquity which he has done. ¹⁴And though I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turns from his sin and does justice and righteousness; ¹⁵*if* the wicked returns the pledge; he repays the thing stolen; he walks in the statutes of life, not doing iniquity; he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶All his sins which he has sinned shall not be remembered to him; he has done justice and righteousness; he shall surely live. ¹⁷Yet the sons of your people say, The way of the Lord is not fair. But they, *even* their way is not fair. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and does iniquity, he shall even die by them. ¹⁹But if the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does justice and righteousness, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair. I shall judge you, each man by his ways, O house of Israel.

²¹And it happened in the twelfth year, in the tenth *month*, on the fifth of the month of our exile, one who escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, The city has been stricken. ²²And the hand of Jehovah was on me in the evening, before the escaped one came. And He had opened my mouth until that one came in the morning. And my mouth was opened, and I was no longer dumb. ²³And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²⁴Son of man, the inhabitants of ruins are speaking, these in the land of Israel, saying, Abraham was one, and he possessed the land; but we *are* many; the land is given to us for a possession. ²⁵So say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: You eat on the blood, and you lift your eyes up to your idols, and you shed blood. And shall you possess the land? ²⁶You stand on your sword, and you each do abominations, defiling his neighbor's wife. And shall you possess the land? ²⁷Say this to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: *As I live*, surely those in the ruins shall fall by the sword;

and I will give the one who *is* on the face of the field to the beasts to be eaten; and those in the forts, and in the caves, shall die by the plague. ²⁸For I shall make the land desolate, and a waste; and the pride of her strength shall cease. And the heights of Israel shall be a waste, that none will go through. ²⁹And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have made the land desolate and a waste, because of all their abominations which they have done.

³⁰And you, son of man, the sons of your people are talking about you beside the walls, and in the doors of the houses. And one speaks to another, each man with his brother, saying, Come now and hear what the word *is* which comes from Jehovah. ³¹And they come to you as people come; and they sit before you *as* My people. And they hear your words; but they do not do them. For they produce much love with their mouth, *but* their heart goes after their unjust gain. ³²And, behold, you *are* to them as a song of love: a beautiful voice, and playing well on an instrument. For they hear your words, but they are not doing them. ³³So when it comes — behold, it is coming — then they will know that a prophet has been in their midst.

CHAPTER 34

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, to the shepherds, So says the Lord Jehovah: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who are feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? ³You eat the fat, and clothe yourselves with the wool; you sacrifice the fat ones; you do not feed the flock. ⁴You have not made the weak strong, and you have not healed the sick; and you have not bound up the broken. And the banished have not been brought back, and you have not sought the lost; but you rule them with force and with harshness. ⁵And they were scattered for lack of a shepherd. And they became food to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. ⁶My sheep strayed through all the mountains and on every high hill. And My sheep were scattered on all the face of the earth;

and none searched, and none sought *for them*. ⁷For this reason, shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah: ⁸*As* I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, surely because My sheep became a prey, and My sheep became food for all the beasts of the field, from not having a shepherd; and *because* My shepherds did not search for My sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and did not feed the flock; ⁹so, O shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah: ¹⁰So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against the shepherds, and I will require My sheep from their hand, and cause them to cease from pasturing the sheep. And the shepherds shall no longer feed themselves, for I will deliver My sheep from their mouth; and they will not be food to devour.

¹¹For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep, and seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out My sheep, and will deliver them from all the places where they were scattered, in a day of cloud and thick cloud. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the lands, and will bring them to their land, and feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the dwelling-places of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them in a good pasture, and on the high mountains of Israel their fold shall be; they shall lie there in a good fold, and they shall feed *in a* fat pasture, all the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I will feed My sheep, and I will make them lie down, declares the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will return the banished. And I will bind up the broken, and I will make the weak strong. But I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment. ¹⁷And you, My flock, so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I judge between lamb and lamb, *between* rams and he-goats. ¹⁸Is it a small thing to you to have fed on the good pasture, but you must trample the rest of your pastures with your feet? And have you drunk of the clear waters, but the rest you must foul with your feet?

¹⁹And My sheep, *what* your feet have trampled, they must feed on. And what

your feet fouled, they must drink. ²⁰So the Lord Jehovah says this to them: Behold, I Myself will even judge between the fat lamb and the lean lamb. ²¹Because you have thrust with side and with shoulder, and have pushed all the weak with your horns, until you have scattered them to the outside; ²²I also will save My sheep, and they shall no longer be for a prey; and I will judge between lamb and lamb. ²³And I will raise up over them one shepherd. And He shall feed them; My servant David, He shall feed them; and He shall be to them for a shepherd. ²⁴And I, Jehovah, will be their God; and My servant David *shall be* a ruler among them. I, Jehovah, have spoken. ²⁵And I will cut a covenant of peace with them, and make evil beasts cease out of the land. And they shall live in the wilderness securely, and sleep in the forests. ²⁶And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will bring down the shower in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. And they shall be securely on their land. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have broken the staffs of their yoke, and have rescued them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸And they shall not any more be a prey to the nations; and the beast of the land shall not eat them; but they shall live securely, and no one shall terrify *them*. ²⁹And I will raise up for them a planting place of name; and they shall not any more *be of* those gathered *by* famine in the land. And *they* shall not any more bear the shame of the nations. ³⁰And they shall know that I, Jehovah their God *am* with them; and they *are* My people, the house of Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah. ³¹And you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you *are* men; I *am* your God, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 35

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it. ³And say to it, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, Mount Seir; and I will stretch My hand

against you; and I will make you a ruin and a waste. ⁴I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be a ruin. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah. ⁵Because there was to you never-ending enmity, and you poured out the sons of Israel to the hands of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of *the* iniquity of the end. ⁶Therefore, *As* I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, surely for blood I appoint you, and blood shall pursue you. Since you have not hated blood, so blood shall pursue you. ⁷And I will make Mount Seir a ruin and a waste, and cut off from it the one passing through, and the one returning. ⁸And I will fill his mountains *with* his slain. *In* your hills and *in* your valleys, and *in* your every torrent, the slain by the sword shall fall in them. ⁹I will make you forever those ruins, and your cities shall not be inhabited. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. ¹⁰Because you have said, These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we shall possess it—Jehovah was there — ¹¹So, *As* I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, I will act by your anger and by envy which you have done out of your hatred against them; and I will be known among them when I have judged you. ¹²And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. I have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, Desolation! They are given to us for food! ¹³And you magnified with your mouth against Me, and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard. ¹⁴So says the Lord Jehovah: As all the earth rejoices, I will make you a ruin. ¹⁵As you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because *they were* a ruin, so I will do to you. You shall be a ruin, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it! And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 36

¹And you, son of man, prophesy to Israel's mountains and say, O heights of Israel, hear the word of Jehovah. ²So says the Lord Jehovah: Because the enemy has spoken against you, *saying*, Aha! Everlasting heights have become a possession to us. ³So prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Because; yea, because of the wasting and crushing of

you from all around, that you might be a possession to the rest of the nations, and you were lifted on the lip of the tongue, and the talking of the people; 'so mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah: So says the Lord Jehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the wastes of desolation, and to the forsaken cities, which became a prey and a mocking to the rest of the nations that *are* all around. 'So the Lord Jehovah says this: Surely I have spoken in the fire of My jealousy against the rest of the nations, and against Edom, all *those* of her who have given My land to themselves for a possession with all joy of heart, with scorning of soul, in order to *make it* open land for a prey. 'So prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations.

'So the Lord Jehovah says this: I have lifted up My hand; surely the nations that surround you, they shall bear their shame. 'But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall put out your branches and your fruit you shall bear for My people Israel. For they are drawing near to come. 'For behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. 'And I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel; all of it. And the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be built. 'And I will multiply men on you, and beast, and they will grow and be fruitful. And I will make you dwell as you formerly *were*; and I will do better than at your beginnings. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 'I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you will be an inheritance to them, and will not any more increase their bereavement.

'So says the Lord Jehovah: Because they said to you, You *are* a devourer of men; and you have bereaved your nations; 'so you shall no longer devour men; and you shall not make your nations fall any more, declares the Lord Jehovah. 'And I will not let you hear the shame of the nations any longer; and you shall not bear

the disgrace of the peoples any more; and you shall not cause your nations to fall any more, declares the Lord Jehovah.

'And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, 'Son of man, *when* the house of Israel dwelt on their land, they even defiled it by their ways and by their doings—as the defilement of woman's impurity, their way was before Me. 'So I poured out My fury on them, because of the blood that they had poured out on the land, and for their idols *by which* they defiled it. 'And I scattered them among the nations, and they were sown among the lands; I judged them by their way and by their doings. 'And *when* they entered into the nations, there where they went; they even profaned My holy name, by saying to them, These *are* the people of Jehovah, and they are gone out of His land. 'But I had pity for My holy name which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, there where they went.

'Therefore, say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but only for My holy name, which you profaned among the nations, there where you went.

'And I will sanctify My great name which was profaned among the nations, which you profaned among them. And the nations shall know that I *am* Jehovah, declares the Lord Jehovah, when I am sanctified in you in their eyes. 'For I will take you from the nations, and gather you out of all the lands, and bring you into your land. 'Then I will sprinkle clean waters on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your defilement and from all your idols. 'And I will also give you a new heart; and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give to you a heart of flesh. 'And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you *to* walk in My statutes; and you shall keep My judgments, and do them. 'And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And you shall be a people to Me, and I will be God to you. 'I will also save you from all your defilements, and I will call for grain and increase it and I will not

put a famine on you. ³⁰And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field in order that you will not any more receive the disgrace of famine among the nations. ³¹And you will remember your evil ways and your doings that were not good, and you will despise yourselves in your own eyes for your iniquities and for your abominations. ³²I am not doing *this* for your sake, states the Lord Jehovah; let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

³³So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day I cleanse you from all your iniquities I will cause the cities *to be* inhabited, and the wastes shall be built. ³⁴And the desolated land shall be cultivated, rather than being a ruin in the eyes of all passing by. ³⁵And they shall say, This land that was desolated has become like the garden of Eden. And the wasted and desolated and razed cities are fortified *and* inhabited. ³⁶And all the nations around you shall know that I, Jehovah, built the razed *places* and planted that which was desolated. I, Jehovah have spoken it and will do *it*.

³⁷So says the Lord Jehovah: Yet *for* this I will be sought by the house of Israel, to work for them. I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed *feasts*, so the wasted cities shall be filled *with* flocks of men. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 37

¹The hand of Jehovah was on me, and brought me by the Spirit of Jehovah, and made me rest in the midst of a valley; and it was full of bones. ²And He made me pass among them all around. And, behold, very many *were* on the face of the valley. And, behold! *They were* very dry. ³And He said to me, Son of man,, can these bones live? And I said, O Lord Jehovah, You know. ⁴And He said to Me, Prophecy to these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah: ⁵So says the Lord Jehovah to these bones: Behold, I cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live, ⁶and I will put on you sinews, and will bring flesh on you and spread skin

over you and put breath in you, and you shall live. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise. And, behold, a shaking! And the bones drew near, a bone to its bone. ⁸And I watched. And, behold! The sinews and the flesh came up on them, and the skin spread over them from above. But there *was* no breath in them. ⁹Then He said to me, Prophecy to the Spirit. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the Spirit, So says the Lord Jehovah: Come from the four winds, O Spirit, and breathe on these slain ones, that they may live. ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the Spirit came into them. And they lived, and stood on their feet, a very great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones *are* all the house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is perished; we are cut off to ourselves. ¹²So prophecy and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people, and will bring you to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I have opened your graves, and have brought you up out of your graves, O My people. ¹⁴And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will put you on your own land. And you shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken and have done *it*, says Jehovah.

¹⁵And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ¹⁶And you, son of man, take one stick to yourself and write on it, For Judah, and for his companions, the sons of Israel. And take another stick and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions. ¹⁷And draw them one to one for yourself, into one stick. And they shall become for oneness in your hand. ¹⁸And when the sons of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not declare to us what *these* mean to you? ¹⁹Say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with him, with the stick of Judah, and will make them one stick; and they shall be one in My hand.

²⁰And the sticks shall be in your hand, the ones *on* which you write before their eyes. ²¹And say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations, there where they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and will bring them into their own land. ²²And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and one king shall be for a ing to all of them. And they shall not be two nations still. And they will not be split into two kingdoms any more. ²³And they will not still be defiled with their idols; even with their filthy idols; nor with all of their transgressions. But I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, where they have sinned in them; and I will cleanse them. So they shall be for a people to Me, and I will be for God to them. ²⁴And My Servant, David, *shall be* king over them. And there shall be one Shepherd to all of them. And they shall walk in My judgments and keep My statutes, and do them. ²⁵And they shall dwell on the land that I have given to my servant, to Jacob, *there* where your fathers dwelt in it. And they shall dwell on it, they and their sons, and the sons of their sons, forever. And My Servant David *shall be* a ruler to them forever. ²⁶And I will cut a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant it shall be with them, And I will place them and multiply them; and I will put My sanctuary in their midst forever. ²⁷And My tabernacle shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ²⁸And when My sanctuary shall be in their midst forever, the nations shall know that I, Jehovah, sanctify Israel.

CHAPTER 38

¹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; and prophesy against him. ³And say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. ⁴And I will turn you back and put hooks into your jaws. And I will bring you and all your army out, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed most perfectly, a great assembly *with* buckler and shield, all

of them swordsmen: ⁵Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them *with* shield and helmet; ⁶Gomer and all his bands; the house of Togarmah *from* the recesses of the north, and all his bands; many peoples with you. ⁷Be prepared; yea, prepared for yourself, you and all your assembly that are assembled to you; and be a guard to them. ⁸After many days you shall be visited. In the after years you shall come into the land turned back from the sword, gathered out of many peoples, on the mountains of Israel which have been for a continual waste, but he has been brought out of the peoples; and they shall dwell securely, all of them. ⁹And you shall go up; you shall come like a storm; you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your bands, and many peoples with you.

¹⁰So says the Lord Jehovah: And it shall be in that day, words shall come up into your heart, and you shall devise an evil plan. ¹¹And you shall say, I will go up to the land of open spaces; I will go *to* those at ease, who live securely, all of them living with no walls; and there are no bars and gates to them; ¹²in order to spoil a spoil, and to steal a prize; to turn your hand on the inhabited waste places, and on the people gathered out of the nations, who have gotten livestock and goods; who dwell in the center of the earth. ¹³Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish, and all its young lions, shall say to you, Have you come to spoil a spoil? Have you gathered your assembly to steal a prize, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to spoil a great spoil?

¹⁴So prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, So says the Lord Jehovah: Shall you not know in that day when My people Israel dwells securely? ¹⁵And you shall come from your place out of the recesses of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses; a great assembly; a mighty army. ¹⁶And you shall come up on My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It shall be in the after days; and I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes, O Gog. ¹⁷So says the Lord Jehovah: Are

you he of whom I have spoken in former days, by the hand of My servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days *and years*, to bring you against them? ¹⁸And it shall be on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah, My fury shall come up in My face. ¹⁹And in My jealousy, in the fire of My wrath, I have spoken. Surely, in that day there shall be a great quaking in the land of Israel. ²⁰And the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who *are* on the face of the earth, shall quake at My face. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. ²¹And I shall call a sword against him on all My mountains, declares the Lord Jehovah. *Each* man's sword shall be against his brother. ²²And I will judge him with a plague and with blood, and an overflowing shower, and hailstones. I will rain fire and brimstone on him, and on his bands, and on the many peoples who *are* with him. ²³And I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself. And I will be known in the eyes of the many nations; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

CHAPTER 39

¹And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. ²And I will turn you back, and lead you on. And I will bring you up from the recesses of the north, and will bring you on the mountains of Israel. ³And I will strike your bow out of your left hand; and I will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand. ⁴You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your bands, and the people who *are* with you. I will give you for food to the birds of prey, a bird of every wing; and *to* the beasts of the field. ⁵You shall fall on the face of the field, for I have spoken, declares the Lord Jehovah. ⁶And I will send a fire on Magog, and on the secure inhabitants of the coasts. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

⁷And I will make My holy name known

in the midst of My people Israel. And I will not let My holy name be profaned any more. And the nations shall know that I *am* Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel. ⁸Behold! It is coming, and it shall be done, declares the Lord Jehovah. That *is* the day of which I have spoken. ⁹And the inhabitants of the cities of Israel shall go out, and shall set afire and burn the weapons; even the shield and the buckler, the bow and the arrows, and the hand-staff, and the spears. And they shall burn them with fire seven years. ¹⁰And they shall not take wood out of the field, and shall not cut down out of the forest. For they shall burn the weapons *with* fire. And they shall plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them, declares the Lord Jehovah.

¹¹And it will be on that day, I will give to Gog a place there, a grave in Israel, the valley of those who pass by, east of the sea. And it shall stop those who pass by. And they shall bury Gog and all his multitude there, and *they* shall call it The Valley of the Multitude of Gog. ¹²And the house of Israel shall bury them, in order to cleanse the land, seven months. ¹³And the people of the land shall bury. And it shall be for a name to them, the day when I *am* glorified, declares the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁴And they shall separate men who continually pass through the land, burying those who passed through, who remain on the face of the earth, to cleanse it. At the end of seven months, they shall make a search. ¹⁵And *as* they pass, those who pass through the land, and *any* man sees a bone, then he shall build a post beside it, until the buriers have buried it in The Valley of the Multitude of Gog. ¹⁶And also the name of the city *is* The Multitude. And they shall cleanse the land.

¹⁷And you, son of man, So says the Lord Jehovah: Say to the bird of every wing, and to every beast of the field: Gather yourselves and come; collect yourselves from all around to My sacrifice which I sacrifice for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may eat flesh and drink blood. ¹⁸You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth; *of* rams, lambs, goats, *and* bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. ¹⁹And you shall eat fat until

satiated; and drink blood until drunkenness, of My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. ²⁰And you shall be satiated at My table, *with* horses and chariots, and mighty men, all the men of war, declares the Lord Jehovah. ²¹And I will put My glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see My judgments which I have done, and My hand that I have laid on them. ²²So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God, from that day and onward. ²³And the nations shall know that the house of Israel was exiled for their iniquity. Because they betrayed Me, so I hid My face from them and gave them into the hand of their enemies. And they fell by the sword, all of them. ²⁴According to their uncleanness and according to their sins, I have done to them, and have hidden My face from them. ²⁵So the Lord Jehovah says this: Now I will return the captivity of Jacob, and will have mercy on all the house of Israel, and will be jealous for My holy name. ²⁶And also *after* they have borne their shame, and all their treachery which they have done against Me, when they dwell on their land securely, and no one terrifies; ²⁷when I have returned them from the peoples, and gathered them out of the hand of their enemies, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; ²⁸then they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God, who exiled them among the nations. But I have gathered them to their own land, and have not left any of them there. ²⁹And I will not any more hide My face from them; for I have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 40

¹In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck, on that same day the hand of Jehovah was on me, and brought me there. ²In the visions of God, He brought me into the land of Israel, and made me rest on a very high mountain. And it was as the structure of a city on the south. ³And He brought me there; and, behold, a man whose appearance *was* as the appearance of bronze, and a line of flax and a

measuring reed in his hand, and he stood in the gate. ⁴And the man said to me, Son of man, look with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall show you. For in order to show you, you are brought here. Declare to the house of Israel all that you see. ⁵And, behold, a wall on the outside of the house all around. And a measuring reed *was* in the man's hand, six cubits, with a cubit and a span. So he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed. ⁶And he came to the gate which faced eastward, and went up its steps and measured the threshold of the gate, one reed wide; even the one threshold, one reed wide. ⁷And a room, one reed long and one reed wide; and between the rooms *were* five cubits. And the threshold of the gate from beside the porch of the gate, from the house, *was* one reed.

⁸And he measured the porch of the gate from the house, one reed. ⁹And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its pillars, two cubits; also the porch of the gate from the house. ¹⁰And the gaterooms eastward *were* three from here, and three from there; one measure to the three of them; and one measure *was* to the pillars, from here and from there. ¹¹And he measured the breadth of the gate-opening, ten cubits; the length of the gate *was* thirteen cubits. ¹²And the border in front of the rooms *was* one cubit; and the border from here, one cubit. And the room *was* six cubits from here, and six cubits from there. ¹³And he measured the gate of the room from roof to roof, twenty-five cubits wide, door to door. ¹⁴He also made the pillars, sixty cubits, even to the court-pillar, *from* the gate round *and* round. ¹⁵And on the face of the entrance gate, to the face of the porch of the inner gate, *was* fifty cubits; ¹⁶and windows, lattices, *were* to the rooms, and to their pillars inside the gate round *and* round; and so for the porches; and windows *were* round *and* round inside; and to a pillar *were* palm trees.

¹⁷And he brought me into the outer court. And, behold, chambers, and a pavement made for the court round *and* round. Thirty chambers *were* on the pavement. ¹⁸And the pavement by the side of the gates to

equal the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement. ¹⁹And he measured the breadth from the face of the lower gate to the face of the inner court, on the outside, a hundred cubits eastward and northward. ²⁰And the gate which faces the way of the north of the outer court, he measured its length and its breadth. ²¹And its rooms *were* three from here, and three from there. And its pillars and its porches *were* as the first measure—its length fifty cubits, and its breadth twenty-five cubits. ²²And its windows, and its porches, and its palm trees *were* as the measure of the gate that faces eastward. And they went up to it by seven steps; and its porches *were* before them. ²³And the gate of the inner court *was* across from the gate toward the north and toward the east. And he measured from gate to gate, a hundred cubits. ²⁴And he led me southward. And, behold, a gate southward! And he measured its pillars and its porches according to these measures. ²⁵And windows *were* in it, and its porches round *and* round like these windows. Fifty cubits *were* the length, and twenty-five cubits the breadth. ²⁶And seven steps *were* going up to it, and its porches before them. And palm trees *were* to it, one from here and one from there, to its pillars. ²⁷And a gate *was* to the inner court southward. And he measured from gate to gate, southward, a hundred cubits.

²⁸And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate. And he measured the south gate by these measures. ²⁹And its rooms, and its pillars, and its porches *were* as three measures. And windows *were* to it, and its porches round *and* round. *It was* fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide. ³⁰And the porches round *and* round *were* twenty-five cubits long, and five cubits wide. ³¹And its porches *were* toward the outer court; and palm trees on its pillars. And its stairway *had* eight steps.

³²And he brought me into the inner court eastward. And he measured the gate by these measures. ³³And its rooms, and its pillars, and its porches *were* as these measures. And windows *were* to it, and to its porches round *and* round. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide. ³⁴And its porches *were* toward the outer court. And palm trees *were* on its pillars

from here and from there. And its stairway *had* eight steps.

³⁵And he brought me to the north gate, and measured by these measures, ³⁶its rooms, its posts, and its porches. And windows *were* to it round *and* round. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide. ³⁷And its pillars *were* toward the outer court. And palm trees *were* on its pillars, from here and from there; and its stairway *had* eight steps. ³⁸And the chamber and its door *was* by the pillars of the gates; they washed the burnt offering there.

³⁹And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables from here, and two tables from there, to slaughter on them the burnt offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering. ⁴⁰And to the side outside, as one goes up to the door of the gate northward *were* two tables. And on the other side at the porch of the gate *were* two tables. ⁴¹Four tables *were* from here, and four tables from there, by the side of the gate, eight tables; they slaughter on them. ⁴²And the four tables for burnt offering *were* cut stone, one cubit and a half long, and one cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high. They also rested on them the instruments with which they slaughtered, by them the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

⁴³And the double hooks, one span, *were* fastened in the house round *and* round; and the flesh of the offering on the tables. ⁴⁴And from the outside to the inner court *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate. And their face *was* southward; one at the side of the east gate looked the way of the north. ⁴⁵And he said to me, This chamber facing southward *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. ⁴⁶And the chamber facing northward *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar. They *are* the sons of Zadok who come near to Jehovah, of the sons of Levi, to minister to Him. ⁴⁷And he measured the court: a hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide, a square. And the altar *was* before the house.

⁴⁸And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* pillar of the porch, five cubits from here, and five cubits from there. And the gate *was* three

cubits wide from here, and three cubits from there. ⁴⁹The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and eleven cubits wide, even with the steps by which they went up to it. And columns *were* by the pillars, one from here, and one from there.

CHAPTER 41

¹And he brought me to the temple and measured the pillars, six cubits wide from here, and six cubits wide from there—the width of the tent. ²And the door *was* ten cubits wide. And the sides of the door *were* five cubits from here and five cubits from there. And he measured its length, forty cubits; and twenty cubits wide. ³And he went inside and measured the pillars of the door, two cubits. And the door *was* six cubits; and the width of the door, seven cubits. ⁴And he measured its length, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, to the face of the temple. And he said to me, *This is the Holy of Holies.*

⁵And he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the width of *each* side chamber, four cubits round *and* round the house all around. ⁶And the side chambers *were* a side chamber over a side chamber, three *stories*, and thirty times. And *they* entered the wall which *was* of the house for the side chambers round *and* round, that they may be fastened; but they were not fastened in the wall of the house. ⁷And a widening and a winding upwards *and* upwards for the side chambers—for the winding around of the house *went* upward *and* upward, round *and* round the house. On account of this the width of the house *went* up, and so *from* the lowest it went up to the highest, by the middle *story*. ⁸I also saw the height of the house round *and* round, the foundations of the side chambers *were* a full reed, six cubits by joining. ⁹The width of the wall which *was* for the side chamber to the outside *was* five cubits, and that which *was* left between the side chambers that *were* of the house. ¹⁰And between the chambers *was* the width of twenty cubits circling the house round *and* round. ¹¹And the door of the side chamber *was* toward the open space, one door northward, and one door southward. And the width of the place of the open space *was*

five cubits round *and* round. ¹²And the building that *was* before the separate area at the end of the way of the west *was* seventy cubits wide. And the wall of the building *was* five cubits wide round *and* round; and its length, ninety cubits.

¹³And he measured the house, a hundred cubits long. And the separate area, and the building and its wall *were* a hundred cubits long. ¹⁴And the width of the face of the house, and the separate area toward the east, a hundred cubits. ¹⁵And he measured the length of the building to the face of the separate area which *was* on its rear; and its gallery from here and from there *was* a hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court, ¹⁶the thresholds, and the latticed windows, and the galleries all around, their three *stories* opposite the threshold, were paneled *with* wood round *and* round; and *from* the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered; ¹⁷to that above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and to all the wall round *and* round inside and outside by measure. ¹⁸And it was made *with* cherubs and palm trees; and a palm tree *was* between cherub and cherub. ¹⁹And two faces *were* to a cherub, the face of a man toward the palm tree from here, and a young lion's face toward the palm tree from there. It was made to all the house round *and* round. ²⁰From the ground to above the door, cherubs and palm trees *were* made, and *on* the wall of the temple. ²¹The temple doorposts *were* squared, and the face of the sanctuary, the appearance as *its* appearance. ²²The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and its length two cubits. And its corners, and its length, and its walls *were* wood. And he said to me, *This is the table that is* before Jehovah. ²³And two doors *were* to the temple and the sanctuary. ²⁴And two doors *were* to *each* of the doors, two turning doors—two for the one door, and two for the other door. ²⁵And cherubs and palm trees *were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, like those made on the walls; and thick wood on the face of the porch outside. ²⁶And latticed windows, and palm trees, *were* from here and from there, on the sides of the porch, and

the side chambers of the house, and wooden *canopies*.

CHAPTER 42

¹And he brought me out into the outer court northward. And he brought me into the chamber that *was* across from the separate area, which *was* in front of the building to the north. ²To the face of *its* length *was* a hundred cubits, *toward* the north door, and fifty cubits wide. ³Across from the twenty *cubits* which *were* to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which *was* to the the outer court, gallery on the face of gallery, in three *stories*. ⁴And before the chambers *was* a walk ten cubits wide, to the inside, a way of one cubit. And their doors *were* toward the north. ⁵And the upper chambers *were* shorter, for the galleries used up more *space* than the lower and middle ones in the building. ⁶For they *were* in three *stories*, and there *were* no columns to them like the columns of the courts. So *the third* *was* made narrower than the lower and middle *stories* from the ground.

⁷And the wall that *was* outside near the chambers the way of the outer court, on the face of the chambers, its length *was* fifty cubits. ⁸For the length of the chambers that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits. And, behold, in the face of the temple *was* a hundred cubits. ⁹And under these chambers *was* the entrance on the east side as one goes into them from the outer court. ¹⁰In the width of the wall of the court eastward, to the face of the separate area, and to the face of the building *were* chambers. ¹¹And the way before them looked like the chambers which *were* northward; as their length, so their width. And all their exits *were* as their patterns, and as their doors. ¹²And as the doors of the chambers that *were* southward there *was* a door in the head of the way, the way directly in the face of the wall, the way of the east, as one enters them.

¹³And he said to me, The north chambers, the south chambers which *are* to the face of the separate area, they *are* holy chambers, there where the priests shall eat, who approach to Jehovah, the holiest of the holy *things*. There they shall lay the

holiest of the holy *things*, even the food offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering. For the place *is* holy. ¹⁴When the priests enter, then they shall not go out of the sanctuary into the outer court, but they shall lay their clothes there by which they minister by them; for they *are* holy. They shall put on other clothes and shall approach to that *which is* for the people.

¹⁵And he finished measuring the inner house. And he brought me forth the way of the gate whose face *is* eastward, and measured round *and* round. ¹⁶He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed, all around. ¹⁷He measured the north side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed all around. ¹⁸He measured the south side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. ¹⁹He turned to the west side, measuring five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. ²⁰By the four sides he measured it. It had a wall round and round, five hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred wide, to separate between the holy and the common.

CHAPTER 43

¹And he led me to the gate, the gate that faces eastward. ²And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. And His voice *was* like the voice of many waters. And the earth shone from His glory. ³And the appearance of the vision which I saw *was* as the appearance which I saw when I came to destroy the city; and as the appearance that I saw by the river Chebar. And I fell on my face. ⁴And the glory of Jehovah came into the house, the way of the gate facing eastward. ⁵And the Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court. And, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house!

⁶And I heard *one* speaking to me from the house. And standing beside me *was* a Man. ⁷And He said to me, Son of man, the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, there where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever, even the house of Israel shall not defile My holy name any more; they nor their kings, by their fornication, nor by the corpses of their kings in their high places.

⁹In their setting of their threshold *by* My threshold, and their door post beside My door post, and the wall between Me and them; even they have defiled My holy name by their abominations that they have done. And I consumed them in My anger. ¹⁰Now *let* them put away their fornication, and the corpses of their kings from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

¹⁰You, son of man, declare to the house of Israel the *temple* house, and they will blush from their iniquities. And let them seal up the measure its size. ¹¹And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, the form of the house, and its arrangement, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its statutes, and all its forms, and all its laws, make known to them. And write them in their sight, so that they may observe all its form, and all its statutes, and do them. ¹²This *is* the law of the house: On the top of the mountain *is* all its border, round *and* round, *being* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

¹³And these *are* the measures of the altar by the cubit—the cubit *is* a cubit and a span—even the base *shall be* a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border on its lip all around *shall be* one span. And this *is* the upper part of the altar. ¹⁴And from the base *on* the ground to the lower ledge *shall be* two cubits, and the width one cubit. And from the smaller ledge to the greater ledge *shall be* four cubits, and the width a cubit. ¹⁵And the altar hearth *shall be* four cubits, and from the altar hearth and upward *shall be* four horns. ¹⁶And the altar hearth *shall be* twelve cubits long, and twelve wide, square in its four sides. ¹⁷And the ledge *shall be* fourteen long, fourteen wide, in its four sides. And the border around it *shall be* a half cubit, and the base *for* it a cubit all around. And its steps *shall face* the east.

¹⁸And He said to me, Son of man, so says the Lord Jehovah: These *are* the statutes of the altar in the day of its being made to offer on it burnt offerings, and to sprinkle on it blood. ¹⁹And you shall give to the priests of the Levites, they who *are* from the seed of Zadok, who approach to Me, declares the Lord Jehovah, to min-

ister to Me, a bull, a son of the herd, for a sin offering. ²⁰And you shall take of its blood and put *it* on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border all around. And you shall cleanse it and atone for it. ²¹And you shall take the bull of the sin offering, and he shall burn *it* at the appointed *place* of the house outside the sanctuary.

²²And on the second day you shall bring a buck of the goats, perfect, for a sin offering. And they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed *it* with the bull. ²³When you have finished cleansing, you shall bring a perfect bull, a son of the herd, and a ram out of the flock, perfect. ²⁴And you shall bring them before Jehovah, and the priests shall throw salt on them; and they shall offer them *for* a burnt offering to Jehovah. ²⁵For seven days you shall daily prepare a he-goat *for* a sin offering. And they shall prepare a bull, a son of the herd, and a ram out of the flock, perfect *ones*. ²⁶They shall atone seven days *for* the altar, and cleanse it, and consecrate *it*. ²⁷And when the days are completed, it shall be on the eighth day and forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, on the altar. And I will accept you, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 44

¹And he brought me back the way of the gate of the outer sanctuary, facing east. And it was shut. ²And Jehovah said to me, This gate shall be shut; it will not be opened. And a man shall not enter by it, because Jehovah, the God of Israel, has entered by it; so it shall be shut. ³As *for* the prince, *as* prince he shall sit in it to eat bread before Jehovah. He shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and by his way shall go out.

⁴And he brought me by the way of the north gate, to the face of the house. And I looked, and, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house of the Lord! And I fell on my face. ⁵And Jehovah said to me, Son of man, set your heart and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you of all the statutes of the house of Jehovah, and of all its laws. And set your heart to the entrance of the house, with all

the exits of the sanctuary. ⁶And you shall say to the rebellious *ones*, to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Enough to you, of all your abominations, O house of Israel; ⁷when you brought in the sons of aliens, uncircumcised of heart and uncircumcised of flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to profane it—even My house, when you bring near My bread, the fat and the blood. And they have broken My covenant by all your abominations. ⁸And you have not kept the charge of My holy things, but you have set *them* as keepers of My charge in My sanctuary, for themselves. ⁹So says the Lord Jehovah: Sons of an alien, uncircumcised of heart and uncircumcised of flesh, shall not enter into My sanctuary, or any son of an alien who is among the sons of Israel. ¹⁰But the Levites who have gone far from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me, *going* after their idols; even they shall bear their iniquity. ¹¹Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, overseers at the gates of the house, and ministering *in* the house. They shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people; and they shall stand before them, to minister to them. ¹²Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling-block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have lifted up My hand against them, declares the Lord Jehovah; and they shall bear their iniquity. ¹³And they shall not come near to Me to serve as priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the holiest of the holy things; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have done. ¹⁴But I will give them *to be* keepers of the charge of the house for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it.

¹⁵But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister to Me. And they shall stand before Me to bring near to Me the fat and the blood, declares the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁶They shall enter into My sanctuary, and they shall come near to My table, to minister to Me. And they shall keep My charge. ¹⁷And it shall be,

when they enter in the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments. And wool shall not come up on them while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and in the house. ¹⁸Turbans of linen shall be on their heads, and linen undergarments shall be on their loins. They shall not gird with sweat. ¹⁹And when they go out into the outer court, to the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments by which they ministered in them, and lay them in the holy chambers. And they shall put on other garments, and they shall not sanctify the people with their own garments. ²⁰And they shall not shave their heads; and they shall not send forth long hair; they shall surely trim their heads. ²¹And every priest shall not drink wine when they enter into the inner court. ²²And they shall not take a widow, or a divorcee, for wives for themselves; but they shall only take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.

²³And they shall teach My people between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, to make them known. ²⁴And in a dispute, they shall stand to judge; they shall judge it by My judgments. And they shall observe My laws and My statutes in My appointed *feasts*; and they shall sanctify My sabbaths. ²⁵And he shall not come to a dead man, to defile *himself*; but for father, or for mother, or for a son, or for a daughter, for a brother, or for a sister who has not had a husband, they may defile themselves. ²⁶And after he is cleansed, they shall count seven days for him. ²⁷And in the day he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall bring his sin offering, declares the Lord Jehovah. ²⁸And it shall be to them for an inheritance—I am their inheritance; and you shall not give them possession in Israel—I *am* their possession. ²⁹They shall eat the food offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering. And every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. ³⁰And the first of all the firstfruits of all, and every *one of the* heave offerings of all, of all your heave offerings, shall be for the priests. And you shall give to the priest

the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house. ³¹The priests shall not eat of every corpse and torn thing, of birds, or of beasts.

CHAPTER 45

¹And when you shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance, you shall offer a heave offering to Jehovah, a holy *portion* of the land. The length shall be twenty-five thousand *cubits* long, and the width ten thousand. It *shall be* holy in all its borders all around. ²Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred by five hundred *cubits*, square all around; and fifty cubits of open space *shall be* all around. ³And from this measure you shall measure the length, twenty-five thousand *cubits*, and the width, ten thousand. And in it shall be the sanctuary, the holiest of the holy. ⁴It is the holy *portion* of the land for the priests; it shall be for the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to Jehovah. And it shall be for them a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary. ⁵And twenty-five *cubits* in length, and ten thousand in width shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, for them, for a possession, twenty rooms.

⁶And you shall give the possession of the city, five thousand *cubits* wide and twenty-five thousand long, beside the heave offering of the holy *lot*—it shall be for the whole house of Israel. ⁷And a *portion shall be* for the prince, from here, and from there, for the heave offering of the holy *place*, and of the possession of the city, to the face of the heave offering of the holy *place*, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward. And the length *shall be* alongside one of the portions, from the west border to the east border. ⁸It shall be for a land to him, for a possession in Israel; and My princes shall not oppress My people any more. And they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

⁹So says the Lord Jehovah: Enough for you, O princes of Israel! Turn away violence and oppression; and do justice and righteousness. Lift away your acts of violence from My people, declares the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁰Just balances and a just

ephah, and a just bath, let there be to you. ¹¹The ephah and the bath shall be one measure that the bath may contain the tenth of the homer; and the tenth of the homer the ephah. Its measure shall be to the homer. ¹²And the shekel *shall be* twenty *gerahs*: twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels shall be a maneh to you. ¹³This is the heave offering that you shall offer: the sixth of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and the sixth of an ephah of a homer of barley. ¹⁴And the statute of oil, the bath of oil, the tenth of the bath out of the cor; of ten baths, a homer; for ten baths *are* a homer; ¹⁵and one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the watered *land* of Israel; for a food offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to atone for them, declares the Lord Jehovah. ¹⁶All the people of the land shall be at this heave offering for the prince in Israel. ¹⁷And burnt offerings shall be on the prince, and a food offering, and drink offerings, in the feasts and on the new moons and on the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, and the food offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to atone for the house of Israel.

¹⁸So says the Lord Jehovah: In the first *month*, on the first of the month, you shall take a perfect bull, a son of the herd, and cleanse the sanctuary. ¹⁹And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put *it* on the door posts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the inner court. ²⁰And so you shall do on the seventh of the month for each man who goes astray, and for the simple. And you shall atone for the house. ²¹In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, the Passover shall be to you, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread is eaten. ²²And the prince shall prepare on that day for himself and for the people of the land, a bull for a sin offering. ²³And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to Jehovah, seven bulls and seven rams, perfect *ones*, daily for the seven days, and for a sin offering a kid of the goats daily. ²⁴And a food offering of an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, he shall

prepare; also of oil, a hin for an ephah. ²⁵In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, he shall prepare like these seven days, as the sin offering, as the burnt offering, as the food offering, and as the oil.

CHAPTER 46

¹So says the Lord Jehovah: The gate of the inner court that faces the east shall be shut the six working days. But on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. ²And the prince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside, and shall stand by the gatepost. And the priests shall prepare his burnt offering, and his peace offerings. And he shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. ³And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, before Jehovah. ⁴And the burnt offering that the prince shall bring to Jehovah on the sabbath day *shall be* six perfect lambs, and a perfect ram. ⁵And the food offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and a food offering for the lambs, a gift of his hand, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

⁶And in the day of the new moon: a perfect bull, a son of the herd; and six lambs, and a ram, they shall be perfect; ⁷and an ephah for a bull and an ephah for a ram, he shall prepare *as* a food offering; and for the lambs as his hand can reach; and a hin of oil to an ephah. ⁸And when the prince shall enter, he shall enter by way of the porch of the gate, and by its way he shall leave. ⁹But when the people of the land come before Jehovah at the appointed feasts, he who enters by way of the north gate to worship shall leave by way of the south gate. And he who enters by way of the south gate shall leave by way of the north gate. He shall not return by way of the gate by which he came in, but shall leave opposite it.

¹⁰And the prince shall go in among them when they go in, and he shall leave when they leave. ¹¹And in the feasts, and in the appointed feasts, the food offering shall be an ephah to a bull, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs a gift of his hand; and a

hin of oil to an ephah. ¹²And when the prince prepares a free offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings *as* a free offering to Jehovah, then one shall open to him the gate facing east. And he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the sabbath day. And he shall leave; and the gate is shut after he leaves. ¹³And you shall prepare a burnt offering daily to Jehovah, a perfect lamb, a son of a year; from dawn to dawn you shall prepare it. ¹⁴And you shall prepare a food offering for it from dawn to dawn, a sixth of an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to wet the fine flour; a food offering to Jehovah— perfect statutes forever. ¹⁵So they shall prepare the lamb, and the food offering, and the oil, from dawn to dawn *as* a burnt offering continually.

¹⁶So says the Lord Jehovah: If the prince gives a gift to sons of his inheritance, it shall be to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. ¹⁷But if he gives it *as* a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his until the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince. His inheritance *is* only his sons'; it shall be theirs. ¹⁸And the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, oppressing them from their possession. He shall bequeath *to* his sons from his possession, so that My people shall not be dispersed, each man from his possession.

¹⁹And he brought me through the entry which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, facing north. And, behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward. ²⁰And he said to me, This *is* the place, there where the priests shall boil the guilt offering, and the sin offering, where they shall bake the food offering, so as not to bring *them* out to the outer court to sanctify the people. ²¹And *he led* me out to the outer court. And he made me pass by the four corners of the court. And, behold, a court in *each* corner of the court, a court in *each* corner of the court. ²²In the four corners of the court *were* enclosed courts; forty *cubits* long and thirty wide; one measure to the four of them, being made in corners. ²³And a row *was* around in them, around the four of them; and boiling places *were* made under the rows round about. ²⁴And

he said to me, These *are* the houses of those who boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil there the sacrifice of the people.

CHAPTER 47

¹And he led me back to the door of the house. And, behold, water came out from under the threshold of the house eastward. For the face of the house *is* east, and the water came down from under the right side of the house, at the south from the altar. ²And he led me out by way of the north gate, and led me around the way outside to the outer gate, by the way facing east. And, behold, water was trickling out of the right side.

³When the man went out eastward, and the line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits. And he passed me through the water, water *to* the ankles. ⁴And he measured a thousand, and passed me through the water, water *to* the knees. ⁵And he measured a thousand, and passed me through water *to* the loins. ⁶And he measured a thousand, *and there was* a torrent which I was not able to pass; for the water had risen, water *to* swim *in*; a torrent that could not be passed. ⁷And he said to me, Have you seen, son of man? And he led me and made me return to the lip of the torrent. ⁸When I returned, then, behold, on the lip of the torrent *were* many trees on this side and on *that* side. ⁹And he said to me, These waters go out toward the eastern circuit, and go down into the Arabah, and enter the sea. They are brought out into the sea, and the waters shall be healed. ¹⁰And it shall be, every soul that lives, which swarms in every *place*, there where the two torrents go, *that soul* shall live. And there shall be very many fish, because these waters shall come there. And they shall be healed. And all shall live there where the torrent goes. ¹¹And it will be, the fisherman shall stand on it; from En-gedi even to En-eglaim, a spreading place for nets shall be there; their fish shall be by its kind, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many. ¹²Its swamps and its marshes shall

not even be healed; they shall be given to salt. ¹³And all trees *for* food shall go up by the torrent, on its bank on this *side* and on that; its leaf shall not fade, and its fruit shall not fail; it will bear by its months, because its waters come out from the sanctuary. And its fruit shall be for food, and its leaf for healing.

¹⁴So says the Lord Jehovah: This *shall be* the border by which you shall inherit the land, by the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph *shall have two* portions. ¹⁵And you shall inherit it, each man like his brother, that I lifted up My hand to give it to your fathers; even this land shall fall to you for an inheritance. ¹⁶And this *is* the border of the land to the north side, from the Great Sea, the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad: ¹⁷Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer-haticon, which *is* by the border of Hauran. ¹⁸And the border shall be from the sea to Hazar-enon, *at* the border of Damascus; and the north northward, even the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side.

¹⁹And you shall measure the east side from between Hauran, and Damascus, and Gilead, and the land of Israel, *shall be* the Jordan, from the border to the Eastern Sea. And *this is* the east side.

²⁰And the south side, southward from Tamar, to the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, the torrent to the Great Sea. And *this is* the south side to the Negeb. ²¹And the west side *is* the Great Sea from the border until beside the entrance of Hamath. *this is* the west side.

²²And you shall divide this land for yourselves by the tribes of Israel. ²³And it will be, you shall divide by lot for an inheritance to yourselves, and to the aliens who reside among you, who shall father sons among you. And they shall be to you as native-born among the sons of Israel. They shall have fall an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. ²⁴And it shall be, in the tribe in which the alien resides, there you shall give his inheritance, declares the Lord Jehovah.

CHAPTER 48

¹And these *are* the names of the tribes: From the north end, at the hand of the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath, Hazar-enon, the border of Damascus northward, at the hand of Hamath; and there shall be to it an east side *and a west: To Dan, one part.* ²And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one *part.* ³And by the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, Naphtali, one *part.* ⁴And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side even to the west side, Manasseh, one *part.* ⁵And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one *part.* ⁶And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, Reuben, one *part.* ⁷And by the border of Reuben, from the east side even to the west side, Judah, one *part.* ⁸And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the heave offering which you shall offer — twenty-five thousand *cubits* wide and long, as one of the parts, from the east side to the west side. And the sanctuary shall be in its midst. ⁹The heave offering that you shall offer to Jehovah *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and ten thousand *cubits* wide. ¹⁰And for these shall be the holy heave offering for the priests: northward, twenty-five thousand; and westward, ten thousand *cubits* wide; and eastward, ten thousand wide; and southward, twenty-five thousand *cubits* long. And the sanctuary of Jehovah shall be in its midst, ¹¹for the priests who are sanctified, of the sons of Zadok who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. ¹²And the heave offering shall be theirs, from the heave offering of the land, the holiest of the holy places, by the border of the Levites.

¹³And the Levites *shall have* alongside the border of the priests twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and ten thousand wide. All the length *shall be* twenty-five thousand, and the width ten thousand. ¹⁴And they shall not sell *any* of it, and shall not trade, and shall not cause to pass away the

firstfruits of the land. For *it is* holy to Jehovah.

¹⁵And the five thousand being left in the width in front of the twenty-five thousand, *it is* common for the city, for dwelling, and for open land. And the city shall be in its midst. ¹⁶And these *shall be* its measures: the north side, four thousand and five hundred; and the south side, four thousand and five hundred *cubits*; and the east side, four thousand and five hundred; and the west side, four thousand and five hundred *cubits.* ¹⁷And the open land shall be of the city northward, two hundred and fifty *cubits*; and southward, two hundred and fifty; and eastward, two hundred and fifty; and westward, two hundred and fifty *cubits.* ¹⁸And the remainder in length alongside the heave offering of the holy *parts shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward. And it shall be alongside the heave offering of the holy *part.* And its produce shall be for bread to those who serve the city. ¹⁹And he who serves the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel. ²⁰All the heave offering *shall be* twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand *cubits*; four-square. You shall offer the holy heave offering, to the possession of the city. ²¹And the remainder *is* for the prince, on this *side* and on that, of the holy heave offering, and of the possession of the city, in the front of the twenty-five thousand of the heave offering to the east border, and westward in the front of the twenty-five thousand to the west border; alongside the parts of the prince. And it shall be a holy heave offering, and the sanctuary of the house in its midst. ²²And to the prince shall be from the possession of the Levites, and from the city's possession, amidst *that which is* for the prince; between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin.

²³And the rest of the tribes: From the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one *part.* ²⁴And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one *part.* ²⁵And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one *part.* ²⁶And by the

border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, *one part*. ²⁷And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, *one part*. ²⁸And by the border of Gad to the south side southward, from Tamar to the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, to the torrent to the Great Sea. ²⁹This *is* the land which you shall make fall by lot for an inheritance to the tribes of Israel, and these their parts, declares the Lord Jehovah.

³⁰And these *are* the exits of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures. ³¹And the gates of the city *shall be* by the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward—the gate

of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one. ³²And at the east side four thousand five hundred, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one. ³³And the south side, four thousand and five hundred measures, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one. ³⁴The west side, four thousand and five hundred, their gates three: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. ³⁵All around *it shall be* eighteen thousand *cubits*. And the name of the city from *that day shall be* JEHOVAH IS THERE.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

CHAPTER 1

¹In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord gave Jehoiakim, king of Judah, into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god. And he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

³And the king spoke to Ashpenaz, the chief of his eunuchs, that he should bring *some* of the sons of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the nobles; *young men in whom was no blemish, but who were of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, having knowledge and understanding learning, even those with strength in them to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the writing and the language of the Chaldeans.* ⁴And the king set them the portion of a day in its day, from the king's food, and the wine of his drinking; even to rear them three years so that at their end they may stand before the king. ⁵And there were among them of the sons of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, ⁶to whom the chief of the eunuchs gave names. For he called Daniel, Belteshazzar; and Hananiah, Shadrach; and Mishael, Meshach; and Azariah, Abednego.

⁷And Daniel laid on his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine of his drinking. So he asked of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. ⁸And God had given Daniel kindness and compassion before the chief of the eunuchs. ⁹And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has chosen your food and your drink. For why should he see your faces worse looking than the boys who *are* in your term? Then you would forfeit my head to the king.

¹⁰And Daniel said to Melzar, whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, and Azariah, ¹¹I beg you, test your servants ten days. And let vegetables be given to us, that we may eat, and water that we may drink. ¹²Then let our faces

be seen before you, our look and the look of the boys who eat of the king's food. And as you see, deal so with your servants. ¹⁴And he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵And at the end of ten days their faces looked better and fatter of flesh than all the boys who were eating the king's food. ¹⁶So Melzar took away their food and the wine that they were to drink, and he gave them vegetables.

¹⁷As for these four boys, God gave them knowledge and skill in all writing and wisdom. And Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ¹⁸Now at the end of the days that the king had said to bring them in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹And the king talked with them. And among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they stood before the king. ²⁰And *in any matter of wisdom and understanding that the king asked from them, he found them ten times better than all the horoscopists and the conjurers who were in all his kingdom.* ²¹And Daniel continued to the first year of king Cyrus.

CHAPTER 2

¹And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar was dreaming dreams, and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep was finished on him. ²And the king said to call to the horoscopists, and to the conjurers, and to the sorcerers, and to the Chaldeans, to tell to the king his dreams. And they came and stood before the king. ³And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. ⁴And the Chaldeans spoke to the king *in Aramaic*, O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will reveal the meaning. ⁵The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The word *is* certainly gone from me. If you will not make known the dream and its meaning to me, you will be made into *mere* members, and your houses shall be made an out-house. ⁶But if you show the dream and its

meaning, you shall receive gifts and a present and great honor from before me. Therefore, reveal the dream and its meaning to me. ⁷They again answered and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will reveal its meaning. ⁸The king answered and said, For I know that you buy time, that on account of all, you see the thing *is* certainly gone from me. ⁹But if you will not make the dream known to me, *there is* one law for you. For you have agreed upon lying and deceiving words to speak before me, until the time has changed. Therefore, tell me the dream; then I shall know that you can reveal the meaning to me.

¹⁰The Chaldeans replied before the king and said, There is not a man on the earth who can reveal the king's matter, because not any king, lord, or ruler has asked such a thing from any horoscopists, or conjurer, or Chaldean. ¹¹And the thing that the king asks *is* rare. And there is no other who may reveal it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. ¹²Then the king was enraged and angered. And he commanded all the wise men of Babylon to be destroyed. ¹³And the law went out that the wise men should be killed. And they looked for Daniel and his companions, to be killed.

¹⁴Then Daniel answered *with* counsel and insight to Arioch the chief of the king's body-guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁵He answered and said to Arioch, the chief of the king's body-guard, Why *is* the decree so hasty from before the king? And Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. ¹⁶And Daniel went in and asked of the king that he would give him time, and he would show the king the meaning. ¹⁷Then Daniel went to his house and declared the thing to Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, his companions, ¹⁸that they might pray for the mercies of God in Heaven about this secret, that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

¹⁹Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision, and Daniel blessed the God of Heaven. ²⁰Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and

might *are* His. ²¹And He changes the times and the seasons; He causes to pass away kings, and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who know understanding. ²²He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwells in Him. ²³I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might, and has made me know what we ask of You. For You have revealed to us the king's matter.

²⁴Then Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had chosen to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said this to him, Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will show the meaning to the king.

²⁵Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel in before the king, and spoke this to him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will make the meaning known to the king. ²⁶The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Are you able to reveal to me the dream which I have seen, and its meaning?

²⁷Daniel replied before the king and said, The secret which the king has demanded cannot be shown to the king by the wise men, the conjurers, the horoscopists, *or* the fortune-tellers. ²⁸But there is a God in Heaven who reveals secrets, and makes known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head on your bed, *was* this:

²⁹As for you, O king, your thoughts came on your bed, what should happen after this. And He who reveals secrets makes known to you what shall occur.

³⁰But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living man, but so that the meaning might be made known to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart.

³¹You, O king, were seeing. And, behold, a certain great image! That great image stood before you with a brilliant brightness; and its form *was* dreadful.

³²The head of this image *was* of fine gold; its breasts and its arms *were* of silver; its belly and its thighs *were* of bronze; ³³its legs *were* of iron; its feet *were* partly of

iron and partly of clay. ³⁴You continued until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were together broken to pieces; and *they* became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. And the wind carried them away, so that no trace was found for them. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶*This is the dream; and we will tell the meaning of it before the king.* ³⁷You, O king, *are* the king of kings. For the God of Heaven has given you the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the honor. ³⁸And wherever the sons of men, the animals of the field, and the birds of the sky dwell, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You *are* the head of gold. ³⁹And in your place shall arise another kingdom lower than yours, and another third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule in all the earth. ⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron. Inasmuch as iron crushes and smashes all things, and as the iron that shatters all these, it will crush and shatter. ⁴¹And as to that you saw, the feet and the toes, shall be partly of potters' clay and partly of iron, *the* kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of iron, because you saw the iron mixed with clay of the potter. ⁴²And as the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³And as you saw the iron mixed with the clay of the clay, they shall be mixed with the seed of men. But they shall not adhere to one another, even as iron does not mix with clay.

⁴⁴And in the days of these kings, the God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. And the kingdom shall not be left to other people. It shall break in pieces and destroy all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵Because you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold in pieces; the great God has made known to the king what

shall occur after this. And the dream *is* certain, and the meaning of it is trustworthy.

⁴⁶Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did obeisance to Daniel. And he commanded an offering, even to offer incense to him. ⁴⁷The king answered Daniel and said, Your God truly *is* a God of gods and a Lord of kings, and a Revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret. ⁴⁸Then the king made Daniel great, and gave many great gifts to him. And he made him ruler over all the province of Babylon, and chief of the prefects over all the wise men of Babylon.

⁴⁹And Daniel asked of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

CHAPTER 3

¹Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* sixty cubits; its breadth, six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ²Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the justices; and all the officials of the provinces *were ordered* to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ³Then *were* gathered the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the justices, and all the officials of the provinces, to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴Then the herald cried with strength, To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages; ⁵at the time you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. ⁶And whoever does not fall down and worship, at that moment they will be thrown into the middle of a burning, fiery furnace. ⁷Then at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages

fell down, worshiping the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

⁶Then at that time men, Chaldeans, came near and slandered the Jews.

⁷They answered and said to king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree that every man who shall hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and the bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image.

¹¹And whoever does not fall down and worship, he should be thrown into the middle of a burning, fiery furnace. ¹²There are men, Jews, whom you have set over the business of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, do not pay attention to you. They do not serve your gods, or worship the golden image which you have set up.

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in anger and wrath commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them, *Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? Do you not serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready, at the time you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, fall down and worship the image which I have made. But if you do not worship, in that moment you shall be thrown into the middle of a burning, fiery furnace. And who *is* that god who shall deliver you out of my hand? ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to return a word to you on this matter. ¹⁷If it is *so that* our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning, fiery furnace, then He will deliver out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸And if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, or worship the golden image which you have set up.

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and the form of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He spoke and commanded to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usual to heat it. ²⁰And he com-

manded mighty men of valor, who *were* in his army, to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, to throw *them* into the burning, fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were tied up in their slippers, their tunics, and their mantles, and their *other* clothes, and were thrown into the middle of the burning, fiery furnace. ²²Then, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the middle of the burning, fiery furnace. ²⁴Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was amazed. And he rose up in haste; he spoke and said to his royal officials, Did we not throw three men bound into the middle of the fire? They replied and said to the king, True, O king. ²⁵He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and there is no harm among them. And the form of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods.

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning, fiery furnace. He answered and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the most high God, come forth and come *here*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the middle of the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's officials assembled, *and* saw these men *on whose* bodies the fire had no power, and the hair of their head was not scorched, nor were their slippers changed, nor had the smell of fire clung on them. ²⁸Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His Angel and has delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and have changed the king's words, and have given their bodies that they might not serve nor worship any god except their own God. ²⁹And a decree is given by me, that every people, nation, and language who speak anything amiss about the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, he will be made into *mere* members and his house shall be made an outhouse. Because there is no other God who is able to deliver like this. ³⁰Then the king made Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abednego prosper in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER 4

¹Nebuchadnezzar the king to all the peoples, the nations, and the tongues that dwell in all the earth: Your peace be multiplied. ²It seemed good before me to declare the signs and wonders that the most high God has done with me. ³How great *are* His signs! And how mighty *are* His wonders! His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and His rule *is* from generation to generation.

⁴I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house, and flourishing in my palace. ⁵I saw a dream, and it terrified me; and *the* thoughts on my bed, and visions of my head troubled me. ⁶So I made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the meaning of the dream. ⁷Then the horoscopists, the conjurers, the Chaldeans, and the fortune-tellers came in. And I told the dream before them, but they did not make its meaning known to me.

⁸But at last Daniel came in before me, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods. And I told the dream before him, *saying*, ⁹O Belteshazzar, master of the horoscopists, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its meaning. ¹⁰As to the visions of my head on my bed; I was looking, and behold, a tree *was* in the middle of the earth. And its height *was* great. ¹¹The tree became great and strong, and its height reached to the sky; and its appearance to the end of the earth. ¹²Its leaves *were* beautiful, and its fruit plentiful, and food for all *was* in it. The animals of the field sought shade under it, and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches; and all flesh was fed from it. ¹³I was looking in the visions of my head on my bed. And behold, a watcher, even a holy one, came down from Heaven. ¹⁴He cried with might and said this: Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches. Shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it, and the birds *leave*

its branches. ¹⁵But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a fetter of iron and bronze, in the grass of the field. And let it be wet with the dew of the heavens, and his portion *be* with the animals in the grass of the earth. ¹⁶Let his heart be changed from man's, and let the heart of an animal be given to him. And let seven times pass over him. ¹⁷This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the command by the word of the holy ones; so that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He will; and *He* sets up over it the lowest of men. ¹⁸I, Nebuchadnezzar, have seen this dream. Now you, O Belteshazzar, declare its meaning, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to reveal the meaning to me. But you *are* able, for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in you.

¹⁹Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was stunned for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke and said, Belteshazzar, do not let the dream, or its meaning trouble you. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream *is* to those who hate you, and its meaning *is* to your foes. ²⁰The tree that you saw, which became great and strong, whose height reached to the heavens, and its sight to all the earth; ²¹and its leaves *being* beautiful, and its fruit plentiful; and food for all *being* in it; under which the animals of the field lived, and in its branches the birds of the sky had their home: ²²It *was* you, O king, for you have become great and strong. For your greatness has grown, and reaches to the heavens; and your rule *is* to the end of the earth. ²³And as the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from Heaven, and saying, Cut the tree down, and destroy it. Yet leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a fetter of iron and bronze in the grass of the field. And let him be wet with the dew of the heavens, and his portion *be* with the animals of the field, until seven times pass over him. ²⁴This *is* the meaning, O king, and this the decree of the Most High, which has come on my lord the king: ²⁵And you shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field; and you

shall be fed with the grass like oxen. And you shall be wet *with* the dew of the heavens, and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High *is* Ruler in the kingdom of men; and He gives it to whomever He desires. ²⁶And they that commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots: your kingdom *shall be* enduring to you, after you have realized that Heaven rules. ²⁷So, O king, let my advice be pleasing to you; even break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by pitying the poor; whether there will be duration to your prosperity.

²⁸All this came on the king, Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. ³⁰The king spoke and said, *Is this not great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?* ³¹The word *was* still in the king's voice *when* a voice came down from Heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: The kingdom has been taken from you! ³²And you shall be driven from men; and your dwelling *shall be* with the animals of the field. You shall be fed with the grass like oxen, and times shall pass over you until you know that the Most High *is* Ruler in the kingdom of men, and that He gives it to whomever He desires.

³³The same hour the thing was fulfilled on Nebuchadnezzar. And he was driven from men, and he ate the grass like oxen; and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, until his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*. ³⁴And at the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to Heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High. And I praised and honored Him who lives forever, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and His rule from generation to generation. ³⁵And all the inhabitants of the earth are counted as nothing. And He does according to His will among the army of Heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth. And no one is able to strike His hand, or say to Him, What are You doing? ³⁶At that time my reason returned to me, and the glory of my kingdom, my majesty, and my brightness returned to

me. And my advisers and my nobles sought to me. And I was reestablished in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to me. ³⁷Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and honor the King of Heaven, for all His works *are* truth, and His ways *are* justice. And He is able to humble those who walk in pride.

CHAPTER 5

¹Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his nobles. And he drank wine before the thousand. ²When tasting the wine, Belshazzar commanded the golden and silver vessels brought, those his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king might drink with them, and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines. ³Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God in Jerusalem. And the king, his nobles, his wives, and his concubines drank with them; ⁴they drank wine and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, and of bronze, of iron, wood, and stone.

⁵At that moment fingers of a man's hand came out and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace across from the lampstand. And the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. ⁶Then the king's color was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins shook, and his knees knocked one against *the other*. ⁷The king cried aloud to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans, and the fortune-tellers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, Any man who can read this writing and reveal its meaning shall be clothed with purple, and *have* a chain of gold around his neck. And he shall rule third in the kingdom. ⁸Then all the king's wise men came in. But they could not read the writing, or make the meaning known to the king. ⁹Then king Belshazzar was greatly troubled, and his face was changing on him, and his nobles were perplexed.

¹⁰The queen came in to the banquet house because of the words of the king and his nobles. The queen spoke and said, O king, live forever. Do not let your thoughts trouble you, and do not let your face be

changed. ¹¹There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods. And in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom was found in him, like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, king Nebuchadnezzar, your father the king appointed him master of the horoscopes, conjurers, Chaldeans *and* fortune-tellers, ¹²because an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, explaining of dreams, and revealing of hard sentences, and the unraveling of knots, were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will reveal the meaning.

¹³Then Daniel was thrust in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel who *is* of the sons of the exiled of Judah, whom my father the king brought out of Judah? ¹⁴I have even heard of you, that the spirit of the gods *is* in you, and light, and excellent wisdom, and understanding are found in you. ¹⁵And now the wise men and the conjurers have been thrust in before me, so that they might read this writing, and make the meaning known to me. But they could not show the meaning of the thing. ¹⁶And I have heard of you, that you can interpret meanings, and unravel knots. Now if you can read the writing, and reveal its meaning to me, you shall be clothed with purple and *have* a golden chain around your neck; and you will rule third in the kingdom.

¹⁷Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another. Yet I will read the writing to the king, and make the meaning known to him. ¹⁸O king, the most high God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor. ¹⁹And for the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed whom He desired, and whom he desired, he kept alive. And whom He would, he set up; and whom he desired, he put down. ²⁰But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was put down from the throne of his kingdom, and they took his glory from him. ²¹And he was driven from the sons of men. And his heart was made like the animals, and

his home *was* with the wild asses. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, until he knew that the most high God *is* Ruler in the kingdom of men; and that He appoints over it whomever He desires.

²²And you, his son, O Belshazzar, have not bowed your heart, though you knew all this. ²³But you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of Heaven. And they have brought the vessels of His house before you. And you, and your nobles, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver, and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, and do not know. And you have not glorified the God in whose hand your breath *is*, and to whom belong all your ways. ²⁴Then the part of the hand was sent from Him. And this writing was written.

²⁵And this is the writing that was written: A MINA, A MINA, A SHEKEL, AND HALF-MINAS. ²⁶This *is* the meaning of the thing: A MINA, God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it. ²⁷A SHEKEL, You are weighed in the balances, and found lacking. ²⁸HALF-MINAS, your kingdom is divided, and given to *the* Medes and Persians.

²⁹Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and a necklace of gold around his neck. And they made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰In that night Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, was killed.

³¹And Darius the Mede took the kingdom, *being* a son of sixty-two years.

CHAPTER 6

¹It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, that they might be over the kingdom. ²And over them *were* three presidents—Daniel was one of them—so that these satraps might give account to them, and the king should have no loss. ³Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit *was* in him. And the king was planning to set him over all the kingdom.

⁷Then the presidents and satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom. But they could find no occasion or fault, because he *was* trustworthy. And no error or fault *was* found in him. ⁸Then these men said, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God. ⁹Then these presidents and satraps gathered together to the king and said this to him, King Darius, live forever. ¹⁰All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the officials and the governors, have planned together to establish a royal law, and to make a strong ban, that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, he shall be thrown into the den of lions. ¹¹Now, O king, establish the ban and sign the document, so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away. ¹²All on account of this, king Darius signed the document and the ban.

¹³And when he had learned that the document was signed, Daniel went to his house. And his windows *were* open in his roof-room toward Jerusalem. He knelt on his knees three times in the day, and prayed and praised before his God, as he did before. ¹⁴Then these men met together and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹⁵Then they came near and spoke before the king concerning the king's ban, *saying*, Have you not signed a ban that every man who shall ask of any god or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, *that he* shall be thrown into the lions' den? The king answered and said, The thing *is* certain, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away. ¹⁶Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel, who *is* of the sons of the captivity of Judah, has not set attention on you, O king, or the ban that you have signed, but he makes his prayer three times in the day. ¹⁷Then the king, when he heard the word, was very displeased with himself. And he set *his* heart on Daniel, to deliver him. And he labored until the going of the sun to deliver him. ¹⁸Then these men met before the king and said to

the king, O king, know that the law of the Medes and Persians *is* that every ban or law which the king enacts may not be changed. ¹⁹And the king commanded. And they caused to arrive Daniel, and *they* threw *him* into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God, whom you constantly serve, will deliver you. ²⁰And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den. And the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his nobles, that the affair may not change concerning Daniel.

²¹Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting. And diversions were not brought before him; and his sleep fled from him. ²²Then the king rose up in the dawn, in the daylight, and hurried to the lions' den. ²³And when he came to the den, he cried with a grieved voice to Daniel; the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, your God whom you always serve, is He able to deliver you from the lions? ²⁴Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever. ²⁵My God has sent His Angel, and He has shut the mouths of the lions. And they have not hurt me, because in His sight purity was found in me. And also before you, O king, I have done no harm. ²⁶Then the king was exceedingly happy for him. And *he* commanded to bring up Daniel from the den. And Daniel was brought out of the den, and no harm was found on him, because he trusted in his God.

²⁷And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel. And they threw *them* into the lions' den; them, their sons, and their wives. And the lions overpowered them, and crushed all their bones before they reached to the bottom of the den.

²⁸Then king Darius wrote to all the peoples, the nations, and the languages who were living in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. ²⁹I make a decree that in all the domain of my kingdom men shall tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He *is* the living God and endures forever, and His kingdom *is* the one which shall not be destroyed. And His rule *shall be* to the end. ³⁰He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and

wonders in the heavens and in the earth, He who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

²⁸And this Daniel was made to prosper in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

CHAPTER 7

¹In the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head on his bed. Then he related the dream, giving the sum of the matters.

²Daniel spoke and said, In my vision by night I was looking. And, behold, the four winds of the heavens were stirring up the Great Sea. ³And four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another. ⁴The first *was* like a lion and had eagle's wings. I watched until its wings were torn off. And it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand on two feet like a man; and a man's heart was given to it.

⁵And, behold, another beast, a second, like a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth. And they said this to it, Rise up, eat much flesh. ⁶After this I watched, and, behold, another like a leopard, which had four wings of a bird on its back; for also the beast *had* four heads. And rulership was given to it. ⁷And after this I looked in the night visions. And, behold, the fourth beast, fearful and terrifying, and very strong! And it *had* great iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and stamped what was left with its feet. And it *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

⁸I was thinking about the horns; and, behold, another little horn came up among them, before whom three of the first horns were pulled up by the roots. And, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of the man, and a mouth speaking great things.

⁹I was looking until the thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days sat, whose robe *was* white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne *was like* flames of fire; its wheels *like* burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire went out and came out from before Him. A thousand thousands served Him, and a myriad myriads stood before Him. The court was

set, and the books were opened. ¹¹Then I was looking because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke. I was looking until the beast was killed, and his body was destroyed, and given to the burning flame. ¹²And the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away. Yet length of life was given them for a season and a time. ¹³I was looking in the night visions. And, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of the heavens. And He came to the Ancient of Days. And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴And dominion was given to Him, and glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵I, Daniel, was distressed in my spirit in its sheath, and the visions of my head troubled me. ¹⁶And I came near one of those who stood by and asked him the truth of all this. And he told me and made me know the meaning of the things.

¹⁷These great beasts *are* four; *they are* four kings; they shall rise up out of the earth. ¹⁸But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

¹⁹Then I wanted to know the truth of the fourth beast, which was different from all of them, very frightening, whose teeth *were* of iron and its nails bronze; *who* devoured *and* crushed, and trampled what was left with its feet. ²⁰And of the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even that horn that *had* eyes, and a mouth speaking great things, and its look *was* greater than his fellows; ²¹I watched, and that horn made war with the saints and overcame them, ²²until the Ancient of Days came. And judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. ²³And He said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all kingdoms, and shall devour all the earth, and shall trample it down and crush it. ²⁴And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings; they shall rise; and another shall rise after them. And he shall be different

from the first, and he shall humble three kings. ²⁵And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High. And he intends to change times and law. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time. ²⁶But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his rulership, to cut off and to destroy until the end. ²⁷And the kingdom and rulership, and the greatness of the kingdom under all the heavens, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. And all kingdoms shall serve and obey Him. ²⁸Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts troubled me much, and my face changed on me. But I kept the matter in my heart.

CHAPTER 8

¹In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar, a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. ²And I looked in a vision. And it happened when I looked, I was at Shushan the citadel which is in the province of Elam. And in a vision I looked, and I was by the Canal of Ulai. ³Then I lifted up my eyes and looked. And, behold, a ram was standing before the canal, having two horns. And the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. ⁴I saw the ram pushing westward and northward and southward, so that no beasts could stand before him, nor any who could deliver out of his hand. But he did according to his will, and became great. ⁵And I was considering, and, behold, a he-goat came from the west, over the face of all the earth, and did not touch the ground. And the goat had an outstanding horn between his eyes. ⁶And he came to the ram with two horns, which I had seen standing before the canal. And he ran to it in the fury of his power. ⁷And I saw him touched beside the ram. And he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram and shattered his two horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him. But he threw him down to the ground, and trampled him. And no one could deliver the ram from his hand.

⁸Then the he-goat became very great. And when he was mighty, the great horn was broken. And in its place came up four outstanding ones toward the four winds of the heavens. ⁹And out of one of them came a little horn, which became very great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the bountiful land. ¹⁰And it became great, even to the host of the heavens. And it made fall some of the host, and of the stars, to the ground, and trampled them. ¹¹Yea, he magnified himself even to the leader of the host. And the daily sacrifice was taken away by him, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. ¹²And a host was given with the daily sacrifice because of transgression. And it threw the truth down to the ground; and it worked and prospered.

¹³Then I heard a certain holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that one who spoke, Until when is the vision, the regular sacrifice, and the desolating transgression, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled? ¹⁴And he said to me, For two thousand, three hundred evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be vindicated.

¹⁵And it happened when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, then I sought meaning. And, behold, the form of a man stood before me. ¹⁶And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, and he called and said, Gabriel, make this one understand the vision. ¹⁷And he came beside my place. And when he came, I feared and fell on my face. But he said to me, O son of man, understand; for the vision is for the time of the end. ¹⁸And while he was speaking with me, I was stunned, on my face toward the ground. But he touched me and made me stand. ¹⁹And he said, Behold, I will make you know what shall happen in the last end of the indignation. For it is for the time appointed for the end. ²⁰The ram which you saw with two horns is the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹And the shaggy goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. ²²And as for that which was broken, and four stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in its power. ²³And in the latter time of their

kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king strong of face, and skilled at intrigues, shall stand up. ²⁴And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power. And he shall destroy marvelously; and he shall prosper, and work, and destroy the mighty, and the holy people. ²⁵And also through his skill he will make deceit succeed in his hand. And he will lift himself up in his heart, and be at ease; he shall destroy many. He shall also stand up against the Ruler of rulers, but he shall be broken without a hand. ²⁶And the morning and evening vision that was told *is* true. But you shall shut up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days. ²⁷And I, Daniel, was faint. And I was sick *for* days. Afterwards I got up and did the king's business. And I was amazed at the vision. But there was no understanding.

CHAPTER 9

¹In the first year of Darius, the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans, ²in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood the number of the years by books, which came as the word of Jehovah to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

³And I set my face toward the Lord God, to seek by prayer and holy desires, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes. ⁴And I prayed to Jehovah my God, and made my confession, saying, O Lord, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments; ⁵we have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done evilly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Your commandments and from Your judgments. ⁶And we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our rulers, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us the shame of our faces, *as it is* this day; to the men of Judah, and to the dwellers of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, both near and at a distance, through all the lands where You have scattered them, because of their sin which they have

sinned against You. ⁸O Lord, shame of face *belongs* to us, to our kings, to our rulers, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You. ⁹To the Lord our God *belong* mercies, and pardons, for we have rebelled against Him. ¹⁰We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws which he set before us by His servants the prophets. ¹¹Yea, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and turned aside, that they might not obey Your voice. For this reason the curse has poured out on us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him.

¹²And He has confirmed His words which He spoke against us, and against our judges who judge us, by bringing on us a great evil. For under the whole heavens *it* has not been done as *it* has been done to Jerusalem. ¹³As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come on us. Yet we did not make our prayer before Jehovah our God, that we might turn from our perversities and understand Your truth. ¹⁴And Jehovah has looked on the evil, and has made it come on us. For Jehovah our God *is* righteous in all His works which He does. For we did not obey His voice. ¹⁵And now, O Lord our God, *You* who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and who has made for Himself a name, *as it is* this day, we have sinned; we have done wrong.

¹⁶O Lord, I pray to You, according to all Your righteousness, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain. For because of our sins and of our fathers' iniquities, Jerusalem and Your people *have become* a reproach to all those around us. ¹⁷And now, hear, O our God, the prayer of Your servant, and his holy desires, and cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary that *is* desolate, for the sake of the Lord. ¹⁸O my God, bow down Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our ruins; and the city which is called by Your name. For we do not present our prayers before You on account of our righteousnesses, but because of Your great mercies. ¹⁹O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay, for

Your own sake, O my God; for Your name is called on Your city and on Your people.

²⁰And while I was speaking and praying and confessing my sin, and the sin of my people Israel, and making my cry fall before Jehovah my God for the holy mountain of my God; ²¹and while I was setting my prayer in order, then the man, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, touched me in *my* severe exhaustion, about the time of the evening sacrifice. ²²And he enlightened me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I have now come out to give you skill in understanding. ²³At the beginning of your prayers, the word came forth, and I have come to reveal. For you *are* greatly beloved. Then understand the matter and pay attention to the vision:

²⁴Seventy weeks are decreed as to your people, and as to your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make atonement for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. ²⁵Know, then, and understand *that* from the going out of a word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem, to Messiah *the Prince*, *shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in times of affliction. ²⁶And after sixty-two weeks, Messiah shall be cut off, but not *for* Himself. And the people of a coming prince shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *shall be* with the flood, and ruins are determined, until the end *shall be* war.

²⁷And he shall confirm a covenant with the many *for* one week. And in the middle of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease; and on a corner *of the altar*, desolating abominations, even until *the end*. And that which was decreed shall pour out on the desolator.

CHAPTER 10

¹In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. And the thing *was* true, and a great conflict. And he understood the thing, and *had* understanding of the vision. ²In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three

weeks of days. ³I ate no food for delight, and no flesh or wine came into my mouth. I did not anoint myself at all until three weeks of days were fulfilled. ⁴And in the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the hand of the great river, which *is* Tigris, ⁵then I lifted up my eyes and looked: And, behold, a certain man was clothed in linen, whose loins were wrapped in fine gold from Uphaz. ⁶His body *was* also like the beryl, and his face looked like lightning. And his eyes *were* like torches of fire; and his arms and his feet in color like polished bronze; and the sound of his words *were* as the noise of a multitude. ⁷And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision. For the men who were with me did not see the vision. But a great trembling fell on them, so that they fled to hide themselves. ⁸Then I was left alone, and saw this great vision; and there remained no strength in me. For my glory was turned within me to corruption, and I kept no strength. ⁹Yet I heard the sound of his words. And when I heard the sound of his words, then I was on my face, stunned; and my face *was* toward the ground.

¹⁰And, behold, a hand touched me and set me shaking on my knees and the palms of my hands. ¹¹And he said to me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand up. For I am now sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood, trembling. ¹²And he said to me, Do not fear, Daniel. For from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard. And I have come because of your words. ¹³But the king of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. But, lo, Michael, one of the first rulers, came to help me. And I stayed there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴Now I have come to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision *is* yet for *many* days. ¹⁵And when he had spoken such words to me, I set my face to the ground, and I became speechless.

¹⁶And, behold, *one* in form as the sons of men touched my lips. And I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to him who stood before me, O lord, my pangs have

come over me, because of the vision, and I have no strength left. ¹⁷For how can the servant of my lord speak this with this my lord? For as for me, there is no power left in me; yea, there is no breath left in me. ¹⁸And again *one* in form as a man touched me, and made me strong. ¹⁹And he said, O man greatly beloved, do not fear. Peace to you. Be strong. Yea, be strong! And when he had spoken to me I was made strong. And *I* said, Speak, my lord, for you have made me strong. ²⁰And he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the ruler of Persia. And when I have gone out, then, lo, the ruler of Greece shall come. ²¹But I will tell you what is written in the Scripture of Truth. And no one makes himself strong with Me in these things, except Michael your ruler.

CHAPTER 11

¹And I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I was standing for a supporter and for a fortress for him. ²And now I will declare the truth to you. Behold, three kings shall stand up in Persia; and the fourth *shall be rich in all greater riches*. And when he is powerful through his riches he shall stir up all the kingdom of Greece. ³And a mighty king shall stand up and shall rule with great authority and do according to his will. ⁴And when he stands up his kingdom shall be broken and shall be divided to the four winds of the heavens, and not to his posterity, nor according to his authority with which he ruled. For his kingdom shall be pulled up and *given* to others besides these.

⁵And the king of the south shall be strong. And *one* of his rulers, even he will be strong on him, and he will rule. His rule *shall be a great rule*. ⁶And at the end of the years they shall join together, and the king of the south's daughter shall come to the king of the north to make a concord. But she shall not keep the power of the arm. And he will not stand, nor his arm. But she and those who brought her *shall be given up*, also her begetter and her supporter in *these* times. ⁷But the shoots of her roots will stand in his place, and he shall come to the army and will enter into the fortress of the king of the north. And

he will act against them and will show strength. ⁸And he will also bring their gods with their casted images, with silver and gold vessels of their possessions, into exile *to* Egypt. And *for* years he will stand away from the king of the north. ⁹And the king of the south will come into *his* kingdom and will return to his own land. ¹⁰But his sons shall be stirred up and shall gather a multitude of great forces. And *one* certainly shall come and overflow and pass through. And he will return to his fortress and be stirred up. ¹¹And the king of the south will be furious and will go out and fight with him, with the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude. But the multitude shall be given into his hand. ¹²And lifting up the multitude, his heart will be lifted up. And he will make fall myriads, but he shall not be strong. ¹³For the king of the north shall return and raise a greater multitude than the former. And at the end of times, years, certainly he shall come with a great army and with much equipment. ¹⁴And in those times many shall stand up against the king of the south. And the sons of the violent ones of your people shall lift up to establish *the* vision; but they shall stumble. ¹⁵And the king of the north shall come and pour out a siege mound and seize a fortified city. And the arms of the south shall not stand, nor his choice people, for there will be no firmness to stand. ¹⁶But he who comes against him as will do as he desires, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, and destruction *shall be* in his hand. ¹⁷And he shall set his face to go in with the might of all his kingdom, and upright ones with him; so he shall do. And shall give the daughter of women to him, to destroy it. But she shall not stand, nor be for him.

¹⁸And he shall turn his face to the coasts and shall capture many. But a ruler shall make cease his reproach for him, but his reproach shall return to him. ¹⁹And he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and shall not be found. ²⁰And one who sends a tax-exactor shall stand in his place, *for* the glory of *the* kingdom. But within a few days he will be broken, but

not in anger and not in battle. ²¹And a despised one shall stand up on his place, and they shall not give to him the honor of the king. But he shall come in while at ease and take *the* kingdom by intrigues. ²²And the forces of the overflow shall be swept from before his face, and they will be broken, and also the ruler of a covenant. ²³And after they join themselves to him he will practice deceit. For he shall come and shall be strong with a few people. ²⁴He will go in safely, even into the rich places of *the* province. And he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers. He shall plunder and spoil and scatter goods among them. And he shall devise his plots against the strongholds, even for a time. ²⁵And he will stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south will be stirred up to battle with a great and very mighty army. But he shall not stand, for they will devise plots against him. ²⁶Yea, those who eat his food shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow. And many will fall down slain. ²⁷And both of them, the kings, *shall have in* their hearts to do evil, and they will speak lies at one table. But it will not prosper, *for the end still shall be* at the appointed time. ²⁸And he will return to his land with great wealth. And his heart *shall be* against *the* holy covenant. And he will act, and he shall return to his land. ²⁹At the appointed time he will return and come against the south. But it will not be as the former or as the latter. ³⁰For the ships of Cyprians will come against him. And he will be grieved and turn back and be furious against *the* holy covenant. And he will act, and he will return and heed the forsakers of *the* holy covenant. ³¹And forces will stand away from him, and they will profane the sanctuary, the fortress. And *they* shall remove the regular *sacrifice*; and they will place the abomination that desolates. ³²And he will defile by flatteries those who do evil against *the* covenant. But the people who know their God will be strong and will work. ³³And those who understand among *the* people will instruct many; yet they will stumble by the sword and by flame, by exile and spoil *for* days.

³⁴And when they shall stumble they will be helped with a little help. But many will join them with hypocrisy. ³⁵And *many* of those who understand shall stumble, to refine and to purge them, and *to* make white to the time of *the* end. For *it is* yet for the appointed time. ³⁶And the king shall do according to his will. And he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, *he* shall even speak marvelous things against the God of gods and shall succeed until the fury is fulfilled. For that which is decreed shall be done. ³⁷He shall not regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women; yea, he will not come *to* any god. For he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸But in his place he shall honor the god of forces; and he shall honor a god whom his fathers did not know, with gold and silver and with precious stones, and desirable things. ³⁹And he shall act in the strongholds of *the* fortresses with a foreign god, whom he shall acknowledge. He shall multiply in glory, and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price.

⁴⁰And at the end-time the king of the south will engage in butting with him. And the king of the north shall come against him like a tempest, with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships. And he shall go into the lands and shall overflow and pass over. ⁴¹And he shall enter into the glorious land, and many will be stumbled. But these shall escape out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the sons of Ammon. ⁴²And his hand will stretch out against the lands, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³But he will rule over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all Egypt's desirable things. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at His steps. ⁴⁴But news from the east shall trouble him from the east and from the north. And he will go out with great fury to destroy and to devote to destruction many. ⁴⁵And he shall plant *his* palace tents between *the* seas, in the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, and there is not a helper for him.

CHAPTER 12

¹And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great ruler who stands for the sons

of your people. And there shall be a time of distress, such as has not been from the existence of a nation until that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the Book. ²And many of those sleeping in the earth's dust shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to reproaches *and* to everlasting loathing. ³And those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and those turning many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever. ⁴But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, to the end-time. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

⁵And I, Daniel, looked. And, behold! Another two stood there, the one on this *side*, and one on that *side* of the river's edge. ⁶And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, who *was* on the waters of the river, Until when *is* the end of the wonders? ⁷And I heard the man clothed in linen, who *was* on the waters of the river, when

he held up his right and his left *hand* to Heaven and swore by Him who lives forever, that it *shall be* for a time, times and a half. And when they have made an end of scattering the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished. ⁸And I heard, but I did not understand. And I said, O my lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*? ⁹And He said, Go, Daniel! For the words *are* closed up and sealed until the end-time. ¹⁰Many shall be purified and made white and tested. But the wicked shall do wickedly. And not one of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. ¹¹And from the time the regular *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that desolates set up, a thousand, two hundred and ninety days *shall occur*.

¹²Blessed is he who waits and comes to *the* thousand, three hundred and thirty-five days. ¹³But you go on to the end; for you shall rest and stand for your lot at the end of the days.

THE BOOK OF HOSEA

CHAPTER 1

¹The word of Jehovah that was to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah; and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel.

²The beginning of the speaking of Jehovah by Hosea. And Jehovah said to Hosea, Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry, and children of harlotry. For the land has utterly gone lusting away from Jehovah.

³And he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, who conceived and bore him a son. ⁴And Jehovah said to him, Call his name God Will Sow; for yet *in* a little *while* I will visit the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease. ⁵And it shall be in that day, I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

⁶And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And He said to him, Call her name No-Mercy, for I will not again still have mercy *on* the house of Israel; but I will completely take them away. ⁷And I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and will save them by Jehovah their God. And I will not save them by bow or by sword, or by battle, by horses, or by horsemen.

⁸And she having weaned No-Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then He said, Call his name Not-My-People; for you *are* not My people, and I will not be for you.

¹⁰Yet the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which is not measured nor numbered. And it shall be, in the place where it is said to them, You *are* not My people, it shall be said to them, Sons of the Living God. ¹¹And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel shall be gathered together, and shall set over themselves one head. And they shall go up out of the land; for great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

CHAPTER 2

¹Say to your brothers, A people; and to your sisters, Mercy. ²Strive! Strive with your mother, for she *is* not My wife; and I

am not her husband. Therefore, let her put away her harlotry from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts; ³that I not strip her naked, and set her out as in the day that she was born; and make her as the wilderness; and place her like a dry land; and kill her with thirst. ⁴And I will not have pity for her sons, for they *are* the sons of harlotry. ⁵For their mother is a harlot; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, I will go after my lovers who give my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.

⁶Therefore, behold, I will hedge your way with thorns, and I will wall up her wall, that she shall not find her paths; ⁷and she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them. And she shall look for them, but she shall not find *them*. Then she shall say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then *it was* better with me than now. ⁸For she did not know that I gave her grain and wine and oil, and I multiplied her silver and the gold they prepared for Baal. ⁹So I will return and take My grain in its time, and My wine in its season. And I will take back My wool and My flax *she uses* to cover her nakedness. ¹⁰And now I will uncover her shamefulfulness to the eyes of her lovers; and a man shall not deliver her out of My hand. ¹¹I will also cause all her joy to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. ¹²And I will destroy her vines and her fig-trees, of which she has said, They *are* my rewards that my lovers have given me. And I will set them for a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. ¹³And I will visit on her the days of the Baals, *in* which she burned *incense* to them. Yea, she adorned herself with her noserings, and her jewels, and she went after her lovers and forgot Me, says Jehovah.

¹⁴Therefore, behold, I will lure her and bring her *to* the wilderness, and speak to her heart. ¹⁵And from there I will give her vineyards to her, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope. And she shall answer there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land

of Egypt. ¹⁶And at that day, says Jehovah, you shall call Me, My husband; and you shall no more call me, My Baal. ¹⁷For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth; and they shall no more be remembered by their name. ¹⁸And in that day I will cut a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the sky, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will break the bow and the sword, and the battle out of the earth, and I will make them to lie down safely. ¹⁹And I will betroth you to Me forever. Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in mercy, and in compassions. ²⁰I will even betroth you to Me in faithfulness. And you shall know Jehovah. ²¹And it shall be in that day, I will answer, says Jehovah. I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth. ²²And the earth shall hear the grain, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel. ²³And I will sow her to Me in the earth. And I will have mercy on No-Mercy. And I will say to Not-My-People, You *are* My people! And he shall say, My God!

CHAPTER 3

¹And Jehovah said to me, Go again. Love a woman loved by a friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of Jehovah toward the sons of Israel, who turn to other gods, and love raisin-cakes of grapes. ²So I bought her for myself with fifteen *pieces of silver*, and for a homer of barley, and a half of barley. ³And I said to her, You shall stay with me many days. You shall not be a harlot, nor be to a man; and I also *will be* for you. ⁴For the sons of Israel shall stay many days *with* no king, and no ruler, and *with* no sacrifice, and no pillars, and no ephod or teraphim. ⁵Afterward the sons of Israel shall return and seek Jehovah their God, and David their king. And they shall fear Jehovah and His goodness in the ends of the days.

CHAPTER 4

¹Sons of Israel, hear the word of Jehovah, for Jehovah *has* a quarrel with the inhabitants of the land; for there is no truth, and no mercy, and no knowledge of God in the land. ²swearing, and lying, and

killings, and stealing, and the committing of adultery increase. And blood touches against blood. ³On account of this the land shall mourn, and every one living in it shall droop, with the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens; yes, also the fish of the sea shall be removed. ⁴Yet let not a man strive with nor reprove a man. For your people *are* as a priest striven with. ⁵And you shall stumble *in* the day; and the prophet also shall stumble with you *at* night, and I will cut off your mother.

⁶My people are cut off for lack of knowledge. Because you rejected the knowledge, I also rejected you from being priest to Me. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will forget your sons; even I. ⁷As they were increased, so they sinned against Me. I will change their glory into shame. ⁸They eat up the sin of My people, and they lift their vitality to their iniquity. ⁹And it will be, Like people, like priest. And I will visit their ways on them, and repay them for their deeds. ¹⁰For they shall eat and not have enough. They shall fornicate and not increase, because they have ceased heeding Jehovah. ¹¹Fornication and wine, and new wine, take away the heart.

¹²My people seek advice by their wooden *idols*, and their rod declares to them. For the spirit of harlotry has led *them* astray. And they fornicate from under their God. ¹³They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and burn incense on the hills, under oak and poplar and terebinth, because its shade is good. On account of this your daughters shall be harlots, and your brides shall commit adultery. ¹⁴I will not punish your daughters when they fornicate, nor your brides when they commit adultery. For the *men* themselves go aside with harlots; and they sacrifice with temple prostitutes. The people *who* do not understand are thrust down.

¹⁵Israel, though you do harlotry, do not let Judah become guilty. And do not come to Gilgal, nor go up to Beth-aven, nor swear, *As* Jehovah lives. ¹⁶For Israel is stubborn, like a stubborn heifer. Now Jehovah will feed them as a lamb in a roomy place. ¹⁷Ephraim *is* joined to idols.

Let him alone. ¹⁸Their drink is sour. They are continually fornicating; her shields dearly love shame. ¹⁹The wind binds her up in her wings; and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAPTER 5

¹Hear this, O priests, and listen, house of Israel. And give ear, house of the king. For the judgment *is* toward you, because you have been a snare to Mizpah, and a net spread on Tabor. ²And revolters have gone deep *in* slaughtering; and I chasten all of them. ³I know Ephraim, and Israel has not hidden from me. For now, O Ephraim, you have fornicated; Israel is defiled. ⁴Their doings will not allow *them* to turn to their God. For the spirit of fornication is in their midst, and they do not know Jehovah. ⁵And the pride of Israel answers to his face. So Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in their iniquity. Judah shall also stumble with them. ⁶They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Jehovah, but they shall not find; He has withdrawn Himself from them. ⁷They have acted treacherously against Jehovah, for they have brought forth strange sons. Now a new moon shall devour them with their portions.

⁸Blow a horn in Gibeah, a trumpet in Ramah. Cry aloud, Beth-aven; after you, O Benjamin. ⁹Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of correction. Among the tribes of Israel, I have made known that which is confirmed. ¹⁰The rulers of Judah were as removers of a border; I will pour out My wrath on them like water. ¹¹Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment; because he was pleased, he walked after the command. ¹²Therefore, I *am* as a moth to Ephraim, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. ¹³When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to king Jareb. Yet he could not heal you, nor did he cure you of your wound. ¹⁴For I *am* to Ephraim as the lion, and as the young lion to the house of Judah; I, *even* I tear and go; I take away, and no one rescues.

¹⁵I will go; I will return to My place until they confess their guilt and seek My face. In their affliction they will seek Me diligently.

CHAPTER 6

¹Come and let us return to Jehovah. For He has torn, and He will heal us. He has stricken, and He will bind us up. ²After two days He will bring us to life. In the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live before Him. ³Then we shall know, we who follow on to know Jehovah. His going forth is established as the dawn. And He shall come to us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

⁴O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your goodness is like a morning cloud, and it goes away like the early dew. ⁵So I have hewn *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and your judgments *have been as* the light that goes forth. ⁶For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. ⁷But, like Adam, they have broken the covenant; they have acted like traitors against Me there. ⁸Gilead is a city of those who work iniquity, slippery with bloodmarks. ⁹And as troops of robbers wait for a man, the company of priests murder *in* the way to Shechem; for they have done wickedness. ¹⁰I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: the fornication of Ephraim *is* there; Israel is defiled. ¹¹Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed to you, when I return the captivity of My people.

CHAPTER 7

¹When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the evil of Samaria. For they have worked falsehood. And a thief comes; a troop of robbers plunders outside. ²And they do not say within their hearts that I remember all their evil. Now their own doings have hemmed them in. They are before My face. ³They make the king glad with their evil, and the rulers with their lies. ⁴They *are* all adulterers, like an oven heated by the baker; he ceases from stirring, from kneading the dough while it is leavened. ⁵In the day of our king, the rulers have sickened themselves *with* the heat of wine. He stretches out his hand with scorners. ⁶For they have brought their heart near, like an oven, while they lie in wait. Their baker sleeps all night; in the

morning, it burns like a flaming fire. ⁷They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges. All their kings have fallen; not one among them calls to Me. ⁸Ephraim mixed himself among the peoples. Ephraim is a cake not turned. ⁹Strangers have eaten up his strength, yet he does not know. Yea, gray hairs are sprinkled here and there on him, yet he does not know. ¹⁰And the pride of Israel testifies to his face. And they do not return to Jehovah their God, nor seek Him in all this.

¹¹Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart; they call to Egypt; they go to Assyria. ¹²When they go, I will spread My net over them; I will bring them down like the birds of the heavens; I will chastise them, as a report to their congregation. ¹³Woe to them! For they have fled from Me. Ruin to them! For they have transgressed against Me. Though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against Me. ¹⁴And they have not cried to Me with their heart, when they howled on their beds. They gather themselves for grain and wine; they turn against Me. ¹⁵Though I bound, I made their arms strong; yet they think evil against Me. ¹⁶They return, but not to the Most High. They are like a treacherous bow. Their rulers shall fall by the sword, from the rage of the tongue. This *shall be* their scorn in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 8

¹Put a horn to your mouth. *He comes* like an eagle against the house of Jehovah, because they have broken My covenant and have sinned against My law. ²Israel shall cry to Me, My God, we know You. ³Israel has thrown off good; the enemy shall pursue him. ⁴They have set up kings, but not by Me. They have made rulers, but I did not know. They made idols for themselves with their silver and their gold, so that they may be cut off.

⁵O Samaria, your calf has cast you off. My anger is kindled against them. Until when will they not attain purity? ⁶For it also came from Israel: The craftsman made it, but *it is* not God. For the calf of Samaria shall be splinters. ⁷For they sow

the wind, and they reap the whirlwind. He has no stalk; the bud shall make no flour. If it does make *it*, strangers will swallow it up. ⁸Israel is swallowed up. They are now among the nations as a vessel in which is no pleasure. ⁹For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself. Ephraim has hired lovers. ¹⁰Yes, though they have hired among the nations, now I will gather them. And they began to be few, from the burden of the king of rulers.

¹¹Because Ephraim has made many altars to sin; they are altars to him to sin. ¹²I will write the great things of My law for him; they were counted as a stranger. ¹³They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of My offerings, and they eat. Jehovah did not accept them. Now He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. They shall return to Egypt. ¹⁴For Israel has forgotten his Maker, and builds temples. And Judah has multiplied fortified cities; but I will send a fire on his cities, and it shall burn up her citadels.

CHAPTER 9

¹O Israel, do not rejoice for joy, like the peoples. For you have gone lusting away from your God. You have loved a reward on all threshing-floors of grain. ²The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her. ³They shall not live in the land of Jehovah. But Ephraim shall return to Egypt; and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria. ⁴They shall not offer wine to Jehovah. They shall not be pleasing to Him. Their sacrifices *shall be* like the bread of trouble to them; all who eat it shall be defiled; for their bread *is* for their person; it shall not come into the house of Jehovah.

⁵What will you do in the day of meeting, and in the day of the feast of Jehovah? ⁶For, lo, they have gone from destruction. Egypt shall gather them; Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall possess the desirable things of their silver; thorns *shall be* in their tents. ⁷The days of her visitation have come; the days of retribution have come. Israel shall know. The prophet *is* a fool; the spiritual man *is* insane, because of the greatness of your iniquity and your

great hatred. ⁸Ephraim *is* a watchman with my God. The prophet *is* a snare of a fowler on all his ways; hatred *is* in the house of his God. ⁹They have deeply corrupted, as *in* days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

¹⁰I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness. I saw your fathers as the firstfruit in the fig-tree at her first time. They came to Baal-peor and set themselves apart to a shameful thing. And they became hateful like that which they loved. ¹¹Ephraim is like a bird; their glory shall fly away from birth, and from the womb, and from conception. ¹²Though they nourish their sons, yet I will make them childless, without a man. Yea, woe also to them when I turn away from them! ¹³As when I looked toward Tyre, Ephraim was planted in a pleasant place. But Ephraim shall bring forth his sons to the slayer. ¹⁴O Jehovah, give them. What will you give them? Give them a miscarried womb and dry breasts. ¹⁵All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal, for there I hated them. I will drive them out of My house for the wickedness of their doings; I will not love them again; all their rulers *are* revolvers. ¹⁶Ephraim is stricken; their root is dried up; they shall bear no fruit. Yea, though they bear, yet I will yet kill the beloved ones of their womb. ¹⁷My God shall reject them because they did not listen to Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

CHAPTER 10

¹Israel *is* a luxuriant vine; he bears fruit for himself. According to the plenty of his fruit, he has increased the altars. They have made beautiful images according to the goodness of his land; their heart is divided. ²Now they shall be guilty; He will break down their altars; He will spoil their pillars. ³For now they shall say, We have no king, because we did not fear Jehovah. What then should a king do for us? ⁴They have spoken words, swearing falsely to cut a covenant. So judgment springs up like hemlock in the furrows of the field. ⁵The people of Samaria shall dread because of the calves of Beth-aven. For its people shall mourn over it; also its priests *who* rejoiced on it for its glory;

because it has departed from it. ⁶It shall also be carried to Assyria, a present to king Jareb. Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. ⁷Samaria is cut off; her king is as a bough on the face of the water. ⁸Also, the sin of Israel, the high places of Aven shall be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars. And they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

⁹O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah. There they stood; the battle against the sons of iniquity did not overtake them in Gibeah. ¹⁰When I desire, I shall bind them; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they bind themselves to their two fountains. ¹¹And Ephraim *is* a trained heifer, loving to tread out. But I passed over on the goodness of her neck; I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow; Jacob shall break clods for him. ¹²Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap as mercy. Break up your plowed ground. For *it is* time to seek Jehovah, until He comes and rains righteousness on you. ¹³You have plowed wickedness; you have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies because you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men. ¹⁴And an uproar shall rise up among your peoples. And all your strongholds shall be spoiled, as the ruin of Beth-arbel in the day of battle. The mother was dashed in pieces on *her* sons. ¹⁵So He does to you, Bethel, because of your great evil. In the dawn the king of Israel shall be completely cut off.

CHAPTER 11

¹When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and I called My son out of Egypt. ²As they called to them, so they went from their face. They sacrifice to the Baals, and burn incense to graven images. ³I also taught Ephraim to go; he took them on their arms. But they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love. And I was to them as those who lift off the yoke on their jaws; and I gently give food to him.

⁵He shall not return to the land of Egypt, but he *of* Assyria *shall be* his king, because they refused to return. ⁶And the

sword shall grieve in his cities, and shall destroy his bars, and shall consume, because of their own counsels. ⁷And My people are bent on backsliding from Me. And they call him to the Most High; no one at all would exalt *Him*.

⁸How shall I give you up, Ephraim? Shall I deliver you, Israel? How shall I make you like Admah? Shall I set you as Zeboim? My heart has turned within Me; My compassions are kindled together. ⁹I will not carry out the heat of My anger; I will not return to destroy Ephraim. For I *am* God, and not a man; the Holy One in your midst. And I will not enter into the city. ¹⁰They shall walk after Jehovah; He shall roar as a lion. When He roars, then sons shall tremble from the west. ¹¹They trembled like a bird from Egypt, and like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will make them live in their houses, says Jehovah. ¹²Ephraim circles around Me with lies; and the house of Israel *circles* with deceit; but Judah still rules with God, and is faithful with the saints.

CHAPTER 12

¹Ephraim feeds on wind, and follows after the east wind; all the day he multiplies lies and ruin. And they cut a covenant with Assyria; and oil is carried into Egypt. ²Jehovah also has a quarrel with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; He will repay him according to his deeds.

³He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he contended with God. ⁴Yes, he wept and pleaded to Him, and he contended with the Angel, and overcame. He found us *at* Bethel, and He spoke with us there, ⁵even Jehovah, the God of hosts. Jehovah *is* his memorial. ⁶For this reason you return to your God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on your God continually.

⁷*He is* a merchant; the scales of deceit *are* in his hand; he loves to oppress. ⁸And Ephraim said, I am rich; I have found much wealth for myself. *In* all my labors they shall find in me no iniquity that *is* sin. ⁹And I *am* Jehovah, your God from the land of Egypt; yet I will make you live in tents, as in the days of appointed assembly. ¹⁰I have also spoken by the

prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and the prophets use parables. ¹¹*Is* Gilead evil? Surely they have been vanity. They sacrificed bulls in Gilgal; yea, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the field. ¹²And Jacob fled into the field of Syria, and Israel served for a wife; yea, he shepherded for a wife. ¹³And by a prophet Jehovah brought up Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was kept safe. ¹⁴Ephraim has provoked *Me* to anger most bitterly. And he shall leave his blood to him, and his Lord shall turn his reproach to him.

CHAPTER 13

¹When Ephraim spoke trembling, he was lifted up in Israel. But he offended in Baal, and he died. ²And now they sin more and more, and have made themselves a molten image of their silver; idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen. They say to them, Let men, those who sacrifice, kiss calves. ³So they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passes away; as chaff storm-driven from the threshing floor, and as the smoke out of the window. ⁴Yet I *am* Jehovah, your God from the land of Egypt; and you shall know no other gods than Me. For there is no Savior besides Me.

⁵I have known you in the wilderness, in the land of great dryness. ⁶According to their pasture, so they were filled. They were filled, and their heart was lifted up. On account of this they have forgotten Me. ⁷Now I am as a lion to them; I will watch by the way like a leopard. ⁸I will meet them like a bear whose cubs are taken away; and I will tear the lining of their heart. And as a lion, I will devour them there; the beast of the field shall tear them.

⁹O Israel, you are destroyed, but your help *is* in Me. ¹⁰Where *is* your king? Where is any other who may save you in all your cities? And *where are* your judges of whom you said, Give to me a king and rulers? ¹¹I give to you a king in My anger, and take *him* away in My fury. ¹²The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up; his sin *is* hidden. ¹³The pains of a woman in travail shall come to him; he *is* not a wise son; for he cannot stand still in the time of the

breaking forth of sons. ¹⁴I will ransom them from the hand of Sheol; I will redeem them from death. O death, where *are* your plagues? O Sheol, where *is* your ruin? Repentance is hidden from My eyes.

¹⁵Though he is fruitful among brothers, an east wind shall come. The wind of Jehovah shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall be ashamed, and his fountain shall be dried up. He shall plunder the treasure of all desirable vessels.

¹⁶Samaria shall be desolate, for she has rebelled against her God. They shall fall by the sword. Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women shall be ripped up.

CHAPTER 14

¹O Israel, return to Jehovah your God, for you have fallen by your sin. ²Take words with you and return to Jehovah. Say to Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* well; that we may repay *with* the calves of our lips. ³Assyria shall not

save us; we will not ride on horses. We shall not say any more to the work of our hands, Our gods! For in You the fatherless finds mercy.

⁴I will heal their backslidings; I will love them freely; for My anger has turned away from him. ⁵I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall blossom as the lily, and cast out his roots like Lebanon. ⁶His branches shall go out and his beauty shall be like the olive-tree; and his scent *is* as Lebanon to Him. ⁷They who live under his shadow shall return; they shall live *like* the grain, and blossom like the vine; their memorial *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon.

⁸Ephraim *shall say*, What *is* to me any more with idols? I eyed *him*; and I surveyed him; I *am* as a green cypress tree; your fruit is found from Me. ⁹Who *is* wise and discerns these things? *Who is* discerning and knows them? For the ways of Jehovah are right, and the righteous shall walk in them. But transgressors shall stumble in them.

THE BOOK OF JOEL

CHAPTER 1

¹The word of Jehovah that was to Joel, the son of Pethuel. ²Hear this, you old men; and give ear, all you people of the land. Has this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? ³Tell your sons about it, and your sons to their sons, and their sons to another generation:

⁴What was left by the cutter, the swarming locust ate; and that left of the swarming locust, the locust larvae ate; and that left of the locust larvae, the stripping locust ate.

⁵Awake, drunkards, and weep. And wail, all wine-drinkers, over the grape must; for it is cut off from your mouth. ⁶For a nation has come up on my land, strong and without number; its teeth *are* the teeth of a lion; and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness. ⁷He has laid my vine waste, and has splintered my fig-tree. He has stripped it, and *he* threw *it* away; its branches grow white.

⁸Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth, over the husband of her youth. ⁹The food offering and the drink offering have been cut off from the house of Jehovah; the priests, Jehovah's ministers, mourn. ¹⁰The field is wasted; the land mourns, for the grain is wasted. The new wine is dried up; the oil-tree droops. ¹¹Be ashamed, farmers; howl, vinedressers; for the wheat and for the barley, because the harvest of the field has perished. ¹²The vine is dried up, and the fig-tree droops; *the* pomegranate, and the palm tree, and the apple tree; all the trees of the field are dried up, because joy has dried up from the sons of men. ¹³Gird up and lament, priests. Howl, ministers of the altar. Come, spend the night in sackcloth, ministers of my God. For the food offering and the drink offering are held back from the house of your God.

¹⁴Set apart a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the elders, all the inhabitants of the land, *into* the house of Jehovah your God. And cry to Jehovah.

¹⁵Alas for the day! For the day of Jehovah is at hand. And it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. ¹⁶Is not the food cut off before your eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? ¹⁷The seed

shrivels under their clods; the storage bins are laid waste; the granaries are broken down, for the grain has dried up. ¹⁸How the beasts groan! The herds of livestock are vexed, for *there is* no pasture for them. Even the flocks of sheep are perishing. ¹⁹O Jehovah, to You I will cry, for the fire has burned up the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of the field. ²⁰The beasts of the field also cry to You, for the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire has burned up the pastures of the wilderness.

CHAPTER 2

¹Blow a ram's horn in Zion, and shout an alarm in My holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble. For the day of Jehovah approaches; *it is* near; ²a day of darkness and gloominess; a day of clouds and thick darkness; as the dawn spread out on the mountains—a great and a strong people; there has never been the like, nor shall there ever be again to the years of many generations; ³a fire devours before it, and a flame burns behind it; the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them *is* a desolate wilderness; yea, also there is no escape to them. ⁴Their appearance is like horses; and as war horses, so they run. ⁵They shall leap like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains, like the noise of flames of fire that devour the chaff; as a strong people set in order for battle. ⁶Before their face, the people shall be pained; all faces collect heat. ⁷They shall run as a mighty one; they shall go up the wall as men of war. And they each go on his way; and they do not change their paths. ⁸And each does not press his brother; they *each* go in his paths. And *if* they fall behind their weapon, they shall not be cut off. ⁹They shall rush on the city; they shall run on the wall; they shall climb up on the houses; they shall enter in by the windows, like a thief. ¹⁰The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall shake. The sun and moon shall grow dark, and the stars shall gather in their light. ¹¹And Jehovah shall give His voice before His army. For

His camp *is* very great. For he who does His word *is* strong. For the day of Jehovah *is* very great and terrifying. And who can endure it?

¹²Yet even now turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning, declares Jehovah. ¹³Yea, tear your heart, and not your robes; and turn to Jehovah your God. For He *is* gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He pities concerning the evil. ¹⁴Who knows *if* He will return and have pity and leave a blessing behind Him, a food offering and a drink offering for Jehovah your God?

¹⁵Blow a ram's horn in Zion, sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly. ¹⁶Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, gather the elders, gather the children, and those who suck the breasts. Let the bridegroom go out of his room, and the bride out of her canopy. ¹⁷Let the priests, ministers of Jehovah, weep between the porch and the altar; and let them say, Have pity on Your people, O Jehovah, and do not give Your inheritance to shame, for a proverb among those of the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, Where *is* their God?

¹⁸Then Jehovah will be jealous for His land, and have pity on His people. ¹⁹Yea, Jehovah will answer and say to His people, Behold, I will send you grain, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with it. And I will no more make you a curse among the nations. ²⁰But I will remove the northern *army* far from you, and will drive him into a dry and desolated land; with his face toward the eastern sea, and his rear toward the western sea. And his stench shall come up, and his ill odor shall come up, because he *was* doing great things.

²¹Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice; for Jehovah *is* doing great things. ²²Fear not, beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness grow green; for the tree bears its fruit; the fig-tree and the vine give their strength. ²³Then be glad, sons of Zion, and rejoice in Jehovah your God. For He has given to you the early rain according to righteousness, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the early rain and the latter rain in the first

month. ²⁴And the floors shall be full with grain, and the wine-vats shall overflow with wine, and oil. ²⁵And I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the locust larvae, and the stripping locust, and the cutting locust, My great army which I sent among you. ²⁶And you shall eat fully and be satisfied; and you shall praise the name of Jehovah your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And My people shall not be ashamed forever. ²⁷And you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and that I *am* Jehovah your God, and *there is* no other. And My people shall not be ashamed forever.

²⁸And it shall be afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams; your young men shall see visions. ²⁹And also I will pour out My Spirit on the slaves and on the slavegirls in those days. ³⁰And I will give signs in the heavens, and in the earth: blood, and fire, and columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of Jehovah. ³²For it shall be, all who shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be saved. For salvation shall be in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, as Jehovah has said, and among the saved whom Jehovah shall call.

CHAPTER 3

¹For, behold, in those days and in that time, *when* I bring again the exiles of Judah and Jerusalem, ²I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, for My people and My inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and they shared out My land. ³And they have cast lots for My people. And *they* have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine; and they drank. ⁴And also, what *are* you to Me, Tyre and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? *Are* you restoring repayment *to* Me? And if you *are* repaying Me, I will turn your reward on your own head, swiftly, speedily; *in* that you have taken My silver and My gold,

and have carried My good treasures to your temples. ⁶You have also sold the sons of Judah and the sons of Jerusalem to the sons of the Greeks, that you might remove them far from their border. ⁷Behold, I *am* arousing them from the place where you have sold them, and will return your reward on your own head. ⁸And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah; and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation far off. For Jehovah has spoken it.

⁹Proclaim this among the nations: Sanctify a war; awaken the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. ¹⁰Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak say, I *am* strong. ¹¹Gather yourselves and come, all you nations; and gather yourselves together all around. O Jehovah, bring down Your mighty ones. ¹²Let the nations be awakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat. For there I will sit to judge all the nations all around. ¹³Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down, for the press is full; the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great. ¹⁴Multitudes, multitudes in the

valley of decision! For the day of Jehovah *is* near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall gather in their light; ¹⁶and Jehovah roars from Zion, and gives His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth quake. But Jehovah *is* a refuge for His people, and a fortress to the sons of Israel. ¹⁷And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah your God dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be a holy thing, and aliens shall no more pass through her.

¹⁸And it shall be in that day, the mountains shall drop down new wine; and the hills shall flow *with* milk; and all the streams of Judah shall flow *with* waters. And a fountain shall come forth from the house of Jehovah, and *it* shall water the valley of Shittim. ¹⁹Egypt shall be a ruin, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, from violence *done* to the sons of Judah, whose innocent blood they poured out in their land. ²⁰But Judah will dwell forever, and Jerusalem to generation and generation. ²¹And I will cleanse their blood *which* I did not cleanse; and Jehovah *is* dwelling in Zion.

THE BOOK OF AMOS

CHAPTER 1

¹The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. ²And he said, Jehovah will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem. And the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall dry up. ³So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it; for they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron. ⁴But I will send a fire against the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad. ⁵I will also break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant of the Valley of Aven, and him who holds the scepter from Beth-eden. And the people of Syria shall go captive to Kir, says Jehovah.

⁶So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it; for they deported *as* exiles to deliver up a complete *population* to Edom. ⁷But I will send a fire against the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour its palaces. ⁸And I will cut off Ashdod's dwellers and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon; and I will turn My hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord Jehovah.

⁹So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it; for they delivered up *as* exiles a complete *population* to Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brothers. ¹⁰But I will send a fire against the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour its palaces.

¹¹So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it; for he pursued his brother with the sword, and corrupted his compassions, and his anger tore continually; and he kept it, his wrath, forever. ¹²But I will send a fire against Teman, and it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

¹³So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon, and for four, I

will not turn back *from* it; for they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead, to make their border larger. ¹⁴But I will kindle a fire against the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces; with a war-cry in the day of battle; with a tempest in the day of the windstorm. ¹⁵And their king shall go into captivity, he and his rulers together, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 2

¹So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it; for he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime. ²But I will send a fire against Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth. And Moab shall die with uproar, with a war-cry, with the sound of the ram's horn. ³And I will cut off the judge in its midst, and will kill all his rulers with him, says Jehovah.

⁴So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it; for they despised the law of Jehovah, and they have not kept His statutes. Their lies after which their fathers walked led them astray. ⁵And I shall send a fire against Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

⁶So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it; for they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals, ⁷panting for the dust of the earth on the head of the helpless, and turning aside the way of the humble. And a man and his father will go *in* to the *same* girl, in order to profane the name of My holiness. ⁸And they will stretch out beside every altar, and on garments taken in pledge. And they will drink wine of those being fined *in* the house of God.

⁹Yet I destroyed the Amorite from before them, *whose* height *was* like the height of the cedars; and he *was* strong as the great trees. And I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from below. ¹⁰Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you in the wilderness forty years, to possess the land of the Amorite.

¹¹And I raised up from your sons for

prophets, and for Nazarites from your young men. *Is this* not even so, O sons of Israel, declares Jehovah? ¹²But you gave the Nazarites wine to drink, and you commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy. ¹³Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart full *with* produce *is* pressed. ¹⁴And refuge shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his power, nor shall the mighty deliver his life; ¹⁵and he who handles the bow shall not stand; and he swift-footed shall not save; and he who rides the horse shall not save his life. ¹⁶And the stout-hearted among the mighty shall run away naked in that day, declares Jehovah.

CHAPTER 3

¹Hear this word that Jehovah has spoken against you, sons of Israel; against all the family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, ²You only have I known of all the families of the earth. On account of this I will punish you *for* all your iniquities. ³Will two walk together unless they are agreed? ⁴Will a lion roar in the forest when there is no prey for him? Will a young lion cry out of his den unless he has caught *something*? ⁵Will a bird fall into a trap *on* the ground, and there is no bait for it? Will a trap spring up from the ground, and nothing at all be caught? ⁶If a ram's horn is blowing in a city, will the people not also tremble? If there is a calamity in a city, has Jehovah not even done *it*? ⁷For the Lord Jehovah will do nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets? ⁸A lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord Jehovah has spoken; who will not prophesy?

⁹Make *it* heard at the palaces in Ashdod, and at the palaces in the land of Egypt; and say, Gather yourselves on the mountains of Samaria, and see many panics in its midst, and oppressions in its midst. ¹⁰For they do not know to do right, declares Jehovah; those who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. ¹¹So the Lord Jehovah says this: An enemy! And *he shall be* all around the land; and he shall bring you down from your fortress; and your palaces shall be

plundered. ¹²So says Jehovah: As the shepherd takes two legs out of the mouth of the lion, or a piece of an ear, so shall the sons of Israel be taken out, those who dwell in Samaria in a corner of a bed, and in Damascus *on* a couch. ¹³Hear and testify in the house of Jacob, declares the Lord Jehovah, the God of hosts. ¹⁴For in the day I visit the transgressions of Israel on him, I will also visit on the altars of Bethel. And the horns of the altar will be cut off, and will fall to the ground. ¹⁵And I will strike the winter house, with the summer house, and the houses of ivory shall perish. And the great houses shall be swept away, declares Jehovah.

CHAPTER 4

¹Hear this word, cows of Bashan who *are* in the mountain of Samaria, who press down the helpless, who crush the poor; who say to their husbands, Bring in, that we may drink. ²The Lord Jehovah has sworn by His holiness that the days are coming that He will lift you up with meathooks, and the last of you with fishhooks. ³And you shall go out *at* the breaches, each woman before her. And you shall throw down *the* high place, declares Jehovah.

⁴Come into Bethel and transgress; multiply transgressing *at* Gilgal. And bring your sacrifices for the morning, your tithes for three days; ⁵and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving from that which is leavened; and cry out, call out the voluntary offerings! For so you love *to do*, sons of Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah.

⁶And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places; and you have not returned to Me, declares Jehovah. ⁷And I have also withheld the rain from you, when *it was* yet three months to the harvest. And I caused rain to fall on one city, and caused it not to rain on another city. One piece was rained on, and the piece where it did not rain was dried up. ⁸So two or three cities staggered to one city in order to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to Me, declares Jehovah. ⁹I have struck you with blasting and mildew. The multitude of your gardens

and your vineyards, and your figs, and your olives, *are* devoured by the creeping locust; yet you have not returned to Me, declares Jehovah. ¹⁰I have sent a plague among you in the way of Egypt; I have killed your young men with the sword and your horses with captivity; and I have made the stench of your camps to come up even into your nostrils; yet you have not returned to Me, declares Jehovah. ¹¹I have overthrown among you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were like a firebrand plucked out of the burning; yet you have not returned to Me, declares Jehovah. ¹²So I will do this to you, O Israel: Because of this I will do to you; prepare to meet your God, O Israel. ¹³For, behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what His thought *is*; He who makes the dawn darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth; Jehovah, the God of Hosts, *is* His name.

CHAPTER 5

¹Hear this word which I am lifting up against you, a dirge, O house of Israel. ²The virgin of Israel has fallen, and not will rise again; she lies forsaken on her land; there is no one raising her up. ³For so says the Lord Jehovah: The city that goes out *by* a thousand shall have a hundred left. And that which goes out *by* a hundred shall have ten left in the house of Israel.

⁴For so says Jehovah to the house of Israel: Seek Me, and live. ⁵But do not seek Bethel, and do not enter Gilgal, and do not cross over to Beer-sheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into exile, and Bethel shall be for nothing. ⁶Seek Jehovah, and live; that He not break out like a fire *on* the house of Joseph, and consume; and no one is putting it out for Bethel. ⁷He abandoned those who turn justice and righteousness into wormwood *on* the earth. ⁸He who created the Pleiades and Orion, and turns the deep darkness into the morning, and He darkened the day *into* night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth; Jehovah *is* His name; ⁹who causes destruction to flash out against the strong, and destruction comes against the fortress. ¹⁰They hate him who rebukes in the gate; and they

despise him who speaks uprightly. ¹¹So, because of your trampling on the poor, and you take tribute of grain from him; you have built houses of hewn stones, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted desirable vineyards, but you shall not drink wine from them. ¹²For I know your many transgressions, and your many sins: afflicting the just; taking of a bribe; and turning aside the poor in the gate. ¹³So the understanding ones shall keep silent in that time; for it *is* an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so Jehovah the God of hosts *shall be* with you, as you have spoken. ¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate. It may be that Jehovah the God of hosts will be gracious *to* the remnant of Joseph. ¹⁶So Jehovah, the God of Hosts, the Lord says this: Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the farmer to the mourning, and those knowing wailing to lamentation. ¹⁷And wailing *shall be* in all vineyards, for I will pass among you, says Jehovah. ¹⁸Woe to those desiring the day of Jehovah! What *is* this for you? The day of Jehovah *is* darkness, and not light; ¹⁹as if a man fled before a lion, and the bear met him; or he goes into the house and leans his hand against the wall, and a snake bites him. ²⁰*Shall* not the day of Jehovah *be* darkness, and not light; even very dark, and not any brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your feast days; and I will not delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Though you offer Me burnt offerings, and your grain offerings, I will not be pleased; nor will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals. ²³Take the noise of your songs away from Me; and I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. ²⁵Have you brought near sacrifices and food offerings to Me forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? ²⁶Yea, you have carried the booth of your king and Kiyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves! ²⁷And I will cause you to go into exile beyond Damascus, says Jehovah, the God of hosts *is* His name.

CHAPTER 6

¹Woe to those at ease in Zion, and those trusting in the mountain of Samaria, those noted as the leader of the nations! And the house of Israel came to them. ²Cross to Calneh, and see; and from there go to the great Hamath; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. *Are they* better than these kingdoms, or their border than your border?

³You who put the evil day far away, and cause the seat of violence to come near; ⁴who lie on beds of ivory, and stretch themselves on their couches; and those eating the lambs from the flock, and bull calves from the midst of the stall; ⁵those chanting with the mouth of the harp; they invent instruments of song for themselves like David; ⁶who drink bowls of wine, and they anoint with the best of oils; but they are not grieved for the breaking of Joseph!

⁷So now they shall go into exile with the first of the exiles, and the feast of those who stretch themselves shall cease. ⁸The Lord Jehovah has sworn by Himself, declares Jehovah, the God of hosts: I abhor the pride of Jacob, and hate his palaces; and I will shut up the city and its fullness. ⁹And it shall be, if ten men remain in one house, then they shall die. ¹⁰And his uncle shall lift him up, and he who burns him, to bring out the bones from the house; and *he* shall say to that *one* left in the recesses of the house, *Are any* still with you? And he shall say, No. Then he shall say, Hush! For not one shall mention the name of Jehovah. ¹¹For, behold, Jehovah commands, and He will strike the great house into pieces, and the little house *into* cracks.

¹²Shall horses run on the rock? Or will one plow *there* with oxen? For you have turned justice into poison, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood; ¹³those rejoicing for nothing; those saying, Have we not taken horns to ourselves by our own strength? ¹⁴For, behold, I will raise a nation up against you, O house of Israel, declares Jehovah, the God of hosts. And they shall oppress you from the entrance of Hamath to the torrent of the Arabah.

CHAPTER 7

¹The Lord Jehovah made me see this: And, behold, He is forming locusts at the beginning of the coming up of the late grass; even behold, the late grass after the mowings of the king. ²And it happened when it had made an end of eating the vegetation of the land, then I said, Lord Jehovah, I beg You, forgive. How can Jacob stand? For *he is* small. ³Jehovah repented concerning this: It shall not be, says Jehovah.

⁴The Lord Jehovah made me to see this: And, behold, the Lord Jehovah was calling to contend by fire. And it consumed the great deep, and *it was* devouring part of it. ⁵Then I said, Lord Jehovah, I beg You, stop. How can Jacob stand? For *he is* small. ⁶Jehovah repented concerning this: It shall not be, says the Lord Jehovah.

⁷He made me see this: And, behold, the Lord was standing by the plumb-line-wall, and a plumb-line in His hand. ⁸And Jehovah said to me, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A plumb-line. And the Lord said, Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of My people Israel. I will not again pass over him any more. ⁹And the high places of Isaac shall be desolated; and the holy places of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam, the king of Israel, saying, Amos has plotted against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all his words. ¹¹For so Amos says: Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely go into exile out of his land. ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, Seer, go, flee for yourself into the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there. ¹³But do not again prophesy at Bethel any more; for *it is* the king's holy place, and *it is* the royal house.

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah: I *was* not a prophet, nor *was* I a prophet's son. But I *was* a herdsman and a gatherer *from* sycamore trees. ¹⁵And Jehovah took me from behind the flock,

and Jehovah said to me, Go, prophesy to My people Israel. ¹⁶Now, then, hear the word of Jehovah: You say, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not drop words against the house of Isaac. ¹⁷So Jehovah says this: Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword; and your land shall be divided by a line. And you shall die in a defiled land. And Israel shall surely go into exile from his land.

CHAPTER 8

¹The Lord Jehovah made me see this: And, behold, a basket of summer fruit! ²And He said, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. And Jehovah said to me, The end has come on My people Israel; I will not again pass over him any more. ³And they will howl the songs of the temple in that day, declares the Lord Jehovah. The dead bodies *shall be* many; in every place one shall throw them out, saying, Hush!

⁴Hear this, you who swallow up the poor, even to make the humble of the land to cease, ⁵saying, when will the new moon have passed, so that we may buy grain? Or the sabbath, so that we may open the wheat, making smaller the ephah, and to enlarge the shekel, and to falsify the deceitful balances; ⁶in order to buy the helpless with silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; and sell the chaff of the wheat? ⁷Jehovah has sworn by the pride of Jacob, Surely I will not ever forget all their works. ⁸Shall not the land tremble for this, and all who dwell in it mourn? And all of it shall rise up like the light. And it shall overflow and sink like the Nile of Egypt.

⁹And it shall be in that day, declares the Lord Jehovah, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the day of light. ¹⁰And I will turn your feasts to mourning, and all your songs into a dirge. And I will bring up sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head. And I will make it like the mourning for an only one; and the end of it *shall be* like a bitter day.

¹¹Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord Jehovah, that I will send a famine into the land; not a famine for bread, nor a thirst for water, but rather a *famine* for

hearing the words of Jehovah. ¹²And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to east; they shall roam about to seek the word of Jehovah, and they shall not find it. ¹³In that day the beautiful virgins and the young men shall faint with thirst. ¹⁴They who swear by the guilt of Samaria, and say, As your God lives, O Dan! And, As the way of Beer-sheba lives! Even they shall fall, and not rise again.

CHAPTER 9

¹I saw the Lord standing by the altar. And He said, Strike the capital of the door, and the thresholds will shake; and break them on the head of all of them. And I will kill the last of them with the sword. Not one of them who flees will flee, and not a fugitive of them will escape. ²And if they dig through into Sheol, from there My hand will take them. And if they go up to the heavens, from there I will bring them down. ³And if they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out from there. And if they hide from My eyes in the bottom of the sea, from there I will command the serpent, and he will bite them. ⁴And if they go into exile before their enemies, from there I will command the sword, and it will kill them. And I will set My eyes on them for evil, and not for good.

⁵And the Lord Jehovah of hosts *is* He who touches the earth so that it melts; and all dwelling in it shall mourn. And all of it will rise up like the Nile, and sink down like the Nile of Egypt. ⁶*It is* He who builds His staircase in the heavens, and He has founded His firmament on the earth; He who calls for the sea-waters, and pours them out on the face of the earth—Jehovah *is* His name.

⁷Are you not like the sons of the Ethiopians to Me, O sons of Israel, declares Jehovah? Have I not brought Israel up out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? ⁸Behold, the eyes of the Lord Jehovah *are* on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; only that I will not completely destroy the house of Jacob, declares Jehovah. ⁹For, behold, I will command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations, as one shakes

with a sieve; yet not a grain shall fall *to* the ground. ¹⁰All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, *those* who say, The evil shall not draw near, or come in front about us.

¹¹In that day I will raise up the booth of David that has fallen, and will wall up its breaks. And I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as the days of old; ¹²so that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations *on* whom My name is called, declares Jehovah who is doing this. ¹³Behold, the days are coming, declares

Jehovah, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed. And the mountains shall drop new must, and all the hills will be dissolved. ¹⁴And I will again bring the captivity of My people Israel. And they shall build the waste cities, and live in *them*. And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of them. They shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. ¹⁵And I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be pulled up out of their land which I have given to them, says Jehovah your God.

THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

¹The vision of Obadiah: So says the Lord Jehovah concerning Edom: We have heard a message from Jehovah, and a messenger is sent among the nations; rise up, and let us rise up against her for battle.

²Behold, I have given you *to be* small among the nations; you are greatly despised.

³The pride of your heart has deceived you, dwelling in the clefts of the rock; his dwelling *is* lofty, saying in his heart, Who shall bring me down *to* the ground?

⁴Though you rise high as the eagle, and though *you* set your nest between the stars, I will bring you down from there, declares Jehovah.

⁵If thieves came to you, if destroyers by night—how you have been cut off!—Would they not have stolen until they had enough? If the grape-gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings? ⁶How Esau is searched out! His hidden things are sought out! ⁷All the men of your covenant have dismissed you to the border. The men who were at peace with you have deceived you *and* have prevailed over you. They are setting your bread *as* a snare under you; there *is* no understanding in him. ⁸Shall I not in that day even destroy the wise out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau, declares Jehovah? ⁹And your mighty ones, Teman, shall be afraid, so that each man from the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

¹⁰Shame shall cover you from the violence against your brother Jacob, and you shall be cut off forever. ¹¹On the day of your standing on the other *side*, on the day that the strangers take his force captive, and foreigners enter his gates, and cast lots for Jerusalem, even you *were* like one of them. ¹²But you should not have looked on the day of your brother, on the day of

his alienation; nor should you have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day of their destruction; nor should you have enlarged your mouth in the day of distress.

¹³You should not have entered into My people's gate on the day of his calamity, nor should you have looked on his evil on the day of his calamity; nor should you have sent out against his force in the day of his calamity. ¹⁴Nor should you have stood on the crossways to cut off those of him who escaped. Nor should you have shut up his survivors in the day of distress.

¹⁵For the day of Jehovah *is* near on all the nations: As you have done, it shall be done to you; your reward shall return on your head! ¹⁶For as you have drunk on My holy mount, *so* all the nations shall continually drink. Yea, they shall drink and shall swallow; and they will be as *if* they had not been.

¹⁷But the ones who escaped shall be on Mount Zion, and it shall be holy. And the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions. ¹⁸And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for straw. And they shall burn among them, and consume them. And no survivor shall be to the house of Esau, for Jehovah has spoken. ¹⁹And *those of* Negeb shall possess the mountain of Esau, and the low country of the Philistines; and they shall possess Ephraim's fields, and Samaria's fields; and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

²⁰And the exiles of this force to the sons of Israel who shall possess *the land* of the Canaanites to Zarephath; even the exiles of Jerusalem who *are* in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the Negeb. ²¹And deliverers shall go up into the mountain of Zion to judge the mountain of Esau; and the kingdom shall be to Jehovah.

THE BOOK OF JONAH

CHAPTER 1

¹And the word of Jehovah was to Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying, ²Rise up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out against it; for their evil has come up before Me. ³But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of Jehovah. And *he* went down to Joppa, and he found a ship going to Tarshish. And he gave its fare, and went down into it, in order to go with them to Tarshish, from before the face of Jehovah.

⁴But Jehovah hurled a great wind into the sea, and there was a great storm in the sea, and the ship *was* thought to be broken. ⁵And the sailors were afraid, and each man cried to his god. And they threw out the utensils in the ship, into the sea, to lighten *it* off of them. But Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship; and he lay down, and was sound asleep. ⁶And the chief of the seamen came near to him and said to him, *What is it* to you, O sound sleeper? Rise up and cry out to your God! It may be our god will notice us, and we will not perish. ⁷And they said, each man to his companion, Come and let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil *occurred* to us. And they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸And they said to him, Please tell us on account of whom *has* this evil *occurred* to us? *What is* your work? And from where do you come? *What is* your country, and of what people *are* you? ⁹And he said to them, I *am* a Hebrew. And I fear Jehovah, the God of Heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land. ¹⁰And the men were terrified *with* fear; and said to him, What is this you have done? For the men knew that he was fleeing from before the face of Jehovah, because he had told them.

¹¹And they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm from on us? For the sea was going on and being stormy. ¹²And he said to them, Take me up and throw me out into the sea. And the sea will be calm from on you. For I know that this great storm *is* on you on account of me. ¹³But the men rowed to return to the dry land; but they were not able, for the

sea was going on and being stormy against them. ¹⁴And they cried out to Jehovah, and said, We beseech You, O Jehovah; we beseech You, do not let us perish for this man's life; and do not lay innocent blood on us. For You, O Jehovah, have done as You desired. ¹⁵And they lifted Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared Jehovah *with* a great fear, and offered a sacrifice to Jehovah, and vowed vows.

¹⁷And Jehovah had appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Jonah prayed to Jehovah his God out of the belly of the fish. ²And *he* said, I cried out to Jehovah from my distress. And He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried for help, *and* You heard my voice. ³For You cast me *into the* deep, into the heart of the seas; and the current surrounded me; all Your breakers and Your waves passed over me. ⁴And I said, I am cast off from Your eyes; yet I will again look to Your holy temple. ⁵Waters encompassed me, *even to my* soul; the depth closed around me; seaweed was clinging to my head. ⁶I went down to the bases of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me forever. But You brought up my life from the pit, O Jehovah my God. ⁷When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah; and my prayer came to You, to Your holy temple. ⁸Those who observe vanities of idolatry forsake their faithfulness; ⁹but I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will fulfill that which I have vowed. Salvation *belongs* to Jehovah!

¹⁰And Jehovah spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

CHAPTER 3

¹And the word of Jehovah was to Jonah the second time, saying, ²Rise up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out to it the proclamation that I am declaring to

you. ³And Jonah rose up and went to Nineveh, according to the word of Jehovah. And Nineveh was a great city to God, of three days' journey. ⁴And Jonah began to enter a day's journey into the city. And he cried out and said, Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!

⁵And the men of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast, and put on sackclothes, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. ⁶And the word touched even to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne; and he took his robe from him, and covered himself *with* sackcloth; and sat on the ashes. ⁷And he cried and said in Nineveh by the decree of the king and of his great ones, saying, Do not let man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them feed nor let them drink water. ⁸But let man and beast be covered *with* sackcloth. And let them call with strength to God. And let them each one turn from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their palms. ⁹Who knows? He may turn, and God may repent and turn away from the glow of His anger, that we do not perish.

¹⁰And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. And God *was* compassionate over the evil that He had declared to do to them, and He did not do *it*.

CHAPTER 4

¹But it *was* a great calamity to Jonah's eye, and it kindled *anger* in him. ²And he prayed to Jehovah, and said, Please, O

Jehovah, *was* this not my word while I was on my own land? On account of this I fled to Tarshish before, for I knew that You *are* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and One who repents over calamity. ³And now, O Jehovah, please take my life from me. For better *is* my death than my life.

⁴And Jehovah said, Is anger rightly kindled in you?

⁵And Jonah went out from the city, and sat on the east of the city. And he made there a booth for himself, and sat under it in the shade until he should see what would happen in the city. ⁶And Jehovah God appointed a plant, and it came up over Jonah, to be shade over his head, in order to deliver him from his misery. And Jonah rejoiced over the plant *with* great joy. ⁷But God appointed a worm at the rising of the dawn of the next day; and it struck the plant; and it dried up. ⁸And it happened when the sun shone, God had ordained a scorching east wind; and the sun struck Jonah's head, so that he fainted; and he asked for his life to die. And he said, Better *is* my death than my life. ⁹And God said to Jonah, Is your anger rightly kindled over the plant? And he said, My anger is rightly kindled, *even* to death. ¹⁰And Jehovah said, You have had pity on the plant, for which you had not labored, nor made it grow — which was the son of a night, and perished the son of a night — ¹¹and should I not have pity on Nineveh, the great city in which are more than a hundred and twenty thousand men who do not know between the right *and* the left *hand*, and many cattle?

THE BOOK OF MICAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The word of Jehovah that was to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw on Samaria and Jerusalem.

²Let the peoples hear, all of them. Pay attention, O earth, and its fullness. And let the Lord Jehovah be a witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple. ³For, behold, Jehovah *is* coming out of His place, and will come down and walk on the high places of the earth. ⁴And the mountains shall melt under Him, and the valleys shall cleave themselves, as wax before the fire, as waters poured out on a steep place. ⁵All this *is* against the transgression of Jacob, and against the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what *are* the high places of Judah? Are they not Jerusalem? ⁶And I will make Samaria into ruins of the field, planting places for a vineyard. And I will pour down her stones into the valley; and I will uncover her foundations. ⁷And all her carved images shall be beaten to pieces; and all her gifts *for harlotry* shall be burned with fire. And I will make all her idols a desolation. For she gathered *it* from the reward of a harlot, and they shall return to the reward of a harlot. ⁸Because of this I will wail and howl; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals; yea, mourn like the daughters of an ostrich. ⁹For her wounds *are* incurable; for it has come to Judah; it has reached to the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.

¹⁰Do not declare *it* in Gath; do not sorely weep; in the house of Leaphrah wallow *in* dust. ¹¹Pass over to them, O dweller of Shaphir, in nakedness of shame. The dweller of Zaanan has not gone out; the mourning of Beth-ezel shall take from you its place of standing. ¹²For be grieved for good, the inhabitant of Maroth, for evil came down from Jehovah to the gate of Jerusalem. ¹³Inhabitant of Lachish, tie the chariot to the stallion; she *is* the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion, for the transgressions of Israel were found

in you. ¹⁴So you shall give parting gifts to Moresheth-gath. The houses of Achzib *are* for a lying thing to the kings of Israel. ¹⁵I will bring an heir to you again, O dweller of Mareshah. The glory of Israel shall come to Adullam. ¹⁶Make yourself bald, and cut off *your hair* for the sons of your delight. Make your baldness increase like the eagle; for they go into exile from you.

CHAPTER 2

¹Woe to those plotting wickedness and preparing evil on their beds! In the light of the morning they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. ²And they covet fields, and seize *them*; and houses, and carry *them* away. And they oppress a man and his household, even a man and his inheritance. ³So Jehovah says this: Behold, *I am* plotting an evil against this family, from which you shall not remove your necks; nor shall you go exalted, for it *is* an evil time.

⁴In that day one shall lift up a parable against you, and lament a lament of lamenting; he says, We shall be completely laid waste; He has exchanged the share of my people. How He has removed *it* for me! To the turncoat He has divided the fields. ⁵So there shall not be for you one casting a line by lot in the congregation of Jehovah. ⁶Do not drop *words* as they drop! They shall not drop *words* about these; they shall not draw back reproaches.

⁷House of Jacob, *it is* said, The Spirit of Jehovah is limited, if these *are* His doings. Do not My words do good with the one who walks upright? ⁸Even yesterday My people has risen up *like* an enemy. You strip off an inner robe from before an outer garment, from those who pass by trustingly, those returning *from* war. ⁹You have thrown the wives of My people out from the house of her delight; you have taken away My majesty forever from her children. ¹⁰Rise up, and go! For because of destroying uncleanness, even a grievous destruction, this *is* not *your* rest. ¹¹If a man walks *with* wind, and he lies *in* deceit, *saying*, I will drop *words* to you for wine

and for fermented drink, he shall even be a dropper of words for this people.

¹²I will surely gather all of you, Jacob; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will set him together like the sheep of Bozrah, like a flock in the midst of its fold. They shall be in commotion because of men. ¹³He breaking up has come before them; they have broken up and have passed through the gate, and have gone out of it. And their king shall pass before them, and Jehovah at the head of them.

CHAPTER 3

¹And I said, Heads of Jacob, and magistrates of the house of Israel, please hear. *Is it not for you to know justice?* ²Those hating good and loving evil, who pull their skin off them, and their flesh from their bones; ³who also eat the flesh of My people, and cause their skin to come off from them; yea, they break their bones and shatter as that in the pot, and as flesh in the midst of the kettle. ⁴Then they shall cry out to Jehovah, but He will not answer them. He will even hide His face from them in that time, as they have done evil in their doings.

⁵So says Jehovah concerning the prophets who make My people err, who bite with their teeth and call out, Peace! And whoever does not give for their mouth, they even sanctify a war against him. ⁶So a night shall be for you *without* vision; and darkness *without* divining. And the sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. ⁷And the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners shall blush, all of them; yea, they shall cover over their mustache, for there is no answer *from* God.

⁸But I am full of power *by* the Spirit of Jehovah, and justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and his sin to Israel. ⁹Heads of the house of Jacob, and magistrates of the house of Israel, *you* who abhor justice and pervert all equity, please hear this; ¹⁰those building up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. ¹¹Her leaders judge for a bribe; and her priests teach for pay; and her prophets divine for silver; yet they will lean on Jehovah, saying, *Is not Jehovah among us?* No evil shall come on us! ¹²Therefore, on account

of you, Zion shall be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house into high places of the forest.

CHAPTER 4

¹But it shall be in the end of the days, the mountain of the house of Jehovah shall be established on the top of the mountains; and it shall be lifted up from the hills; and peoples shall flow on it. ²And many nations shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

³And He shall judge between many peoples, and will decide for strong nations afar off. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, nor shall they learn war *any* more. ⁴But they shall each one sit under his vine, and under his fig-tree; and there shall be no trembling. For the mouth of Jehovah of hosts has spoken. ⁵For all the peoples walk, *each* one in the name of his god; but we will walk in the name of Jehovah our God forever and ever. ⁶In that day I will gather the lame, declares Jehovah, and I will gather the banished, and the one I have afflicted. ⁷And I will make the lame into a remnant, and her who was cast off into a strong nation. And Jehovah shall reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, and to forever.

⁸And you, tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, it shall happen to you; and the rulers, the chief ones, shall come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem. ⁹Now why do you cry aloud, an outcry? Is there not a king among you? Has your adviser perished? For pangs have seized you like one giving birth. ¹⁰Be in pain and deliver, daughter of Zion, like one giving birth. For now you shall go out from the city, and you shall live in the field. And you shall come to Babylon. There you shall be snatched back. There Jehovah shall redeem you from the palm of your enemies.

¹¹Now also many nations are gathered against you, saying, Let her be defiled, and

let our eyes look on Zion. ¹²But they do not know the plans of Jehovah, nor do they understand His counsel. For He has gathered them like the sheaf to the threshing floor. ¹³Rise up and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze. And you shall crush many peoples. And I will devote their gain to Jehovah, and their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

CHAPTER 5

¹Now gather yourself together, daughter of a troop; one sets a siege against us. They shall strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek. ²And you, Bethlehem Ephraim, being least among the thousands of Judah, out of you He shall come forth to Me, to become Ruler in Israel; and His goings forth *have been* from of old, from the days of eternity. ³So He will give them over until the time the one giving birth has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the sons of Israel.

⁴And He shall stand and feed in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah His God. And they shall sit, for now He is great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And this *One* shall be peace. When Assyria shall come into our land; and when he shall walk in our palaces, then we shall raise against him seven shepherds and eight anointed ones of man. ⁶And they shall mar the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at her entrances. And He shall deliver *us* from Assyria, when he comes into our land, and when he treads within our border. ⁷And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from Jehovah, as showers on a blade of grass, which does not wait for man, nor delay for the sons of men.

⁸And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep — who both tramples and tears in pieces if he passes through — and there is no one to snatch back. ⁹Your hands shall be high above your foes, and all your enemies shall be cut off. ¹⁰And it shall be in that day, I will cut off your horses out of your midst, and I will destroy your

chariots, declares Jehovah. ¹¹And I will cut off the cities of your land, and pull down all your fortresses. ¹²And I will cut off sorceries out of your hand, and there shall not be fortune-tellers. ¹³And I also will cut off your graven images and your pillars from your midst. And you shall not any more worship the work of your hands. ¹⁴And I will pluck your shrines from your midst, and I will destroy your cities. ¹⁵And I will execute vengeance in anger and in fury *on* the nations, such as they have not heard.

CHAPTER 6

¹Hear now what Jehovah says: Rise up, contend with the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Mountains, hear the contention of Jehovah; and *you* enduring foundations of the earth, for Jehovah has a quarrel with His people, and He will dispute with Israel. ³My people, what have I done to you? And how have I made you weary? Answer against Me. ⁴For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of slaves; and I sent Moses, Aaron and Miriam before you. ⁵My people, remember now what Balak, king of Moab, planned, and what Balaam, the son of Beor, answered him from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may know the righteousnesses of Jehovah.

⁶With what shall I come before Jehovah, *to* bow myself before the loftinesses of God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves, sons of a year? ⁷Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of torrents of oil? Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul? ⁸He has declared to you, man, what is good; and what *does* Jehovah require of you, but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? ⁹The voice of Jehovah calls out to the city; and one *of* sound wisdom will see Your name; hear the rod, and *Him* who appointed it.

¹⁰Are there yet in the house of the wicked the treasures of wickedness, and a cursed ephah of leanness? ¹¹Shall I *declare* wicked balances *to be* pure, or a bag of deceitful weights? ¹²For her rich

ones are full of violence, and her inhabitants speak a lie; and their tongue *is* deceit in their mouth. ¹³And I also have made *you* sick, to strike you, making you desolate because of your sins. ¹⁴You shall eat, but not be satisfied; and your hunger *shall be* in your midst. And you shall draw back, but shall not save; and that which you save, I will give up to the sword. ¹⁵You shall sow, but you shall not reap, You shall tread the olive, but you shall not anoint with oil; and new wine, but shall not drink wine.

¹⁶And *one* has kept himself *as to* the statutes of Omri, and all the works of the house of Ahab; and you walk in their counsels, so that I may give you for a horror, and her inhabitants for a hissing. And you shall bear the shame of My people.

CHAPTER 7

¹Woe to me! For I am like the gatherings of summer fruit, like the gleanings of the vintage. There is no cluster to eat; my soul desires the early fig. ²The pious has perished from the earth, and the upright is not among mankind. All of them lie in wait for blood; each one hunts his brother *with* a net. ³Both palms *are* on evil, to do *it* well. The ruler *is* asking for a bribe; also the judge. And the great one speaks the lust of his soul; he *does*, and they weave it together. ⁴The best of them *is* like a thorn; the upright more than a hedge of thorns. The day of your watchers, your visitation is coming; now their shame shall be.

⁵Put no faith in a companion; put no trust in a friend; keep the door of your mouth from her who lies *in* your bosom; ⁶for son despises father; a daughter rises up against her mother; the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies *are* the men of his house. ⁷But I will look to Jehovah; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

⁸Rejoice not against me, my enemy; for *if* I fall I shall arise. For *if* I sit in darkness, Jehovah is a light to me. ⁹I will bear the fury of Jehovah because I have sinned against Him; until He pleads my cause and brings forth justice for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall see His righteousness. ¹⁰And my enemy shall see; and shame shall cover her, the one saying to me, Where *is* He, Jehovah your God? My eyes shall look on her; now she shall be for a trampling, as the mud of the streets. ¹¹A day of building your walls, that day the limit shall be far removed; ¹²that day he shall come even to you from Assyria and the besieged cities, and from the siege even to the River, and from sea to sea, and mountain *to* mountain. ¹³But the land shall become a waste because of those dwelling in it, from the fruit of their doings.

¹⁴Feed Your people with Your rod, the flock of Your possession, dwelling alone *in* the thicket, amidst Carmel. Let them pasture *in* Bashan and Gilead, as *in* days of old. ¹⁵As the days of your coming out from the land of Egypt, I will cause him to see extraordinary things.

¹⁶The nations shall see and be ashamed from all their might; they shall set the hand on *their* mouth; their ears shall be deaf. ¹⁷They shall lick the dust like a snake; they shall tremble out of their holes like crawlers of the earth; they shall dread Jehovah our God; they shall fear from You. ¹⁸Who *is* a God like You, forgiving iniquity and passing by the transgression of the remnant of His possession? He does not make strong His anger forever, for He delights *in* grace. ¹⁹He will return *to* show us compassion; He will trample our iniquities; and You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰You will give faithfulness to Jacob; mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

THE BOOK OF NAHUM

CHAPTER 1

¹The burden of Nineveh: The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

²God *is* jealous, and Jehovah is avenging; Jehovah is avenging, and is a possessor of wrath. Jehovah takes vengeance against His foes, and He keeps *wrath* against His enemies. ³Jehovah *takes* long to anger, and *is* great of power, and He does not by any means acquit *the guilty*. Jehovah *has* His way in the tempest and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of His feet. ⁴He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither; and the flower of Lebanon withers. ⁵The mountains quake from Him, and the hills melt; and the earth is lifted up from before Him, even the world and all who dwell in it. ⁶Who can stand before His fury? And who can rise against the heat of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken down because of Him. ⁷Jehovah *is* good for a stronghold in the day of distress; and He knows those who trust in Him. ⁸But with a flood passing through, He will make a complete end of its place, and darkness shall pursue His enemies.

⁹What are you plotting against Jehovah? He will make an utter end; distress shall not rise up a second time.

¹⁰For as thorns are woven together, and as their drunkards are drunken, they shall be devoured like fully dried straw. ¹¹One who devises evil against Jehovah has come forth from you, one counseling worthlessness. ¹²So says Jehovah, Though secure, and so many, yet they will be cut off, and will vanish. And though I have afflicted you, I will not afflict you any more. ¹³And now I will break his yoke from on you, and will tear away your bonds. ¹⁴And Jehovah has commanded about you, not *one* of your name shall be sown any more; I will cut off the carved image and the molten image out of the house of your gods; I will appoint your grave, for you are despised.

¹⁵Behold! The feet of Him bearing good news *is* on the mountains, making heard,

Peace! O Judah, celebrate your feasts; fulfill your vows; for the worthless will not continue to pass through among you; he is completely cut off.

CHAPTER 2

¹The one scattering is coming up against your face. Guard the rampart; watch the way; make the loins strong; exceedingly firm up *your* power. ²For Jehovah has turned the glory of Jacob, as the glory of Israel. For the plunderers have plundered them, and have destroyed their vine branches. ³The shield of his mighty ones has become red; the mighty men *are* clothed in scarlet; the chariots will flame like iron *torches* in the day of preparation; and the cypresses are made to quiver. ⁴The chariots run madly in the streets; they shall rush to and fro in the plazas. Their appearance *is* like torches; they dart about like the lightnings. ⁵He shall remember its nobles; they shall stumble in their walking; they shall hurry to its wall, and the covering shall be set up. ⁶The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be melted. ⁷And she who stood firm is uncovered and caused to go away; and her slavegirls are moaning like the sound of doves, beating on their breast.

⁸And Nineveh *is* like a pool of water from her days; yet they are fleeing. Stand! Stand! *they cry*; but no one turns himself. ⁹Seize the silver, seize the gold, for there is no end to the treasures; riches from all precious objects. ¹⁰*She is* empty, even waste, even devastated. And the heart is melted, and the knees knocking; and trembling *is* in all the loins; and all of their faces collect heat. ¹¹Where *is* the den of the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion *and* the lioness walked, *and* the lion's cub, and none shall terrify *them*. ¹²The lion tears in pieces, enough for his cubs, and strangles for his lionesses, and has filled his holes *with* prey, even his lairs *with* torn prey. ¹³Behold, I *am* against you, declares Jehovah of hosts; and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall

devour your young lions. And I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall not be heard any more.

CHAPTER 3

¹Woe to the bloody city! All of it is a lie, full of plunder; the prey is not withdrawn.

²The sound of a whip, and the sound of rattling of a wheel, and a galloping horse, and of a bounding chariot. ³The horseman lifts up both the gleam of the sword and the lightning of the spear; and many *are* slain; and *there are* a mass of dead bodies, and no end of corpses; they stumble on their dead bodies, ⁴because of the many harlotries of the well-favored harlot, the mistress of sorceries who sells nations by her harlotries, and families by her sorceries. ⁵Behold, *I am* against you, declares Jehovah of hosts, and I will uncover your skirts over your face; and I will cause the nations to see your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame. ⁶And I will cast filth on you, and will disgrace you. And I will set you as a spectacle. ⁷And it shall be that all those who look on you shall flee from you, and shall say, Nineveh is laid waste; who shall weep for her? From where shall I seek comforters for you?

⁸Are you better than No Amon that dwelt among the Nile branches, waters surrounding her, whose rampart *was* the sea, the waters her wall? ⁹Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength; yea, without end; Put and Lubim were among your helpers; ¹⁰yet she *went* into exile; she went into

captivity; also her young ones were dashed to pieces at the head of all the streets; and they cast lots for her honored ones; and all her great ones were bound in chains. ¹¹You also shall be drunken; you shall be hidden; you also shall seek a fortress from the enemy. ¹²All your fortresses are fig-trees with the firstfruits; if they are shaken, then they shall fall on the mouth of the eater. ¹³Behold, your people *are* women in your midst; the gates of your land shall surely be opened to your enemies; the fire shall devour your bars.

¹⁴Draw water of the siege for you! Strengthen your fortifications; go into the clay and tread in the mortar; make the mold strong. ¹⁵There fire will devour you, the sword shall cut you off; it will eat you up like the locust larvae. Make yourself as many as the larvae, multiply yourself like the locusts. ¹⁶You have increased your merchants above the stars of the heavens; the locust larvae shall strip off and fly away. ¹⁷Your princes *are* like the locusts, and your officials *are* a swarm of locusts that camp in the hedges in the cold day; the sun rises, and they flee, and the place where they *are* is not known. ¹⁸Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; your nobles are lying down. Your people are scattered on the mountains, and no one is gathering. ¹⁹There is no healing for your fracture; your wound is severe. All who hear of your report shall clap the palm over you; for on whom has your wickedness not continually passed?

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

CHAPTER 1

¹The burden which Habakkuk the prophet saw: ²*O Jehovah, until when shall I cry for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, Violence! But You do not save.* ³Why do You show me evil, and You look upon toil? For destruction and violence *are* before me; and there is strife, and contention rises up. ⁴On account of this the law has become helpless, and justice does not continually go forth. For the wicked hems in the righteous, so justice goes forth, being perverted. ⁵Look among the nations and see, and be amazed, be amazed. For a work is working in your days *which* you will not believe, though it be told to you. ⁶For, behold, I raise up the Chaldeans, the bitter and impetuous nation which is going into the broad spaces of the land, to possess dwellings not his own. ⁷He *is* terrible and fearful; his judgment and his glory comes from himself. ⁸His horses also are swifter than leopards, and are fiercer than the evening wolves. And their horsemen spread themselves, and their horsemen come from afar; they shall fly as the eagle hurrying to eat. ⁹All of him shall come for violence; the gathering of their faces *is* forward; and they gather captives like the sand. ¹⁰And he shall scoff against the kings, and officials *shall be* a scorn to him. He shall scorn every fortress, and he shall heap up dirt, and capture it. ¹¹Then he sweeps on *like* a wind; and he transgresses, and is guilty; *crediting* this power of his to his god.

¹²Are You not from of old, Jehovah our God, my Holy One? We shall not die, Jehovah, for You have appointed him for judgment. And, *my* Rock, You have established him for correction. ¹³*You are* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and You are not able to look upon vexation. Why do you look on those who deal deceitfully? Will You be silent when the wicked swallows *one* more righteous than he? ¹⁴For You make man like the fish of the sea, like creeping things with no ruler over him. ¹⁵He takes up all of him with the hook; he drags him with his net and

gathers him with his seine; on account of this he rejoices and exults. ¹⁶So he sacrifices to his net, and burns incense to his seine; because by them his portion *is* fat, and his food is rich. ¹⁷Shall he therefore empty his net, and shall he not spare to continually slay nations?

CHAPTER 2

¹I will stand on my guard, and set myself on the tower, and watch to see what He will say against me, and what I shall return on my rebuke. ²And Jehovah answered me and said, Write the vision, and engrave *it* on the tablets, that he who reads it may run. ³For the vision *is* still for the appointed time, but it does not lie. Though it delays, wait for it; because it will surely come; it will not tarry. ⁴Behold, the soul of him is puffed up *and* is not upright; but the just shall live by his faith.

⁵And also wine indeed betrays a proud man, and he is not content; who widens his soul like Sheol, and he *is* like death, and is not satisfied, but gathers all the nations to himself, and collects all the peoples to himself. ⁶Shall not all of these lift up a parable against him, and a mocking riddle to him, and say, Woe to him who increases *what* is not his! How long, then, shall he load the pledges on himself? ⁷Shall not those who strike you rise up suddenly, and *those* who shake you awake, and you become a prize to him? ⁸Because you have plundered many nations, all the rest of the people shall plunder you, because of the blood of men, and the violence of the land, and the city, and all those dwelling in it.

⁹Woe *to* him who robs evil booty for his house, to set his nest on high, to be delivered from the hand of evil! ¹⁰You have advised shame for your house, to make an end of many peoples, and are sinning *in* your soul. ¹¹For the stone shall cry out from the wall, and the beam shall answer it from the wood.

¹²Woe *to* him who builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by iniquity! ¹³Behold, is it not for Jehovah of hosts that the people labor only for fire; yea, nations

weary themselves only for vanity? ¹⁴For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁵Woe to him who causes his friend to drink, pouring out your wineskin, and also making *him* drunk, so as to look upon their nakedness! ¹⁶You are filled with shame instead of glory; you drink also, and *will* be seen as uncircumcised. The cup of the right hand of Jehovah shall turn on you, and disgrace *shall be* your glory. ¹⁷For the violence of Lebanon shall cover you, and the ruin of beasts shall terrify them because of the blood of men, and the violence of the land, the city, and all those dwelling in it.

¹⁸What does an image profit, for its maker has carved it; a molten image, and a teacher of falsehood. For does the maker trust in his work on it, to make mute idols? ¹⁹Woe to him who says to the wood, Awake! To a mute stone, Rise up, it shall teach! Behold, it *is* overlaid with gold and silver, but no breath is in its midst. ²⁰But Jehovah *is* in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him.

CHAPTER 3

¹A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet concerning erring ones:

²O Jehovah, I have heard Your report; I am afraid, Jehovah. Give new life to Your work in the midst of years; in the midst of years make known; in anger remember compassion. ³God comes from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His majesty covers the heavens, and His praise fills the earth. ⁴And *His* brightness is as the light; rays from His hand *are* His, and there *was* a covering of His strength. ⁵A plague goes before Him, and lightning went forth at His feet. ⁶He stood and measured the earth; He looked and shook nations; and the ancient mountains were shattered; the eternal

hills bowed down; the goings of eternity *are* His.

⁷I saw the tents of Cushan under calamity; the curtains of the land of Midian trembled. ⁸Did Jehovah burn against rivers? Or *was* Your anger against the rivers? Or Your fury against the sea? *For* You ride on horses; Your chariots of salvation ⁹Naked You bare Your bow; *according to* the oaths of the rods of *Your* word. Selah. You have cut through the earth *with* rivers. ¹⁰They saw You; mountains trembled. The storm of water passed over; the deep gave its voice *and* lifted up its hands on high. ¹¹The sun *and* moon stood still in their dwelling. At the light of Your arrows they go, at the shining of Your gleaming spear. ¹²You march into the land in fury. You thresh nations in anger. ¹³You went forth for the salvation of Your people, for the salvation of Your anointed. You struck the head from the house of the wicked, to bare the foundation to the neck. Selah.

¹⁴You pierced the head of his warriors with his shafts; they rush to scatter me; their rejoicing *is* to devour the meek in a secret place. ¹⁵You trod in the sea with Your horses, the foaming of many waters. ¹⁶I heard, and my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the sound. Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled within myself that I might rest for the day of distress; to come up against the people, he invades him.

¹⁷Though the fig-tree shall not blossom; and fruit is not on the vines; the work of the olive fails; and the fields make no food; the flock is cut off from the fold; and no herd *is* in the stalls; ¹⁸yet I will exult in Jehovah; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹Jehovah the Lord *is* my might, and He sets my feet like hinds' *feet*, and He will make me to walk on my high places.

To the chief singer, on my stringed instruments.

THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The word of Jehovah which was to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah:

²I will completely snatch away all from on the face of the ground, declares Jehovah. ³I will snatch away man and beast: I will snatch away the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks, *even* the wicked. And I will cut off man from the face of the ground, declares Jehovah. ⁴I will also stretch out My hand on Judah, and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, the name of the idol-worshippers, with the priests; ⁵and those bowing to the host of the heavens on the housetops; and those bowing, swearing to Jehovah and swearing by Malcham *too*; ⁶and those drawing back from after Jehovah, and who have not sought Jehovah, nor asked of Him. ⁷Be silent before the face of the Lord Jehovah, for the day of Jehovah *is* near. For Jehovah has appointed a sacrifice; He has consecrated His called ones. ⁸And it shall be in the day of the sacrifice of Jehovah, I will punish the rulers and the king's sons, and all those clothed *in* foreign clothing. ⁹And I will punish all those who leap on the threshold in that day, who fill their master's houses *with* violence and deceit. ¹⁰And it shall be in that day, declares Jehovah, the sound of a cry from the Fish Gate, and a howling from the Second, and a great breaking from the hills. ¹¹Howl, dwellers of Maktesh, for all the people of Canaan have perished; all those carrying silver are cut off. ¹²And it shall be in that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men being settled on their lees; who say in their heart, Jehovah will not do good, nor will He do evil. ¹³And their goods shall become a prize, and their houses a waste. They shall also build houses, but not live *there*; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine. ¹⁴The great day of Jehovah *is* near; *it is*

near and rushing greatly, the sound of the day of Jehovah. The mighty man shall cry out bitterly there. ¹⁵That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of adversity and distress, a day of waste and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness; ¹⁶a day of the ram's horn and alarm against the fortified cities, and against the high towers. ¹⁷And I will bring distress to men, and they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against Jehovah. And their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of Jehovah. But all the earth shall be consumed by the fire of His jealousy. For He shall make a full, yea, a speedy end of all the dwellers in the land.

CHAPTER 2

¹Gather yourselves, even gather, O nation not being longed for; ²before the birth of the decree, the day shall pass like the chaff, yet not before the hot anger of Jehovah comes on you; yet not before the day of the anger of Jehovah comes on you. ³Seek Jehovah, all the meek of the earth who have done His justice; seek righteousness; seek meekness. It may be you shall be hidden in the day of the anger of Jehovah.

⁴For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a ruin. They shall drive Ashdod out at the noonday, and Ekron shall be rooted up. ⁵Woe *to* the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of Jehovah *is* against you, Canaan, the land of the Philistines; I will destroy you so *there* not *shall* be an inhabitant. ⁶And the seacoast shall be pastures, meadows of shepherds, and folds for the flock. ⁷And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed on them. In the houses of Ashkelon, they shall lie down in the evening; for Jehovah their God shall visit them and return their captivity.

⁸I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the curses of the sons of Ammon, *with* which they have cursed My people and

have magnified *themselves* on their border. ⁹So as I live, declares Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah, a possession of nettles, and a pit of salt, and a ruin forever. The remnant of My people shall plunder them, and the rest of the nation shall possess them.

¹⁰They shall have this for their pride, because they have cursed and magnified *themselves* against the people of Jehovah of hosts. ¹¹Jehovah *will be* frightening to them; for He will *make* all the gods of the earth lean, and *each* man from his place, and all the coasts of the nations, will bow to Him.

¹²You also, O Ethiopians, *shall be* pierced by My sword. ¹³And He will stretch out His hand against the north, and destroy Assyria, and will make Nineveh a desolation, dry like the desert. ¹⁴And flocks shall lie down in her midst; all the beasts of a nation; both the pelican and the bittern shall lodge in the capitals of its pillars. A voice shall sing at the window; ruin *shall be* at the doorsill; for the cedar-work He will bare. ¹⁵This *is* the joyful city, dwelling confidently, who says in her heart, *I am*, and there is yet no *other*. How she has become a ruin, a resting-place for animals! Everyone who passes near her shall hiss; he shall shake his hand!

CHAPTER 3

¹Woe to her rebelling and being defiled, to the oppressing city! ²She did not listen to the voice; she did not receive correction; she did not trust in Jehovah; she did not draw near to her God. ³Her rulers within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they do not gnaw bones for the morning. ⁴Her prophets *are* proud, men of deceit; her priests have profaned the sanctuary; they have done violence to the Law. ⁵The righteous Jehovah *is* in her midst; He will not act perversely. Every morning He gives His justice to the light; He does not fail, but the unjust knows no shame. ⁶I have cut off nations; their towers are ruined. I made their streets waste, so that none passes by. Their cities are laid waste, without a man, there being no inhabitant. ⁷I said, Surely you will fear Me; you will receive instruction; then her dwelling shall not be cut off, all that I

appointed for her. But they rose up early; they corrupted all their doings.

⁸Therefore, wait for Me, declares Jehovah, for the day I rise up to the prey. For My judgment *is* to gather the nations, for Me to gather the kingdoms, to pour My fury out on them, all My hot anger. For all the earth shall be burned up with the fire of My jealousy. ⁹For then I will *give* a clear lip to the peoples, to call all of them by the name of Jehovah, to serve Him *with* one shoulder. ¹⁰From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, My worshipers, the daughter of My scattered ones, shall bring My food offering. ¹¹In that day you shall not be ashamed from all your doings *in* which you have transgressed against Me. For then I will take away those who rejoice in your pride out of your midst, and you shall not again be proud any more in My holy mountain. ¹²I will also leave a poor and weak people in your midst, and they shall trust in the name of Jehovah. ¹³The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies. And a deceitful tongue shall not be found in their mouth. For they shall feed and lie down; and no one shall frighten *them*.

¹⁴Shout for joy, daughter of Zion; shout, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all the heart, daughter of Jerusalem.

¹⁵Jehovah has turned off your judgments; He has turned away your enemy. Jehovah, the King of Israel, is in your midst; you shall not fear evil any more. ¹⁶In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not! Zion, do not let your hands droop. ¹⁷Jehovah your God *is* mighty in your midst; He will save. He will rejoice over you with joy; He is silent in His love. He rejoices over you with a joyful shout.

¹⁸I will gather the afflicted ones from the appointed place; they were from you, a lifting up *of* reproach over her. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all those who afflict you. And I will save her who is lame, and gather her who was thrust out. And I will give them for a praise and for a name in all the land of their shame. ²⁰In that time I will bring you, even in the time I gather you. For I will give you for a name and for a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, says Jehovah.

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

CHAPTER 1

¹In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the word of Jehovah came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah; and to Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying:

²So speaks Jehovah of hosts, saying, This people says, The time has not come, the time for the house of Jehovah to be built. ³And the word of Jehovah was by Haggai the prophet, saying, 'Is it time for you yourselves to live in your finished houses, and this house to lie waste?' ⁴And now, so says Jehovah of hosts: Set your heart on your ways; ⁵you have sown much, and bring in little; *you* eat, but are not satisfied; *you* drink, but not to be filled; *you* dress, but there is no warmth to one; and he who sells himself sells himself for a bag of holes.

⁷So says Jehovah of hosts: Set your heart on your ways. ⁸Go up the mountain and bring wood, and build this house. And I will be pleased with it, and I will be glorified, says Jehovah. ⁹*You* looked for much, and, behold, little! And when you brought *it* home, then I blew on it. Why, declares Jehovah of hosts? Because of My house that *is* ruined, and you, *each* man, run to his own house. ¹⁰On account of this the heavens above you have held back the dew, and the earth is held back *from* her produce. ¹¹And I called for a drought in the land, and on the mountains, and on the grain, and on the new wine, and on the oil, and on that which the ground produces, and on man, and on livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.

¹²Then Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of Jehovah their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as Jehovah their God had sent him. And the people feared before Jehovah. ¹³And Haggai the messenger of Jehovah spoke the message of Jehovah to the people, saying, *I am* with you, says Jehovah. ¹⁴And Jehovah stirred up the

spirit of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of Jehovah of hosts, their God, ¹⁵in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAPTER 2

¹In the seventh *month*, on the twenty-first of the month, the word of Jehovah was by Haggai the prophet, saying, ²Now speak to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying, ³Who is left among you who saw this house in her former glory? And how do you see it now? When compared to it, *is it* not as nothing in your eyes? ⁴Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, says Jehovah. And be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. And be strong and work, all people of the land, says Jehovah. For *I am* with you, declares Jehovah of hosts. ⁵The word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear. ⁶For so says Jehovah of hosts: Yet once, *it is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷And I will shake all the nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. And I will fill this house *with* glory, says Jehovah of hosts. ⁸The silver *is* Mine, and the gold *is* Mine, says Jehovah of hosts. ⁹The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says Jehovah of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, says Jehovah of hosts.

¹⁰In the twenty-fourth of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah came to Haggai the prophet, saying, ¹¹So says Jehovah of hosts: Now ask the priests the law, saying, ¹²Behold, one bears holy flesh in the *skirt* of his garment, and touches his *skirt* to the bread, or boiled food, or wine, or oil, or

any food, will it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. ¹³And Haggai said, If the unclean of body touches these, is it unclean? And the priests answered and said, It is unclean. ¹⁴And Haggai answered and said, So *is* this people, and so *is* this nation before Me, declares Jehovah. And so *is* every work of their hands, and that which they offer there *is* unclean. ¹⁵And now, I ask you, set your heart on it; from this day and onward, before the placing of a stone on a stone in the temple of Jehovah; ¹⁶from then onward, *one* came to a heap of twenty *measures*, and there were *but* ten; *one* came to the wine vat to draw out fifty from the wine trough, and there were *but* twenty. ¹⁷I struck you with blight, and with mildew, and with hail, in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not *turn* to Me, says Jehovah. ¹⁸Now set your heart from this day and forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month*,

from the day that Jehovah's temple was established. Set your heart: ¹⁹*Is* the seed still in the barn? Yes, as yet the vine, and the fig-tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive-tree have not brought forth. From this day I will bless *them*.

²⁰And a second time the word of Jehovah was to Haggai, in the twenty-fourth of the month, saying, ²¹Speak to Zerubbabel the governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth. ²²And I will overthrow the throne of the kingdoms; and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. And I will overthrow the chariots and their riders; and the horses and their riders will come down, each one by the sword of his brother. ²³In that day, says Jehovah of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says Jehovah, and will make you like a signet; for I have chosen you, declares Jehovah of hosts.

THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah came to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, ²Jehovah has been very angry with your fathers. ³And you say to them, So says Jehovah of hosts: Turn to Me, says Jehovah of hosts, and I will turn to you, says Jehovah of hosts. ⁴Do not be as your fathers, to whom the former prophets have proclaimed to them, saying, So says Jehovah of hosts: Turn now from your evil ways and your evil doings; but they did not hear or give heed to Me, says Jehovah. ⁵Your fathers, where *are* they? And the prophets, do they live forever? ⁶But My words and My statutes which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? And they returned and said, As Jehovah of hosts purposes to do to us, according to our ways and according to our deeds, so He has done with us.

⁷On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, it *is* the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah was to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, ⁸I saw at night. And, behold! A Man riding on a red horse. And He stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the ravine. And behind Him *were* red, sorrel, and white horses. ⁹Then I said, My lord, what *are* these? And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, I will show you what these *are*. ¹⁰And the Man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are* those whom Jehovah has sent to walk to and fro through the earth. ¹¹And they answered the Angel of Jehovah who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth; and, behold, all the earth sits still and is at peace.

¹²And the Angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of hosts, until when will You not have pity on Jerusalem, and on the cities of Judah, against which You have cursed these seventy years? ¹³And Jehovah answered the angel who was

talking with me *with* good words *and* comforting words. ¹⁴So the angel who was talking with me said to me, Cry out, saying, So says Jehovah of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion, with a great jealousy. ¹⁵And with great anger I am angry at the nations at ease; *in* that I was but a little angry, and they gave help for evil. ¹⁶So Jehovah says this: I have returned to Jerusalem with compassions; My house shall be built in it, says Jehovah of hosts; and a line shall be stretched over Jerusalem. ¹⁷Cry out again, saying, So says Jehovah of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with goodness, and Jehovah shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

¹⁸Then I lifted up my eyes and looked. And, behold, four horns! ¹⁹And I said to the angel who was talking with me, What *are* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. ²⁰And Jehovah showed me four craftsmen. ²¹And I said, What *are* these coming to do? And He spoke, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man lifts up his head. But these have come to terrify them, to throw down the horns of the nations who lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah, to scatter it.

CHAPTER 2

¹I lifted up my eyes again and looked. And, behold, A man, and a measuring line in his hand! ²And I said, Where are you going? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* its breadth and what its length. ³And, behold, the angel who was talking with me went out, and another angel went out to meet him, ⁴and said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited, *as* towns without walls, for the multitude of men and livestock in her midst. ⁵And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, and I will be for glory in her midst, declares Jehovah.

⁶Ho! Ho! Flee then from the land of the north, says Jehovah. For I have scattered

you as the four winds of the heavens, declares Jehovah. ⁷Ho, O Zion! Escape, you who live with the daughter of Babylon. ⁸For so says Jehovah of hosts: He has sent Me after glory, to the nations who plundered you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye. ⁹For, behold, I will shake My hand over them, and they shall be a prize for their servants. And you shall know that Jehovah has sent Me.

¹⁰Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion. For, lo, I come; and I will dwell among you, says Jehovah. ¹¹And many nations shall be joined to Jehovah in that day, and they shall be My people; and I will dwell among you; and you shall know that Jehovah of hosts has sent Me to you. ¹²And Jehovah shall possess Judah, His portion in the holy land, and *He* shall again choose Jerusalem. ¹³All flesh, be silent before Jehovah. For He is raised up out of His holy habitation.

CHAPTER 3

¹And he made me see Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of Jehovah, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ²And Jehovah said to Satan, Jehovah rebuke you, Satan! And, Jehovah who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked out of the fire? ³And Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and he stood before the Angel. ⁴And He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And He said to him, Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with ceremonial robes. ⁵And I said, Let them set a clean turban on his head. And they set a clean turban on his head, and clothed him with clothing. And the Angel of Jehovah stood by. ⁶And the Angel of Jehovah charged Joshua, saying, ⁷So says Jehovah of hosts: If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My charge, then you shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts; and I will give you room to walk among these who stand by. ⁸Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your associates who are sitting before you; for they *are* men of symbol. For,

behold, I will engrave its engraving, says Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. ¹⁰In that day, says Jehovah of hosts, you shall invite *each* man to his neighbor to *sit* under the vine and under the fig-tree.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the angel who was speaking with me returned and awakened me, as a man is awakened out of his sleep. ²And *he* said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see, and behold, a lampstand, all of it gold; and a bowl *is* on its top. And its seven lamps *are* on it, and seven spouts each to the seven lamps on its top; ³and two olive trees *are* beside it, one on the right of the bowl, and one on its left. ⁴And I answered and spoke to the angel who was talking with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord? ⁵And the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, Do you not know what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord. ⁶Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This *is* the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts. ⁷Who *are* you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain. And he shall bring forth the top-stone with shouts: Grace! Grace to it!

⁸And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ⁹The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish *it*. And you shall know that Jehovah of hosts has sent me to you. ¹⁰For who has despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice and shall see the plummet stone in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven *are* the eyes of Jehovah; they run to and fro through all the earth.

¹¹And I answered and said to him, What *are* these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand, and on its left? ¹²And I answered a second time and said to him, What *are* the two clusters of olives which *are* beside the two golden pipes, emptying the golden *oil* from themselves? ¹³And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord. ¹⁴And he said, These *are* the two sons of fresh oil who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAPTER 5

¹And I again lifted up my eyes and looked. And, behold, a flying scroll! ²And he said to me, What do you see? And I answered, I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits. ³And he said to me, This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth. For from now on everyone who steals shall be cut off according to it; and everyone who swears from now on shall be cut off according to it. ⁴And I will bring it forth, says Jehovah of hosts. And it shall go into the house of the thief, and into the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. And it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall devour it, and its timber, and its stones.

⁵Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, Now lift up your eyes and see what this that goes forth is. ⁶And I said, What is it? And he said, This is the ephah that goes forth. And he said, This is their form in all the earth. ⁷And, behold, a lead cover was lifted up, and a woman was sitting in the middle of the ephah. ⁸And he said, This is wickedness. And he threw her into the midst of the ephah; and he threw the lead stone over its opening. ⁹And I lifted up my eyes and looked. And, behold, two women came out. And the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of the stork. And they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens. ¹⁰And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, Where are they going with the ephah? ¹¹And he said to me, To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; and it shall be fixed and established there on its own place.

CHAPTER 6

¹And again my eyes lifted up and looked. And, behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of bronze. ²Red horses were in the first chariot; and black horses in the second chariot; ³and white horses in the third chariot; and horses with dappled, strong colors were in the fourth chariot. ⁴And I answered and said to the angel who was talking with me, What are these, my lord? ⁵And the angel

answered and said to me, These are the four spirits of Heaven who go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶The black horses in it go into the north country; and the white go after them; and the dappled ones go toward the south country. ⁷And the strong-colored ones went forth and sought to go, to walk to and fro in the earth. And he said, Go! Walk to and fro in the earth. So they walked to and fro in the earth. ⁸And he cried out to me, and spoke to me, saying, Behold, these who go toward the north country have caused My Spirit to rest in the north country.

⁹And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying. ¹⁰Take from Heldai, from Tobijah, and from Jedaiah, from the exiles who have come from Babylon; and in that day you go and enter into the house of Josiah, the son of Zephaniah. ¹¹And take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set on the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. ¹²And speak to him, saying, So says Jehovah of hosts, saying, Behold! The Man whose name is THE BRANCH! And He shall spring up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of Jehovah. ¹³Even He shall build the temple of Jehovah; and He shall bear the majesty, and shall sit and rule on His throne. And He shall be a priest on His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between the two of them. ¹⁴And the crowns shall be for a memorial in the temple of Jehovah, to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen, the son of Zephaniah. ¹⁵And the distant ones shall come and build in the temple of Jehovah. And you shall know that Jehovah of hosts has sent me to you. And this shall be, if you will diligently obey the voice of Jehovah your God.

CHAPTER 7

¹And in the fourth year of king Darius, the word of Jehovah was to Zechariah, in the fourth of the ninth month, in Chislev. ²And Sharezer and Regem-melech, and his men, had sent to Bethel to seek the favor of the face of Jehovah, ³to speak to the priests who belong to the house of Jehovah of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month,

consecrating myself as I have done these many years?

⁴The word of Jehovah of hosts was to me, saying, ⁵Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *months*, even those seventy years, did you truly fast to Me, *even to Me*? ⁶And when you ate, and when you drank, was it not for those eating, and for those drinking? ⁷Are not *these* the words which Jehovah proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited, and prosperous, with her cities all around her; and the Negeb and the Shephelah were inhabited?

⁸And the word of Jehovah was to Zechariah, saying, ⁹So says Jehovah of hosts, saying, Judge true judgment, and practice kindness and pity, *each* man with his brother. ¹⁰And do not oppress the widow, or the fatherless, the alien, or the poor. And do not devise evil in your heart, of a man *against* his brother. ¹¹But they refused to listen, and gave a stubborn shoulder, and they made their ears heavy from hearing. ¹²And they made their heart adamant from hearing the law and the words which Jehovah of hosts has sent through His Spirit, by the former prophets. And great wrath was from Jehovah of hosts. ¹³And it will be, just as He called, and they did not listen; so they called, and I did not listen, says Jehovah of hosts. ¹⁴But I stormed them away on all the nations whom they did not know. And the land is desolated behind them, from passing and from returning — for they made the land of desire a waste.

CHAPTER 8

¹And the word of Jehovah was, saying,

²So says Jehovah of hosts: I was jealous for Zion *with* great jealousy, and I was jealous for her *with* great wrath. ³So says Jehovah: I have returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth, and the mountain of Jehovah of hosts, the holy mountain. ⁴So says Jehovah of hosts: There shall yet be old men and old women sitting in the streets of Jerusalem; and *each* man *with* his staff in his hand because of *their* many days.

⁵And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. ⁶So says Jehovah of hosts: If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes, says Jehovah of hosts? ⁷So says Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and from the land of the setting sun. ⁸And I will bring them, and they shall live in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be for a people to Me, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

⁹So says Jehovah of hosts: Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, that in the day the house of Jehovah of hosts is laid, the temple *is* to be built. ¹⁰For before those days there was no payment for man, nor was there payment for animal; and there was no peace to him from the adversary who went out or came in. For I sent every man, a man against his neighbor. ¹¹But now I *will not be* to the remnant of this people as in former days, says Jehovah of hosts. ¹²For there *shall be* peace *for* the seed; the vine shall give its fruit and the ground shall give its produce; and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these. ¹³And it shall be, as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be strong. ¹⁴For so says Jehovah of hosts: As I purposed to punish you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath, says Jehovah of hosts; and I did not repent; ¹⁵so again I have purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem, and the house of Judah. Do not fear.

¹⁶*These are* the things that you shall do. *Let each* man speak the truth with his neighbor. Judge *with* truth and justice *for* peace in your gates. ¹⁷And let each devise no evil in your heart *against* his neighbor; and do not love a false oath. For all these I hate, says Jehovah.

¹⁸And the word of Jehovah of hosts was to me, saying, ¹⁹So says Jehovah of hosts: The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall

become for joy and gladness and cheerful feasts to the house of Judah. Therefore, love truth and peace. ²⁰So says Jehovah of hosts: There shall yet come people, and inhabitants of many cities; ²¹and the inhabitants of one shall go to another, saying, Let us go at once to seek the favor of the face of Jehovah, and to seek Jehovah of hosts; I will go also. ²²And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem, and to seek the favor of the face of Jehovah. ²³So says Jehovah of hosts: In those days ten men out of all languages of the nations shall take hold, and will seize the skirt of a man, a Jew, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

CHAPTER 9

¹The burden of the word of Jehovah against the land of Hadrach; and its resting place, Damascus—when the eye of man, and all the tribes of Israel *shall be* toward Jehovah — ²and Hamath also borders on it; Tyre and Sidon, though *they are* very wise; ³and Tyre shall build a fortress for herself, and shall pile up silver like the dust, and gold like the mud of the streets; ⁴behold, the Lord will expel her, and He will strike her wealth in the sea, and she shall be consumed with fire. ⁵Ashkelon shall see and fear; Gaza also shall writhe in great pain; and Ekron shall be ashamed for her hope. And the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. ⁶And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. ⁷And I will take away his bloods out of his mouth, and his idolatries from between his teeth. But the remnant, even he *shall be* for our God. And he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron, like a Jebusite. ⁸And I will camp around My house because of an army, because of him who passed by, and because of him who returns. And no tyrant shall pass through them any more. For now I have seen with My eyes.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you! He *is* righteous and victorious; lowly and riding on an ass, even on a colt, the son of an ass. ¹⁰And I

will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem. And the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations. And His dominion *shall be* from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹Also you, by the blood of your covenant I have freed your prisoners from the pit; no water is in it. ¹²Turn to the stronghold, O prisoners of hope! Even today I declare I will return double to you. ¹³When I have bent Judah for Me *as* a bow; I filled it with Ephraim; and I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you as the sword of a mighty man. ¹⁴Then Jehovah will be seen over them, and His arrow shall go out as lightning; and the Lord Jehovah shall blow the ram's horn, and shall go forth with the windstorms of the south. ¹⁵Jehovah of hosts shall defend them. And they shall devour and trample on the slingstones. And they shall drink and be boisterous, as with wine. And they shall be full like a bowl, like the corners of the altar. ¹⁶And Jehovah their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people; for *they are* as stones of a crown, lifted up as a banner over His land. ¹⁷For how great *is* its goodness, and how great its beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

CHAPTER 10

¹Ask rain from Jehovah in the time of the latter rain. Jehovah shall make storm clouds, and He gives them showers of rain, grass to everyone in the field. ²For the family idols speak iniquity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams. They comfort in vain. On account of this they wandered like a flock. They were troubled because there was no shepherd. ³My anger is kindled against the shepherds; and I will punish the he-goats. For Jehovah of hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah, and made them as His splendid horse in battle. ⁴From Him *came* the cornerstone; from Him the nail; from Him the battle bow; from Him every ruler together.

⁵And they shall be like mighty ones who trample the mud of the streets in the battle. And they shall fight because

Jehovah is with them, and they shall make the riders of horses ashamed. ⁶And I will make stronger the house of Judah; and I will save the house of Joseph; and I will bring them back again to live; for I have pity on them. And they shall be as though I had not cast them off; for I am Jehovah their God, and I will answer them. ⁷And Ephraim shall be like a mighty one, and their heart shall be glad as *by* wine. And their sons shall see and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in Jehovah. ⁸I will whistle for them and gather them; for I have redeemed them. And they shall multiply as they were multiplied. ⁹And I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember Me in far countries; and they shall live with their sons and return. ¹⁰And I will return to save them out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria. And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; for *room* shall not be found for them. ¹¹And he shall pass through the sea of distress, and strike the waves in the sea; and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up. And the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall go away. ¹²And I will make them strong in Jehovah; and they shall walk up and down in His name, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 11

¹Open your doors, O Lebanon, so that the fire may devour your cedars. ²Howl, fir-tree, for the cedar has fallen; because the majestic *trees* have been destroyed. Howl, O oaks of Bashan, for the inaccessible forest has come down.

³A voice of the wailing of the shepherds; for their splendor is destroyed; a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is destroyed. ⁴For so says Jehovah my God: Feed the flock of the slaughter; ⁵those who buy them kill them, and *they* hold themselves not guilty. And those who sell them say, Blessed be Jehovah, for I am rich; and their shepherds do not pity them. ⁶For I will never again pity the inhabitants of the land, says Jehovah. But, lo, I will make the men fall, each one into his neighbor's hand, and into his king's hand. And they shall strike the land, and I will not deliver out of their

hand. ⁷And I fed the flock of slaughter, the truly poor of the flock. And I took two staves for Myself: the one I called Kindness; and the other I called Union. And I fed the flock. ⁸I also cut off three shepherds in one month. And My soul despised them, and their soul also detested Me. ⁹Then I said, I will not feed you; that which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off. And let the rest eat, each woman the flesh of her neighbor.

¹⁰And I took My staff Kindness and broke it apart, to break My covenant which I had cut with all the peoples. ¹¹And it was broken in that day; and so the poor of the flock who were watching Me knew that it *was* the word of Jehovah. ¹²And I said to them, If it is good in your eyes, give My price; and if not, let it go. And they weighed My price, thirty *pieces* of silver. ¹³And Jehovah said to Me, Throw it to the potter, the magnificent price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw it to the potter in the house of Jehovah. ¹⁴Then I broke My second staff Union apart, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

¹⁵And Jehovah said to me, Take to yourself yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. ¹⁶For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land; he shall not visit those who are cut off, nor will he seek the young; nor will he heal that which is broken; nor will he sustain that which stands. But he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their hooks in pieces. ¹⁷Woe to the worthless shepherd who abandons the flock! The sword *shall be* on his arm, and on his right eye. His arm shall be completely withered, and his right eye shall be totally darkened.

CHAPTER 12

¹The burden of the word of Jehovah for Israel, says Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him. ²Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the peoples all around, and it shall also be against Judah in the siege against Jerusalem.

³And in that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it shall be slashed, and all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it. ⁴In that day I will strike every horse with terror, and his rider with madness, says Jehovah. And I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and I will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. ⁵And the leaders of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in Jehovah of hosts their God. ⁶In that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire among cut grain. And they shall devour all the peoples all around, on the right hand and on the left hand. And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her place, in Jerusalem.

⁷Jehovah also shall save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah. ⁸In that day Jehovah shall defend around the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And it will be, he who is feeble among them in that day *shall be* like David; and the house of David *shall be* like God, like the Angel of Jehovah before them.

⁹And it shall be in that day, I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. ¹⁰And I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of prayers. And they shall look on Me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only *son*, and shall be bitter over Him, like the bitterness over the firstborn. ¹¹In that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be great, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo. ¹²And the land shall mourn, each family apart: the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; ¹³the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; ¹⁴all the families who remain, each family apart, and their wives apart.

CHAPTER 13

¹In that day a fountain shall be opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

²And it shall be in that day, I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall be remembered no more, says Jehovah of hosts. And I also will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. ³And it shall be, when any shall prophesy again, his father and his mother who gave birth to him shall say to him then, You shall not live; for you speak lies in the name of Jehovah. And his father and his mother who gave him birth shall thrust him through when he prophesies. ⁴And it shall be in that day, the prophets shall be ashamed, each one of his vision, when he prophesies; and they shall not wear a hairy garment to deceive. ⁵But he shall say, I am not a prophet; I *am* a man, I *am* a tiller of the ground; for a man caused me to buy from my youth. ⁶And *one* shall say to him, What *are* these wounds between your hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was struck *in* the house of those who love me.

⁷O sword, awake against My Shepherd, and against the Man *who is* My companion, says Jehovah of hosts. Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered. And I will turn My hand on the little ones. ⁸And it shall be in all the land, says Jehovah, two parts in it shall be cut off *and* perish, but the third shall be left in it. ⁹And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined. And I will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, *It is* My people, and they shall say, Jehovah *is* my God.

CHAPTER 14

¹Behold, the day of Jehovah comes, and your spoil shall be divided among you. ²For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem. And the city shall be captured, and the houses plundered, and the women ravished. And half the city shall go into captivity, and the

rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³And Jehovah shall go out and fight against those nations, like the day He fought in the day of battle.

⁴And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall divide from its middle, from the east and to the west, a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. ⁵And you shall flee to the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah. And Jehovah my God shall come, *and* all the saints with You. ⁶And it will be in that day, there shall not be light; the glorious ones will shrink. ⁷And it will be one day which shall be known to Jehovah; not day and not night, but it will be, there will be light at evening time. ⁸And it shall be in that day, living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them *shall go* toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea; in summer and in winter it shall be. ⁹And Jehovah shall be king over all the earth. In that day there shall be one Jehovah, and His name one. ¹⁰All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. And it shall rise and dwell in its place, from Benjamin's gate to the place of the first gate, to the Corner Gate, and *from* the Tower of Hananeel to the king's winepresses. ¹¹And they shall live in it. And there shall not again be a curse, but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

¹²And this shall be the plague with which Jehovah will strike all the peoples who have fought against Jerusalem. Their flesh shall rot while they stand on their

feet; and their eyes shall rot in their sockets; and their tongues shall rot in their mouths. ¹³And it shall be in that day, a great panic of Jehovah shall be among them; and they shall each one lay hold of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor. ¹⁴And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of the surrounding nations shall be gathered, gold, and silver, and clothing, very much. ¹⁵And so shall be the plague of the horse, the mule, the camel, and the ass, and all the beasts which shall be in those camps, like this plague.

¹⁶And it shall be, everyone who is left from all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷And it shall be, whoever will not go up from the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, there shall even be no rain on them. ¹⁸And if the family of Egypt does not go up, nor come in, then *the rain* shall not be on them; *but* the plague with which Jehovah shall strike the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁹This shall be Egypt's offense, and the offense of all nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

²⁰In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses, **HOLY TO JEHOVAH**. And the pots in the house of Jehovah shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy to Jehovah of hosts. And all those who sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil in them. And in that day there shall not be a trader in the house of Jehovah of hosts any more.

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

CHAPTER 1

¹The burden of the word of Jehovah to Israel by the hand of Malachi:

²I have loved you, says Jehovah. But you say, In what way have You loved us? *Was not Esau the brother to Jacob?* Yet I loved Jacob, declares Jehovah; ³and I have hated Esau, and have made his mountains a desolation, and his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness. ⁴If Edom says, We are beaten down, but we will return and build the ruined places; so says Jehovah of hosts: They shall build, but I will tear down. And they shall call there the region of wickedness, and the people *with* whom Jehovah is indignant until forever. ⁵And you shall see, and you shall say, Jehovah will be magnified beyond the border of Israel.

⁶A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. If then I *am* a father, where *is* My honor? And if I *am* a master, where *is* My fear? says Jehovah of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, In what way have we despised Your name? ⁷You are offering defiled food on My altar, and you say, In what way have we defiled You? In your saying, The table of Jehovah, it *is* to be despised. ⁸And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if you offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Bring it now to your governor. Will he accept you or lift up your face, says Jehovah of hosts? ⁹And now entreat the face of God, that He favor us. This has been by your hands; will He lift up your faces, says Jehovah of hosts?

¹⁰Who *is* even among you that will shut the doors, and you not kindle *fire on* My altar in vain! There is no delight to Me in you, says Jehovah of hosts. I will not be pleased with a food offering from you. ¹¹For from the east to the west, My name *shall be* great among the nations, and everywhere incense shall be offered to My name; and a pure food offering. For My name *shall be* great among the nations, says Jehovah of hosts.

¹²But you are profaning it when you say, The table of the Lord, it *is* polluted; and its fruit, His food, is to be despised.

¹³You also have said, Behold, what weariness! And you have puffed at it, says Jehovah of hosts. And you bring plunder, and the lame, and the sick; and you bring the meal offering. Should I accept it from your hand, says Jehovah? ¹⁴But cursed *be* a deceiver, and there is a male in his flock, yet he vows *it*, but sacrifices a blemished *one* to the Lord. For I *am* a great king, says Jehovah of hosts; and My name *is* feared among the nations.

CHAPTER 2

¹And now, O priests, this command *is* to you. ²If you will not hear, and if you will not set *it on your* heart to give glory to My name, says Jehovah of hosts, then I will send the curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. And indeed, I have cursed it, because you *are* not setting *it on your* heart. ³Behold, I *am* rebuking your seed, and I will spread dung on your faces, the dung of your solemn feasts; and one will lift you up to it. ⁴And you shall know that I have sent this command to you; to be My covenant with Levi, says Jehovah of hosts. ⁵My covenant with him was life and peace, and I gave them to him *for* fear; and he feared Me, and he is put in awe before My name. ⁶The law of truth was in his mouth, and no iniquity was not found in his lips. In peace and in uprightness he walked with Me, and he turned many from iniquity. ⁷For the lips of the priest should guard knowledge; and they should seek the law from his mouth; for he *is* the messenger of Jehovah of hosts. ⁸But you have turned out of the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says Jehovah of hosts. ⁹So I have also made you despised and low to all the people, just as you have not kept My ways, but *are* lifting up faces in the law. ¹⁰Is there not one father to us all? *Has* not one God created us? Why do we act deceitfully, *each* man with his brother, to profane the covenant of our fathers?

¹¹Judah has dealt treacherously, and has done an abomination in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the

holy *place* of Jehovah, which He loves; and married a daughter of a foreign god.

¹²Jehovah will cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does it, stirring, and answering, or offering a food offering to Jehovah of hosts. ¹³And this *is* a second *thing* you have done; covering the altar of Jehovah *with* tears, *with* weeping and groaning; yet not facing toward the food offering, and taking *it with* delight from your hand.

¹⁴Yet you say, On what *cause*? Because Jehovah has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously; and she *is* your companion and your covenant wife.

¹⁵And has He not made one? Yet the vestige of the Spirit *is in* him. And what of the one? He was seeking a seed of God. Then guard your spirit, and do not deal treacherously with the wife of your youth.

¹⁶Jehovah, the God of Israel, says, He hates sending away, and to cover *with* violence on his garment, says Jehovah of hosts. Then guard your spirit, and do not act treacherously.

¹⁷You have wearied Jehovah with your words. Yet you say, In what have we wearied Him? When you say, Every evildoer *is* good in the eyes of Jehovah, and He delights in them; or, Where *is* the God of justice?

CHAPTER 3

¹Behold, I *am* sending My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord whom you *are* seeking shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Angel of the Covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He comes, says Jehovah of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of His coming? And who will stand when He appears? For He *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap. ³And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them like gold and like silver, that they may be offerers of a food offering in righteousness to Jehovah. ⁴Then the food offering of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasing to Jehovah, as *in* the days of old, and as *in* former years. ⁵And I will come near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and

against the adulterers, and against those swearing to a lie; and against those who extort from the hired laborer's pay; and turning away the widow, and the fatherless, and the alien, and not fearing Me, says Jehovah of hosts. ⁶For I *am* Jehovah, I change not. Because of this you sons of Jacob are not destroyed.

⁷From the days of your fathers, you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you, says Jehovah of hosts.

But you say, In what *way* shall we return? ⁸Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, In what have we robbed You? In the tithe and the offering! ⁹You *are* cursed with a curse; for you *are* robbing Me, the nation, all of it.

¹⁰Bring all the tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house. And test Me now with this, says Jehovah of hosts, whether I will not open the windows of the heavens for you, and pour out a blessing, until there is no sufficiency.

¹¹And I will rebuke the devourer for you, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground against you; nor shall your vine miscarry against you in the field, says Jehovah of hosts. ¹²And all nations shall call you blessed; for you shall be a delightful land, says Jehovah of hosts

¹³Your words have been strong against Me, says Jehovah. Yet you say, What have we spoken together against you?

¹⁴You have said, It is vain to serve God. And, What profit *is it* that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked as mourners before Jehovah of hosts? ¹⁵And now we *are* calling the arrogant blessed. Not only are the doers of wickedness built up, they also test God, and escape.

¹⁶Then those fearing Jehovah spoke together, *each* man to his neighbor. And Jehovah gave attention and heard. And a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared Jehovah, and for those esteeming His name. ¹⁷And they shall be Mine, says Jehovah of hosts, for the day that I will make up *My* treasure. And I will pity them as a man has pity on his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then you shall again see the *difference*

between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him.

CHAPTER 4

¹For, behold, the day is coming, burning like a fire-pot; and all the proud, and every doer of wickedness, shall be chaff. And the coming day will set them ablaze, says Jehovah of hosts, which will not leave root or branches to them.

²But to you who fear My name, the Sun of righteousness shall rise up, and healing *will be* on His wings. And you shall go out and frisk like calves of the stall. ³And you

shall tread under the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day which I *am* preparing, says Jehovah of hosts.

⁴Remember the law of My servant Moses, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, the statutes and judgments.

⁵Behold, I *am* sending you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Jehovah. ⁶And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, that I not come and strike the earth *with* utter destruction.

New Testament

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

CHAPTER 1

¹The Book of the generation of Jesus Christ *the son of David, the son of Abraham*: ²Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers. ³And Judah fathered Pharez and Zarah out of Tamar; and Pharez fathered Hezron; and Hezron fathered Aram; ⁴and Aram fathered Aminadab; and Aminadab fathered Nahshon; and Nahshon fathered Salmon; ⁵and Salmon fathered Boaz out of Rahab; and Boaz fathered Obed out of Ruth; and Obed fathered Jesse; ⁶and Jesse fathered David the king.

And David the king fathered Solomon out of *her who had been the wife of Uriah*; ⁷and Solomon fathered Rehoboam; and Rehoboam fathered Abijah; and Abijah fathered Asa; ⁸and Asa fathered Jehoshaphat; and Jehoshaphat fathered Jehoram; and Jehoram fathered Uzziah; ⁹and Uzziah fathered Jotham; and Jotham fathered Ahaz; and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah; ¹⁰and Hezekiah fathered Manasseh; and Manasseh fathered Amon; and Amon fathered Josiah; ¹¹and Josiah fathered Jehoiachin and his brothers, at the carrying away of Babylon.

¹²And after the carrying away of Babylon, Jehoiachin fathered Shealtiel; and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel; ¹³and Zerubbabel fathered Abiud; and Abiud fathered Eliakim; and Eliakim fathered Azor; ¹⁴and Azor fathered Sadoc; and Sadoc fathered Achim; and Achim fathered Eliud; ¹⁵and Eliud fathered Eleazar; and Eleazar fathered Matthan; and Matthan fathered Jacob; ¹⁶and Jacob fathered Joseph, the *betrothed* husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David *were* fourteen generations; and from David to the carrying away to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon until Christ, fourteen generations.

¹⁸And the birth of Jesus Christ was this way—for His mother Mary had been

betrothed to Joseph—before they came together, she was discovered *to be pregnant in womb by the Holy Spirit*. ¹⁹But her husband Joseph being just, and not willing to make her a public example, *he* purposed to put her away secretly. ²⁰And *as he was* thinking about these things, behold, an angel of *the* Lord was seen by him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary *as your wife*. For that in her is fathered by *the Holy Spirit*. ²¹And she will bear a son; and you shall call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins.

²²And all this happened so that might be fulfilled that spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ²³“Behold! The virgin will conceive in *her* womb, and will bear a son; and they will call His name Emmanuel”, which translated is, God with us.

²⁴And being aroused from sleep, Joseph did as the angel of *the* Lord commanded him, and took his wife; ²⁵and did not know her until she bore her son, the Firstborn. And he called His name Jesus.

CHAPTER 2

¹And when Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in *the* days of Herod the king, behold, wise men arrived from *the east* to Jerusalem, ²saying, Where is He born king of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. ³But Herod the king having heard *this*, *he* was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And having gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,

⁶“And you, Bethlehem in the land of Judea, in no way are you least among the governors of Judah, for out of you shall come a Governor who shall shepherd My people Israel.”

⁷Then secretly calling the wise men, Herod asked of them exactly the time of the star appearing. ⁸And sending them to Bethlehem, he said, Having gone, search

carefully for the child. And when you find *him*, bring me word again so that coming I may also worship him.

⁹And having heard the king, they departed. And, behold! The star which they saw in the east went before them until it had come and stood over where the child was. ¹⁰And seeing the star, they rejoiced exceedingly *with* a great joy. ¹¹And having come into the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary. And falling down, they worshiped Him. And opening their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned by a dream not to return to Herod, they went away into their own country by another way.

¹³And they having departed, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph by a dream, saying, Rise up! Take the child and His mother with *you*, and flee into Egypt. And be there until I shall tell you. For Herod is about to look for the child in order to destroy Him. ¹⁴And rising up, he took along the child and His mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt. ¹⁵And he was there until the end of Herod, that might be fulfilled that spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I have called My Son."

¹⁶Then seeing that he was mocked by the wise men, Herod was greatly enraged; and having sent, he killed all the boys in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under—according to the time which he exactly asked from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled that spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and bitter weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they were *not*."

¹⁹But Herod having expired, behold, an angel of the Lord appears to Joseph by a dream in Egypt, ²⁰saying, Rising up, take along the child and His mother, and pass over into the land of Israel; for those seeking the soul of the child have expired.

²¹And rising up, he took along the child and His mother and came into the land of Israel. ²²But hearing that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he feared to go there. And being warned by a dream, he departed into the

parts of Galilee. ²³And coming he lived in a city called Nazareth; so as to fulfill that spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

CHAPTER 3

¹Now in those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²and saying, Repent! For the kingdom of Heaven has drawn near. ³For this is he spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of *one* crying in the wilderness! Prepare the way of the Lord! Make His paths straight!"

⁴And John himself had his clothing from hairs of a camel, and a belt of leather about his loin. And his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea went out to him, and all the neighborhood of the Jordan; ⁶and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Therefore, bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. ⁹And do not think to say within yourselves, We have a father, Abraham. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰But already the axe is even laid at the root of the trees; therefore, any tree not bringing forth good fruit is cut down, and is thrown into fire. ¹¹I indeed baptize you in water to repentance; but He who is coming after me is stronger than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire; ¹²whose fan is in His hand, and He will cleanse His floor, and will gather His wheat into the barn. But He will burn up the chaff with fire that cannot be put out.

¹³Then Jesus arrived from Galilee to the Jordan, to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴But John restrained Him, saying, I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me? ¹⁵But answering, Jesus said to him, Allow *it* now, for it is becoming to us this way to fulfill all righteousness. Then he allowed Him. ¹⁶And having been baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water. And, behold! The heavens were opened to Him,

and He saw the Spirit of God coming down as a dove, and coming upon Him. ¹⁷And behold! A voice out of Heaven saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found delight.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil. ²And having fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He hungered. ³And coming near to Him, the Tempter said, If You are *the* Son of God, speak that these stones may become loaves. ⁴But answering, He said, It has been written: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word going out of *the* mouth of God."

⁵Then the Devil takes Him to the holy city and *he* set Him on the wing of the temple. ⁶And *he* said to Him, If You are *the* Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it has been written: "He shall give His angels charge concerning You, and they shall bear You on *their* hands, lest You strike Your foot against a stone." ⁷Jesus said to him, Again it has been written: "You shall not tempt *the* Lord your God." ⁸Again the Devil takes Him to a very high mountain, and *he* showed to Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory. ⁹And *he* said to Him, I will give all these things to You if falling down You will worship me. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, Go, Satan! For it has been written: "You shall worship *the* Lord your God, and you shall serve Him only." ¹¹Then the Devil left Him. And behold! Angels came near and served Him.

¹²But Jesus hearing that John was delivered up, He withdrew into Galilee.

¹³And leaving Nazareth, coming He lived at Capernaum, in *the* districts of Zebulun and Naphtali; ¹⁴so that might be fulfilled that spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, way of *the* sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations: ¹⁶the people sitting in the darkness saw a great Light; and to those sitting in *the* region and shadow of death, Light sprang up to them."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent! For the kingdom of

Heaven has drawn near.

¹⁸And walking beside the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishers.

¹⁹And He says to them, Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men. ²⁰And leaving the nets, they immediately followed Him. ²¹And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee, and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. And He called them. ²²And at once leaving the boat and their father, they followed Him.

²³And Jesus went around all Galilee teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom; and healing every disease and every *one of the* illnesses among the people. ²⁴And the report of Him went out into all Syria. And they brought to Him all the ones having illness, suffering various diseases and torments; also *those* having been demon-possessed; and lunatics, and paralytics; and He healed them. ²⁵And many crowds followed Him from Galilee and Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

¹But seeing the crowds, He went up into the mountain, and seating Himself, His disciples came near to Him. ²And opening His mouth, He taught them, saying:

³Blessed *are* the poor in spirit! For theirs is the kingdom of the Heavens.

⁴Blessed *are* they who mourn! For they shall be comforted.

⁵Blessed *are* the meek! For they shall inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed *are* they who hunger and thirst after righteousness! For they shall be filled.

⁷Blessed *are* the merciful! For they shall obtain mercy.

⁸Blessed *are* the pure in heart! For they shall see God.

⁹Blessed *are* the peacemakers! For they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed *are* they who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake! For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

¹¹Blessed *are* you when they shall

reproach you, and persecute *you*, and shall say every evil word against you, lying, on account of Me. ¹²Rejoice and leap for joy, for your reward *is* great in Heaven; for in this way they persecuted the prophets who *were* before you.

¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt becomes tasteless, with what shall it be salted? For it has strength for nothing any more, but to be thrown out, and to be trampled under by men.

¹⁴You are the light of the world, a city situated on a mountain cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under the grain measure, but on the lampstand; and it shines for all who *are* in the house. ¹⁶So let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works, and may glorify your Father in Heaven.

¹⁷Do not think that I came to annul the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to fulfill. ¹⁸Truly I say to you, Until the heavens and the earth pass away, in no way shall one iota or one tittle pass away from the law until all comes to to pass. ¹⁹Whoever, then, relaxes one of these commandments, the least, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of the heavens. But whoever does and teaches *them*, this one shall be called great in the kingdom of the heavens. ²⁰For I say to you, If your righteousness shall not exceed *that of* the scribes and Pharisees, in no way shall you go into the kingdom of the heavens.

²¹You have heard that it was said to the ancients: "Do not commit murder!" And, "Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the Judgment." ²²But I say to you, Everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause shall be liable to the Judgment. And whoever says to his brother, Raca, shall be liable to the sanhedrin; but whoever says, Fool! shall be liable *to be thrown* into the fire of Hell.

²³Therefore, if you offer your gift on the altar, and remember there that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar, and go. First, be reconciled to your brother, and then coming, offer your gift.

²⁵Be well-intentioned toward your opponent quickly, while you are in the

way with him, that the opponent not deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, In no way shall you come out from there until you pay the last kodrantes.

²⁷You have heard that it was said to the ancients: "Do not commit adultery."

²⁸But I say to you, Everyone looking at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹But if your right eye offends you, take it out and throw *it* from you—for it is profitable to you that one of your members should perish, and all your body not be thrown into Hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to offend, cut it off and throw *it* from you—for it is profitable to you that one of your members should perish, and all your body not be thrown into Hell.

³¹It was also said, Whoever puts away his wife, let him give her a bill of divorce.

³²But I say to you, Whoever puts away his wife, apart from a matter of fornication, makes her commit adultery. And whoever shall marry the one put away commits adultery.

³³Again, you have heard that it was said to the ancients: "You shall not swear falsely, but shall give your oaths to the Lord." ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear *at all*, neither by Heaven, because it is God's throne; ³⁵nor by the earth, because it is the footstool of His feet; nor by Jerusalem, because it is *the* city of the great King. ³⁶Nor shall you swear by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black. ³⁷But let your word be Yes, yes; No, no. For whatever is more than these is from evil.

³⁸You have heard that it was said: "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth;" ³⁹but I say to you, Do not resist the evil; but whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰And to him desiring to sue you, and to take your tunic, allow him also *to have* the coat. ⁴¹And whoever shall compel you to go one mile, go two with him. ⁴²He asking you to give, and he wishing to borrow from you, do not turn away.

⁴³You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy;" ⁴⁴but I say to you, Love your

enemies, bless those cursing you; do well to those hating you, and pray for those abusing and persecuting you; ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven. Because He causes the sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* just and unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those loving you, what reward do you have? Do not the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you only greet your brothers, what exceptional *thing* do you do? Do not the tax-collectors do so? ⁴⁸Therefore, you be perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

CHAPTER 6

¹Be careful not to do your merciful deeds before men in order to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward from your Father in Heaven. ²Therefore, when you do merciful deeds, do not trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. ³But you doing merciful deeds, do not let your left know what your right *hand* does, ⁴so that your merciful deeds may be in secret. And your Father seeing in secret Himself will repay you in the open.

⁵And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the open streets, so that they may be seen of men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶But you, when you pray, enter into your room, and shutting your door, pray to your Father in secret. And your Father seeing in secret will repay you in the open. ⁷But when you pray, do not babble vain words, as the nations, for they think that they shall be heard in their much speaking. ⁸Then do not be like them, for your Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him. ⁹So, then, you *should* pray this way:

Our Father *who is* in Heaven, let be sanctified Your name. ¹⁰Let Your kingdom come; let Your will be done, as *it is* in Heaven, also on earth. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.

¹³And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory to the ages. Amen.

¹⁴For if you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you will not forgive men their offenses, neither will your Father forgive your offenses.

¹⁶And when you fast, do not be as the hypocrites, darkening the face, for they disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you that they have their reward. ¹⁷But you *in* fasting, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so as not to appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father in secret. And your Father seeing in secret will repay you in the open.

¹⁹Do not treasure up for you treasures on the earth, where moth and rust cause to vanish, and where thieves dig through and steal. ²⁰But treasure up for you treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust cause to vanish, and where thieves do not dig through and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²The lamp of the body is the eye. If, then, your eye is sound, all your body is light. ²³But if your eye is evil, all your body is dark. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great *is* the darkness!

²⁴No one is able to serve two lords; for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other; or he will cleave to the one, and he will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth. ²⁵Because of this, I say to you, Do not be anxious for your soul, what you eat and what you drink; nor for your body, what you put on. Is not the soul more than the food, and the body than the clothing? ²⁶Observe the birds of the heaven, that they do not sow, nor do they reap, nor do *they* gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Do you not rather excel them?

²⁷But who of you *by* being anxious is able to add one cubit onto his stature? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not labor nor do they spin; ²⁹but I say to you that not even Solomon in all his

glory was clothed as one of these. ³⁰If God so enrobes the grass of the field—which is today, and is thrown into a furnace tomorrow — *will He* not much rather you, littlefaiths? ³¹Then do not be anxious, saying, What may we eat? Or, what may we drink? Or, what may clothe us? ³²For after all these things the nations seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴Then do not be anxious for tomorrow. For the morrow will be anxious of itself. Sufficient to *each* day is its *own* badness.

CHAPTER 7

¹Do not judge, that you may not be judged; ²for with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured again to you. ³But why do you look on the twig that *is* in the eye of your brother, but do not see the log in your eye? ⁴Or how will you say to your brother, Allow me to cast out the twig from your eye; and behold, the log *is* in your eye! ⁵Hypocrite, first cast the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to cast the twig out of the eye of your brother.

⁶Do not give that which *is* holy to the dogs, nor throw your pearls before the pigs, that they should not trample them with their feet, and turning they may tear you.

⁷Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For each one that asks receives, and the *one* that seeks finds; and to the *one* knocking, it will be opened. ⁹Or what man of you is there, if his son should ask a loaf of him, will he give him a stone? ¹⁰And if he should ask a fish, will he give him a snake? ¹¹If, then, you, being evil, know to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who *is* in Heaven give good things to those that ask Him?

¹²Therefore, all things, whatever you desire that men should do to you, so also you should do to them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³Go in through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad *is* the way that leads

to death. And many are the ones who go through it. ¹⁴For narrow is the gate, and constricted *is* the way that leads into life, and few are the ones who find it.

¹⁵But beware of the false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are plundering wolves. ¹⁶From their fruits you shall know them. Do they gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So every good tree produces good fruits; but the corrupt tree produces evil fruits. ¹⁸A good tree cannot produce evil fruits, nor a corrupt tree produce good fruits. ¹⁹Every tree not producing good fruit is cut out and is thrown into fire. ²⁰Then surely from their fruits you shall know them.

²¹Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven. ²²Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power? ²³And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, those working lawlessness!

²⁴Then everyone who hears these words from Me, and does them, I will compare him to a wise man who built his house on the rock; ²⁵and the rains came down, and the waters came up, and the winds blew, and fell against that house; but it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and who does not do them, *he* shall be compared to a foolish man who built his house on the sand; ²⁷and the rain came down, and the rivers came up, and the winds blew, and beat against that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

²⁸And it happened, when Jesus had finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching. ²⁹For He was teaching them as having authority, and not as the scribes.

CHAPTER 8

¹And He having come down from the mount, great crowds followed Him.

²And behold, coming up, a leper worshipped Him, saying, Lord, If You will,

You are able to cleanse me. ³And stretching out His hand, Jesus touched him, saying, I will! Be cleansed! And instantly his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus said to him, See *that* you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

⁵And Jesus entering into Capernaum, a centurion came near to Him, begging Him, ⁶and saying, Lord, my boy has been laid in the house, a paralytic, being grievously tormented. ⁷And Jesus said to him, I will come and heal him. ⁸And answering, the centurion said, Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but only speak a word, and my boy will be healed. ⁹For I am also a man under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, Go; and he goes; and to another, Come; and he comes; and to my slave, Do this; and he does *it*.

¹⁰And hearing, Jesus marveled, and said to those following, Truly I say to you, Not even in Israel did I find such faith.

¹¹But I say to you that many will come from east and west, and will recline with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven; ¹²but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into the outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of the teeth. ¹³And Jesus said to the centurion, Go, and as you have believed, so let it be to you. And his boy was healed in that hour.

¹⁴And coming to the house of Peter, Jesus saw his mother-in-law laid out and in a fever. ¹⁵And He touched her hand, and her fever left her. And she rose up and served them.

¹⁶And evening having come on, they brought to Him many possessed by demons. And He cast out the spirits by a word, and He healed all those having illness; ¹⁷so that it might be fulfilled that spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He took *upon Himself* our weaknesses, and bore *our* sicknesses."

¹⁸And seeing great crowds around Him, Jesus gave orders to go away to the other side. ¹⁹And one, a scribe, coming near, said to Him, Teacher, I will follow You wherever you may go. ²⁰And Jesus said

to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere He may lay *His* head. ²¹And another of His disciples said to Him, Lord, allow me first to go away and bury my father. ²²But Jesus said to him, Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.

²³And He entering into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴And, behold, a great storm rose up in the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves; but He was sleeping. ²⁵And coming near, His disciples awakened Him, saying, Lord, save us! We are perishing. ²⁶And He said to them, Why are you afraid, littlefaiths? Then rising up, He rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm. ²⁷And the men marveled, saying, What kind *of man* is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?

²⁸And when He had come to the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, two demon-possessed ones met Him, coming out of the tombs, very violent, so that no one was able to pass through that way. ²⁹And, behold! They cried out, saying, What *is* to us and to You, Jesus, Son of God? Have You come here beforetime to torment us?

³⁰And far off from them there was a herd of many pigs feeding. ³¹And the demons begged Him, saying, If You cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of pigs. ³²And He said to them, Go! And coming out, these went away into the herd of pigs. And, behold, all the herd of pigs rushed down the cliff into the sea, and died in the waters.

³³But those who fed *them* fled, and going into the city, *they* told all the things of the demon-possessed ones. ³⁴And, behold, all the city went out to meet with Jesus. And seeing Him, they begged that He move away from their borders.

CHAPTER 9

¹And entering into the boat, He passed over and came to *His* own city. ²And, behold, they brought a paralytic lying on a cot to Him. And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, Be comforted, child. Your sins have been forgiven you. ³And, behold, some of the scribes said within

themselves, This one blasphemeth. ⁴And seeing their thoughts, Jesus said, Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For what is easier, to say, *Your sins have been forgiven you*; or to say, Rise up and walk? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins, then He said to the paralytic, Rising up, lift up your cot and go to your house. ⁷And rising up, he went away to his house.

⁸And seeing, the crowds marveled, and they glorified God who gave such authority to men.

⁹And passing from there, Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, Follow Me. And rising up, he followed Him.

¹⁰And it happened as He reclined in the house, behold, coming many tax-collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. ¹¹And seeing, the Pharisees said to His disciples, Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners? ¹²But Jesus hearing, He said to them, The ones who are strong have no need of a physician, but the ones who are sick. ¹³But going, learn what *this* is, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." For I did not come to call righteous *ones*, but sinners to repentance.

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, and Your disciples do not fast? ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, Can the sons of the bridechamber mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will have been taken from them; and then they will fast. ¹⁶But no one puts a piece of new cloth onto an old garment. For its filling up takes away from the garment, and a worse tear takes *its* place. ¹⁷Nor do they put new wine into old skins; otherwise, the skins are burst, and the wine pours out, and the skins will be ruined. But they put new wine into new skins, and both are preserved together.

¹⁸As He spoke these things to them, behold, coming up a ruler bowed before Him, saying, My daughter has just now died; but coming lay Your hand on her, and she will live. ¹⁹And rising up, Jesus and His disciples followed him.

²⁰And, behold, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came near, behind Him, and touched the fringe of His robe. ²¹For she said within herself, If only I shall touch His robe, I will be cured. ²²But turning and seeing her, Jesus said, Be comforted, daughter; your faith has healed you. And the woman was healed from that hour.

²³And coming into the house of the ruler, and seeing the flute-players and the crowd causing a tumult, ²⁴Jesus said to them, Go back, for the little girl has not died, but she sleeps. And they laughed at Him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put out, entering He took hold of her hand, and the little girl rose up. ²⁶And this report went out into all that land.

²⁷And Jesus passing on from there, two blind ones followed Him, crying and saying, Have pity on us, Son of David. ²⁸And coming into the house, the blind ones came near to Him. And Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? And they said to Him, Yes, Lord. ²⁹Then He touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith let it be to you. ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly ordered them, saying, See, let no one know. ³¹But going out, they made Him known in all that land.

³²And as they were going out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed by a demon. ³³And the demon being cast out, the dumb one spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, Never was it seen this way in Israel. ³⁴But the Pharisees said, He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.

³⁵And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every weakness of body among the people. ³⁶And seeing the crowds, He was moved with pity for them, because they were tired and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly *is* great, but the workers few. ³⁸Pray then that the Lord of the harvest may send out workers into His harvest.

CHAPTER 10

¹And having called His twelve disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, so as to throw them out, and to heal every disease and every weakness of body.

²And the names of the twelve apostles are these: First, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax-collector; James the son of Alpheus, and Lebbeus, whose last name was Thaddeus; ⁴Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

⁵Jesus sent these twelve out, charging them, saying: Do not go into the way of *the* nations, and do not go into a city of *the* Samaritans; ⁶but rather go to the lost sheep of *the* house of Israel. ⁷And going on, proclaim, saying, The kingdom of Heaven has drawn near. ⁸Heal sick ones, cleanse lepers, raise dead ones, cast out demons. You have freely received, freely give. ⁹Do not provide gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belt; ¹⁰nor provision-bag for *the* road, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staves. For the worker is worthy of his food.

¹¹And into whatever city or village you enter, ask who in it is worthy; and remain there until you go out. ¹²But entering into the house, greet it; ¹³and if the house truly is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And whoever will not receive you, nor will hear your words, having gone out of that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. ¹⁵Truly I say to you, It will be more bearable to the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in Judgment Day than for that city.

¹⁶Behold, I send you out as sheep in *the* midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. ¹⁷But beware of men. For they will betray you to sanhedrins, and they will flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸And also you will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them and to the nations. ¹⁹But when they deliver you up, do not be anxious how or what you should say, for it is given to you in that

hour what you should say. ²⁰For you are not the *ones* speaking, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. ²¹But brother will betray brother to death, and *the* father *his* child. And children will rise up against parents and will put them to death. ²²And you will be hated by all on account of My name; but the *one* enduring to *the* end shall be saved. ²³But when they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For truly I say to you, In no way will you have finished the cities of Israel until the Son of man comes.

²⁴A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above his lord. ²⁵*It is* enough for the disciple *to* become as his teacher, and the slave as his lord. If they call the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more those of His household?

²⁶Therefore, you should not fear them, for nothing is covered which will not be uncovered; and hidden, which will not be made known. ²⁷What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light. And what you hear in the ear, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And you should not fear the *ones* killing the body, but not being able to kill the soul. But rather fear Him being able to destroy both soul and body in Hell.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion? Yet not one of them shall fall to the ground without your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Then do not fear; you are better than many sparrows. ³²Then everyone who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in Heaven. ³³But whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny him before My Father in Heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵I came to disserve a man from his father, and a daughter from her mother; and a daughter-in-law from her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a man's enemies *shall be* those of his *own* house. ³⁷He that loves father or mother above Me is not worthy of Me. And he that loves son or daughter above Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹The *one* finding his soul shall lose

it. And the *one* losing his soul on account of Me shall find it. ⁴⁰The *one* receiving you receives Me; and the *one* receiving Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹The *one* receiving a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and the *one* receiving a just *one* in the name of a just *one* will receive a just *one's* reward. ⁴²And whoever gives drink to one of these little ones, only a cup of cold water, in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, In no way will he lose his reward.

CHAPTER 11

¹And it happened, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, He left there to teach and to proclaim in their cities.

²But hearing in the prison of the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples, ³John said to Him, Are You the One coming, or are we to look for another? ⁴And answering, Jesus said to them, Going, relate to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, and the lame walk; lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised, and the poor are given the gospel. ⁶And blessed is he, whoever shall not be offended in Me.

⁷But as these were going, Jesus began to say to the crowds about John, What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed being shaken with the wind? ⁸But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft clothing? Behold, those wearing soft things are in the houses of kings. ⁹But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and *one* more excellent than a prophet. ¹⁰For this is *the one* about whom it has been written: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You." ¹¹Truly I say to you, Not has arisen among *those* born of a woman *any* greater than John the Baptist. But the least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is. ¹²But from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent seize it. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴And if you are willing to receive, he is Elijah, the *one* about to come. ¹⁵The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶But to what shall I compare this

generation? It is like little children sitting in the markets, and calling to their mates, ¹⁷and saying, We piped to you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not wail. ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon. ¹⁹The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a wine drinker, and a friend of tax-collectors, and of sinners. And wisdom was justified by her children.

²⁰Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His powerful *acts* had occurred, for they did not repent. ²¹Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the powerful *acts* which have taken place in you had happened in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I say to you, It shall be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon in Judgment Day than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, who have been exalted to the heaven, *you* will be thrown down to Hades. For if the powerful *acts* happening in you had taken place in Sodom, it would remain until today. ²⁴But I say to you, It will be more bearable for the land of Sodom in Judgment day than for you.

²⁵Answering at that time, Jesus said, I praise You, Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, because You hid these things from the sophisticated and cunning, and revealed them to babes. ²⁶Yes, Father, for so it was pleasing before You. ²⁷All things were yielded up to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and *he* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

²⁸Come to Me, all those laboring and being burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, because I am meek and lowly in heart; and you will find rest to your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

CHAPTER 12

¹At that time on the sabbath, Jesus went through the grain fields. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck ears and to eat. ²But seeing, the Pharisees said to Him, Behold, your disciples

are doing what it is not lawful to do on the sabbath. ³But He said to them, Have you not read what David did, when he and those with him hungered? ⁴How he entered into the house of God, and he ate the Bread of Arrangement, which it was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests only? ⁵Or have you not read in the Law that on the sabbaths the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless? ⁶But I say to you, One greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what *this* is, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of man is also Lord of the sabbath.

⁹And moving from there, He came into their synagogue. ¹⁰And, behold, a man having a withered hand was there. And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbaths? — that they might accuse Him. ¹¹But He said to them, What man of you will be, who will have one sheep, and if this one fall into a pit on the sabbaths, will he not lay hold of it and raise it up? ¹²How much more, then, does a man excel a sheep! So that it is lawful to do well on the sabbaths. ¹³Then He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he stretched out. And it was restored sound as the other.

¹⁴But *as they were* leaving, the Pharisees took up a council against Him, how they might destroy Him. ¹⁵But knowing, Jesus withdrew from there. And many crowds followed Him; and He healed them all, ¹⁶and warned them that they should not make Him manifest. ¹⁷So that might be fulfilled that spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, ¹⁸"Behold My child whom I chose, My Beloved, in whom My soul has delighted! I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will declare judgment to the nations. ¹⁹He will not strive nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. ²⁰A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench, until He bring forth judgment to victory. ²¹And the nations will hope in His name."

²²Then one having been demon-possessed was brought to Him, blind and dumb. And He healed him, so that the

blind and dumb one could both speak and see. ²³And all the crowds were amazed, and said, Is this not the son of David? ²⁴But hearing, the Pharisees said, This *one* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, ruler of the demons. ²⁵But Jesus knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to ruin. And every city or house divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶And if Satan throws out Satan, he was divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I throw out the demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons throw them out? Because of this, they shall be your judges. ²⁸But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come on you. ²⁹Or how is anyone able to enter the house of the strong one and plunder his goods, if he does not first tie up the strong one; and then he will plunder his house?

³⁰The *one* who is not with Me is against Me; and the *one* who does not gather with Me scatters. ³¹Because of this, I say to you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men, but the blasphemy concerning the Spirit shall not be forgiven to men. ³²And whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, not in this age, nor in the coming *one*.

³³Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by the fruit.

³⁴Offspring of vipers! How can you being evil speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵The good man out of the good treasure of the heart puts forth good things. And the evil man out of the evil treasure puts forth evil things. ³⁶But I say to you, that every idle word, whatever men may speak, they shall give an account of it in Judgment Day. ³⁷For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

³⁸Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, Teacher, we desire to see a sign from you. ³⁹But answering He said to them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, and a sign

shall not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ⁴⁰And even as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so shall the Son of man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

⁴¹Men, Ninevites, will stand up in the Judgment with this generation, and will condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a Greater-than-Jonah is here. ⁴²The queen of the south will be raised in the Judgment with this generation, and will condemn it. For she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a Greater-than-Solomon is here.

⁴³But when the unclean spirit goes from a man, he goes through dry places seeking rest, and does not find it. ⁴⁴Then he says, I will return to my house from which I came out. And coming, he finds it standing empty, swept and decorated. ⁴⁵Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and entering dwells there. And the last things of that man become worse than the first. So it will be also to this evil generation.

⁴⁶But while He was yet speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. ⁴⁷Then one said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak to You. ⁴⁸But answering, He said to the *one* speaking to Him, Who is My mother? And who are My brothers? ⁴⁹And stretching out His hand to His disciples, He said, Behold, My mother and My brothers. ⁵⁰For whoever shall do the will of My Father in Heaven, that one is My brother and sister and mother.

CHAPTER 13

¹And going out from the house in that day, Jesus sat down by the sea. ²And great crowds were gathered to Him, so that boarding the boat, He sat down. And all the crowd stood on the shore. ³And He spoke to them many things in parables, saying:

Behold, the sower went out to sow. ⁴And in his sowing, some fell by the roadside, and the birds came and ate them. ⁵And other fell on the stony places

where they did not have much earth; and it immediately sprang up, because it had no deepness of earth. ⁶And the sun rising, it was scorched; and because of having no root, it was dried up. ⁷And other fell on the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸And other fell on the good ground, and yielded fruit; indeed one a hundredfold, and one sixty, and one thirty. ⁹The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁰And coming near, the disciples said to Him, Why do You speak to them in parables? ¹¹And answering He said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven, but it has not been given to those. ¹²For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have over-abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ¹³Because of this, I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴And the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled on them, which says, "In hearing you will hear, and in no way understand; and seeing you will see, yet in no way perceive."

¹⁵For the heart of this people has grown fat, and they heard sluggishly with the ears; and they have closed their eyes, that they not see with the eyes, or hear with the ears, and understand with the heart, and be converted, and I heal them." ¹⁶But your eyes are blessed, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. ¹⁷For truly I tell you that many prophets and righteous ones desired to see what you see, and did not see; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear.

¹⁸Then hear the parable of the sower:

¹⁹Everyone hearing the word of the kingdom, and not understanding, then the evil one comes and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is that sown by the roadside. ²⁰And that sown on the stony places is this: the *one* hearing the word, and immediately receiving it with joy, ²¹but has no root in himself, but is temporary — and tribulation, or persecution occurring because of the word, he is at once offended.

²²And that sown into the thorns is this: the *one* hearing the word, and the anxiety

of this age, and the deceit of riches, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²³But that sown on the good ground is this: the *one* hearing the word, and understanding it; who indeed brings forth and produces fruit: one truly a hundredfold; and one sixty, and one thirty.

²⁴He put before them another parable, saying: The kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man sowing good seed in his fields. ²⁵But while the men *were* sleeping, his enemy came and sowed darnel in the midst of the wheat, and went away. ²⁶And when the blade sprouted and produced fruit, then the darnel also appeared. ²⁷And coming near the slaves of the housemaster said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then from where does it have the darnel? ²⁸And he said to them, A man, an enemy did this. And the slaves said to him, Do you desire, then, that going out we should gather them? ²⁹But he said, No, lest gathering the darnel you should uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰Allow both to grow together until the harvest. And in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, First gather the darnel, and bind them into bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my granary.

³¹He put another parable before them, saying: The kingdom of Heaven is compared to a grain of mustard, which taking a man sowed in his field; ³²which indeed is less than all the seeds, but when it is grown it is greater than the plants, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and roost in its branches.

³³He spoke another parable to them: The kingdom of Heaven is compared to leaven, which taking, a woman hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened.

³⁴Jesus spoke all these things in parables to the crowds; and He did not speak to them without a parable; ³⁵so that was fulfilled that spoken through the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will say things hidden from *the* foundation of *the* world."

³⁶Then sending away the crowds, Jesus came into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the darnel of the field. ³⁷And

answering He said to them, The *one* sowing the good seed is the Son of man. ³⁸And the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; but the darnel are the sons of the evil one. ³⁹And the enemy who sowed them is the Devil; and the harvest is the end of the age; and the angels are the reapers. ⁴⁰Then as the darnel is gathered and is consumed in the fire, so it will be in the end of this age. ⁴¹The Son of man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all the offenses, and those who practice lawlessness. ⁴²And they will throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine out like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

⁴⁴Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to treasure hidden in the field, which finding, a man hid; and for the joy of it he goes and sells all things, as many as he has, and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man, a merchant seeking excellent pearls; ⁴⁶who finding one very precious pearl, going away has sold all things, as many as he had, and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to a drag net thrown into the sea, and gathering together of every kind; ⁴⁸which, when it was filled, drawing it up on the shore, and sitting down, *they* gathered the good into containers, and they threw out the rotten. ⁴⁹So it will be in the end of the age: the angels will go out and will separate the wicked from *the* midst of the righteous; ⁵⁰and will throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

⁵¹Jesus said to them, Have you understood all these things? They said to Him, Yes, Lord. ⁵²And He said to them, Because of this every scribe schooled to the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a master of a house, who puts forth out of his treasure new and old.

⁵³And it happened, when Jesus had finished these parables, He moved from there. ⁵⁴And coming into His own

country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, Where did this one *get* this wisdom, and the powerful works? ⁵⁵Is this not the carpenter's son? *Is* not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not his sisters all with us? From where then did this one *get* all these things? ⁵⁷And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his own homeland, and in his own house. ⁵⁸And He did not do many works of power there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14

¹At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the fame of Jesus. ²And *he* said to his servants, This is John the Baptist. He has risen from the dead, and because of this powerful works are working in him. ³For seizing John, Herod bound him and put *him* into prison, because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. ⁴For John said to him, It is not lawful for you to have her. ⁵And desiring to kill him, he feared the multitude, because they held him as a prophet.

⁶But a birthday *feast* for Herod being held, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst, and pleased Herod. ⁷So then he promised with an oath to give her whatever she should ask. ⁸But she being urged on by her mother, she says, Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist. ⁹And the king was grieved, but because of the oaths, and those who had reclined with *him*, he ordered *it* to be given. ¹⁰And sending, he beheaded John in the prison. ¹¹And his head was brought on a platter, and was given to the girl; and she brought *it* to her mother. ¹²And coming, his disciples took the body and buried *it*; and coming, *they* reported to Jesus.

¹³And hearing, Jesus withdrew from there in a boat, into a desert place apart.

¹⁴And hearing, the crowds followed Him on foot from the cities. And going out, Jesus saw a great crowd, and was filled with pity toward them. And He healed their infirm ones. ¹⁵And evening coming, His disciples came near to Him,

saying, The place is desert, and the hour is already gone. Dismiss the crowds, that going away into the villages they may buy provisions for themselves. ¹⁶But Jesus said to them, They have no need to go away. You give them *food* to eat. ¹⁷But they said to Him, We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish. ¹⁸And He said, Bring them here to Me. ¹⁹And commanding the crowds to recline on the grass, and taking the five loaves and two fish, looking up to Heaven, He blessed. And breaking, He gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples *gave* to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate, and were satisfied. And they took up the left over pieces, twelve handbaskets full. ²¹And the ones eating were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

²²And immediately Jesus made His disciples get into a boat, and to go before Him to the other side, until He should dismiss the crowds. ²³And having dismissed the crowds, He went up into the mountain alone to pray. And evening coming on, He was there alone. ²⁴But the boat was now in *the* middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵But in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went out to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶And seeing Him walking on the sea, the disciples were troubled, saying, It is a ghost! And they cried out from the fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, Be comforted! I AM! Do not fear. ²⁸And answering Him, Peter said, Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the waters. ²⁹And He said, Come! And going down from the boat, Peter walked on the waters to go to Jesus. ³⁰But seeing the strong wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me! ³¹And immediately stretching out the hand, Jesus took hold of him, and said to him, Little-faith, why did you doubt? ³²And coming into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, Truly, You are the Son of God.

³⁴And having passed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. ³⁵And recognizing Him, the men of that place sent to all that neighborhood, and brought to Him all

those who had illness. ³⁶And *they* begged Him that they might touch the fringe of His robe. And as many as touched were made perfectly well.

CHAPTER 15

¹Then the scribes and Pharisees came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying, ²Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread. ³But answering He said to them, Why do you also transgress the command of God on account of your tradition? ⁴For God commanded, saying, "Honor your father and mother," and, "The *one* speaking evil of father or mother, by death let him die." ⁵But you say, Whoever says to the father or the mother, A gift, whatever you would gain from me; ⁶and in no way he honors his father or his mother; and you annulled the command of God on account of your tradition. ⁷Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy concerning you, saying: ⁸"This people draws near to Me with their mouth, and with their lips honor Me; but their heart is far from Me. ⁹But in vain they worship Me, teaching *as* doctrines *the* ordinances of men." ¹⁰And calling near the crowd, He said to them, Hear and understand: ¹¹It is not that which has entered into the mouth that defiles the man, but that which has come out of the mouth, this defiles the man.

¹²Then coming the disciples said to Him, You know that hearing the saying, the Pharisees were offended? ¹³But answering He said, Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up. ¹⁴Leave them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind; and if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.

¹⁵And answering Peter said to Him, Explain this parable to us. ¹⁶But Jesus said, Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not yet perceive that everything entering into the mouth goes into the belly, and is thrown out into *the* wastebowl? ¹⁸But the things which have come out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and these defile the man. ¹⁹For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, lies, blasphemies. ²⁰These things are the

things defiling the man. But eating with unwashed hands does not defile the man.

²¹And going out from there, Jesus withdrew to the parts of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And, behold, a woman of Canaan coming forth from those borders cried out to Him, saying, Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is vilely demon-possessed. ²³But He did not answer her a word. And coming near, His disciples asked Him, saying, Send her away, for she cries out after us. ²⁴But answering He said, I was not sent except to the lost sheep of *the* house of Israel. ²⁵But coming she worshiped Him, saying, Lord, help me! ²⁶But answering He said, It is not good to take the bread of the children and to throw *it* to the little dogs. ²⁷But she said, Yes, Lord; for even the little dogs eat of the crumbs falling from the table of their lords. ²⁸Then answering Jesus said to her, O woman, your faith *is* great; let it be to you as you desire. And her daughter was healed from that hour.

²⁹And moving from there, Jesus came beside the Sea of Galilee. And going up into the mountain, He sat there. ³⁰And great crowds came to Him, having with them *those* lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others. And they flung them down at the feet of Jesus. And He healed them; ³¹so that the crowds marveled, seeing the dumb speaking, the maimed sound, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

³²But having called near His disciples, Jesus said, I am filled with pity on the crowd, because they already have remained with Me three days, and have nothing they may eat. And I do not desire to send them away fasting, that they may not faint in the way. ³³And His disciples said to Him, From where in a desert *will* come to us so many loaves as to satisfy so great a crowd? ³⁴And Jesus said to them, How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven, and a few small fish. ³⁵And He ordered the crowds to recline on the ground. ³⁶And taking the seven loaves and the fish, giving thanks, He broke and gave to His disciples, and the disciples to the crowd. ³⁷And all ate, and were satisfied. And they took up the left over

pieces, seven lunch-baskets full. ³⁸And the ones eating were four thousand men, besides women and children.

³⁹And sending away the crowds, He went into the boat, and came to the borders of Magdala.

CHAPTER 16

¹And coming, the Pharisees and Sadducees asked Him to show them a sign out of Heaven, tempting Him. ²But answering He said to them, Evening coming on, you say, Clear sky; for the sky is red. ³And at morning, Today a storm; for the sky is red, being overcast. Hypocrites! You indeed know how to discern face of the heaven, but you cannot the signs of the times. ⁴An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, and a sign will not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet. And leaving them, He went away.

⁵And His disciples coming to the other side, they forgot to take loaves. ⁶And Jesus said to them, Watch! And beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. ⁷And they reasoned among themselves, saying, Because we did not take loaves. ⁸And knowing Jesus said to them, Why do you reason among yourselves because you took no loaves, little-faiths? ⁹Do you not perceive nor recall the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up? ¹⁰Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many lunchbaskets you took up? ¹¹How do you not perceive that *it was* not about loaves that I said to you to take heed from the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees? ¹²Then they knew that He did not say to take heed from the leaven of bread, but from the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

¹³And coming into the parts of Caesarea of Philip, Jesus questioned His disciples, saying, Whom do men say Me to be, the Son of man? ¹⁴And they said, Some say John the Baptist; and others Elijah; and others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵He said to them, But you, whom do you say Me to be? ¹⁶And answering, Simon Peter said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷And answering Jesus said to him, Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not

reveal *it* to you, but My Father in Heaven. ¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and *the* gates of Hades will not prevail against her. ¹⁹And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven. And whatever you bind on earth shall occur, having already been bound in Heaven. And whatever you may loose on the earth shall be, having been already loosed in Heaven. ²⁰Then He warned His disciples that they should tell no one that He is Jesus the Christ.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that it was necessary for Him to go away to Jerusalem, and to suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised on the third day. ²²And having taken Him near, Peter began to rebuke Him, saying, *God be* gracious to You, Lord; this shall never be to You. ²³But turning He said to Peter, Go behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you do not think of the things of God, but the things of men.

²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and let him bear his cross, and let him follow Me. ²⁵For whoever may desire to save his soul will lose it. But whoever may lose his soul for My sake will find it. ²⁶For what will a man be benefited if he should gain the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give *as* an exchange *for* his soul? ²⁷For the Son of man is about to come in the glory of His Father, with His angels. And then He will give reward to each according to his works. ²⁸Truly I say to you, There are some standing here who in no way will taste of death until they see the Son of man coming in His kingdom.

CHAPTER 17

¹And after six days, Jesus took Peter and James, and his brother John, and brought them up into a high mountain apart. ²And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothing became white as the light. ³And, behold! Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴And answering Peter said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for

us to be here. If You will, let us make three tents here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. ⁵While he was yet speaking, behold, a radiant cloud overshadowed them. And, behold, a voice out of the cloud saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I delight; hear Him. ⁶And hearing, the disciples fell on their face and were greatly terrified. ⁷And coming near, Jesus touched them and said, Rise up, and do not be terrified. ⁸And lifting up their eyes, they did not see anyone except Jesus alone.

⁹And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is raised from the dead. ¹⁰And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first? ¹¹And answering Jesus said to them, Elijah indeed comes first, and shall restore all things. ¹²But I say to you, Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they desired. So also the Son of man is about to suffer by them. ¹³Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them about John the Baptist.

¹⁴And they coming to the crowd, a man came near to Him, kneeling down to Him, and saying, ¹⁵Lord, pity my son. For he is moonstruck and suffers miserably. For he often falls into the fire, and often into the water. ¹⁶And I brought him to Your disciples, and they were not able to heal him. ¹⁷And answering Jesus said, O faithless and perverted generation! How long will I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me. ¹⁸And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out from him; and the boy was healed from that hour.

¹⁹Then coming up to Jesus privately, the disciples said, Why were we not able to cast him out? ²⁰And Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there! And it will move. And nothing shall be impossible to you. ²¹But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.

²²And while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, The Son of man is

about to be delivered into *the* hands of men. ²³And they will kill Him; and on the third day He will be raised. And they grieved exceedingly.

²⁴And they coming into Capernaum, those receiving the didrachmas came to Peter and said, Does your teacher not pay the didrachmas? ²⁵He said, Yes. And when he entered into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive custom or tribute? From their sons, or from strangers? ²⁶Peter said to Him, From strangers. Jesus said to him, Then truly the sons are free. ²⁷But that we may not offend them, going to the sea, throw in a hook, and take the first fish coming up. And opening its mouth, you will find a stater. Taking that, give to them for you and Me.

CHAPTER 18

¹In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Who then is greater in the kingdom of Heaven? ²And having called forward a little child, Jesus set him in their midst. ³And *He* said, Truly I say to you, Unless you convert, and become as the little children, not at all can you enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

⁴Then whoever will humble himself as this little child, this one is the greater in the kingdom of Heaven. ⁵And whoever will receive one such little child in My name receives Me. ⁶But whoever causes one of these little *ones* believing in Me to offend, it is better for him that a millstone turned by an ass be hung on his neck, and he be sunk in the depth of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world from *its* offenses! It is a necessity for the offenses to come, yet woe to that man through whom the offense comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot offends you, cut it off and throw *it* from you—it is good for you to enter into life lame or maimed, than having two hands or two feet to be thrown into the everlasting fire. ⁹And if your eye offends you, pluck it out and throw *it* from you—for it is good for you to enter into life one-eyed than having two eyes to be thrown into the Hell of fire.

¹⁰See *that* you do not despise one of these little *ones*, for I tell you that their

angels in Heaven continually look on the face of My Father in Heaven. ¹¹For the Son of man has come to save that which was lost. ¹²What do you think? If there be to any man a hundred sheep, and one of them strays away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains; and going seek the straying one? ¹³And if he happens to find it, truly I say to you that he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine not going astray. ¹⁴So it is not *the* will before your Father in Heaven that one of these little *ones* should perish.

¹⁵But if your brother sins against you, go and reprove him between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not hear, take one or two more with you, so that on the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may stand. ¹⁷But if he fails to hear them, tell *it* to the church. And if he also fails to hear the church, let him be to you as the nations and the tax-collectors. ¹⁸Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall occur, having been already bound in Heaven. And whatever you loose on the earth shall be, having been already loosed in Heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, If two of you agree on earth as to anything, whatever they shall ask, it shall be to them from My Father in Heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.

²¹Then coming up to Him, Peter said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times? ²²Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, Until seven times, but, Until seventy times seven. ²³For this reason the kingdom of Heaven has been compared to a man, a king who decided to take account with his slaves. ²⁴And when he began to reckon, one debtor of ten thousand talents was brought near to him. ²⁵But he not having *any* to pay, the lord commanded him to be sold, also his wife and children, and all things, as much as he had, even to pay back. ²⁶Then falling down, the slave bowed the knee to him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay all to you. ²⁷And being filled with pity, the lord of that slave released him, and forgave him the loan. ²⁸But going out, that

slave found one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii. And seizing him, he choked *him*, saying, Pay me whatever you owe. ²⁹Then falling down at his feet, his fellow-slave begged him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay all to you. ³⁰But he would not, but going away he threw him into prison, until he pay back the *amount* owing. ³¹But his fellow-slaves seeing the things happening, they were greatly grieved. And coming *they* reported to their lord all the things happening. ³²Then calling him near, his lord said to him, Wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt, since you begged me. ³³Ought you not also to favor your fellow-slave, as I also favored you? ³⁴And being angry, his lord delivered him up to the tormentors until he pay back all that debt to him. ³⁵So also My heavenly Father will do to you unless each of you from your hearts forgive his brother their offenses.

CHAPTER 19

¹And it happened when Jesus had finished these words, He moved from Galilee and came into the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan. ²And great crowds followed Him; and He healed them there.

³And the Pharisees came near to Him, tempting Him, and saying to Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every reason? ⁴But answering He said to them, Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning created them male and female? ⁵And He said, "For this reason a man shall leave father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ⁶So that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.

⁷They said to Him, Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorce, and to put her away? ⁸He said to them, In view of your hardheartedness Moses allowed you to put away your wives. But from the beginning it was not so. ⁹And I say to you, Whoever shall put away his wife, if not for fornication, and shall marry another, *that one* commits adultery. And the *one* who marries her *who was* put away commits adultery.

¹⁰His disciples said to Him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. ¹¹But He said to them, Not all receive this word, but *those* to whom it is given. ¹²For there are eunuchs who were born thus from *their* mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are eunuchs who made eunuchs of themselves for the sake of the kingdom of Heaven. He who is able to receive, let him receive *it*.

¹³Then little children were brought to Him, that He might lay hands on them and might pray. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But Jesus said, Allow the little children and do not prevent them to come to Me; for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. ¹⁵And laying hands on them, He went away from there.

¹⁶And, behold, coming near one said to Him, Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? ¹⁷And He said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good except One, God! But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments. ¹⁸He said to Him, Which? And Jesus said, "You shall not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; ¹⁹honor your father and your mother;" and, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰The young man said to Him, All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack? ²¹Jesus said to him, If you desire to be perfect, go sell your property and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in in Heaven; and come, follow Me. ²²But hearing the word, being grieved, the young man went away—for he had many possessions.

²³And Jesus said to His disciples, Truly I say to you that a rich man will with great difficulty enter into the kingdom of Heaven. ²⁴And again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to pass through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. ²⁵And His disciples were exceedingly astonished when they heard this, saying, Who then can be saved? ²⁶But looking on *them*, Jesus said to them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

²⁷Then answering, Peter said to Him,

Behold, we left all things and followed You. What then shall happen to us? ²⁸And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, You who have followed Me; in the regeneration, when the Son of man sits on the throne of His glory, you also will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. ³⁰But many first *ones* shall be last, and last *ones* first.

CHAPTER 20

¹For the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a housemaster, who went out when *it was* early to hire workers into his vineyard. ²And agreeing with the workers for a denarius *for* the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market. ⁴And he said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is just. And they went. ⁵Again, going out about *the* sixth and ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And going out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing idle, and said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day? ⁷They said to him, Because no one has hired us. He said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and you will receive whatever is just. ⁸But evening coming, the lord of the vineyard said to his manager, Call the workers and pay them the wage, beginning from the last to the first. ⁹And the ones coming the eleventh hour each received a denarius. ¹⁰And coming, the first supposed that they would receive more. And they also each received a denarius. ¹¹And receiving *it*, they murmured against the housemaster, ¹²saying, These last have performed one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day. ¹³But answering he said to one of them, Friend, I am not unjust to you. Did you not agree to a denarius with me? ¹⁴Take yours and go. But I desire to give to this last as also to you. ¹⁵Or is it not lawful for me to do what I desire with my things? Or is your eye evil because I am

good? ¹⁶So the last shall be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few chosen.

¹⁷And going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples aside in the way, and said to them, ¹⁸Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes. And they will condemn Him to death. ¹⁹And they will deliver Him up to the nations to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came near to Him, along with her sons, bowing the knee and asking something from Him. ²¹And He said to her, What do you desire? She said to Him, Say that these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right, and one on Your left in Your kingdom. ²²But answering Jesus said, You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink, and to be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized? They said to Him, We are able. ²³And He said to them, Indeed you shall drink My cup, and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized; but to sit off My right and off My left *hand* is not Mine to give, but to those for whom it was prepared by My Father.

²⁴And hearing, the ten were indignant about the two brothers. ²⁵But having called them, Jesus said, You know that the rulers of the nations exercise lordship over them, and the great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶But it will not be so among you. But whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. ²⁷And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave; ²⁸even as the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve; and to give His life a ransom for many.

²⁹And as they were going out from Jericho, a great crowd followed Him. ³⁰And, behold, two blind ones sitting beside the way, hearing that Jesus was passing by, *they* cried out, saying, Have pity on us, Lord, Son of David! ³¹But the crowd rebuked them, that they be quiet. But they cried out the more, saying, Have pity on us, Lord, Son of David! ³²And

stopping, Jesus called them, and said, What do you desire that I do to you? ³³They said to Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. ³⁴And moved with pity, Jesus touched their eyes. And instantly their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

CHAPTER 21

¹And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, toward the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her. Loosen *them* and lead *them* to Me. ³And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them. And he will send them at once.

⁴But all this happened that might be fulfilled that spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes to you, meek and mounted on an ass, even a colt, *the* son of an ass." ⁶And the disciples going and doing as Jesus ordered them, ⁷they led the ass and the colt. And *they* put on them their garments; and He sat on them.

⁸And most of the crowd spread their garments on the road. And others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading them in the road. ⁹And the crowd, the ones going before and the ones following, were crying out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed *is* He coming in *the* name of *the* Lord! Hosanna in the highest! ¹⁰And as He entered into Jerusalem, all the city was shaken, saying, Who is this? ¹¹And the crowds said, This is Jesus, the Prophet, the *one* from Nazareth of Galilee.

¹²And Jesus entered into the temple of God and threw out all those selling and buying in the temple. And He overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of those selling the doves. ¹³And He said to them, It has been written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer," but you have made it a den of robbers.

¹⁴And blind and lame ones came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. ¹⁵But the chief priests and the scribes, seeing the wonders which He did, and the

children crying out in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David, they were incensed. ¹⁶And *they* said to Him, Do you hear what these say? And Jesus said to them, Yes. Did you never read, "Out of *the* mouth of babes and sucklings You have perfected praise"? ¹⁷And leaving them, He went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

¹⁸And returning early to the city, He hungered. ¹⁹And seeing one fig-tree by the road, He went up *to* it, and found nothing on it except leaves only. And He said to it, Let there be no more fruit from you forever. And the fig-tree immediately dried up. ²⁰And seeing, the disciples marveled, saying, How quickly the fig-tree is dried up! ²¹And answering Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, If you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do the *miracle* of the fig-tree, but even if you should say to this mountain, Be taken up and thrown into the sea—it will be *so*. ²²And all things, whatever you may ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

²³And He coming into the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came near to Him *as He was* teaching, saying, By what authority do you do these things? And who gave this authority? ²⁴And answering Jesus said to them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where was it? From Heaven, or from men? ²⁶And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we should say, From Heaven, he will say to us, Then why did you not believe him? But if we should say, From men, we fear the people. For all hold John to be a prophet. ²⁷And answering Jesus they said, We do not know. And He said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸But what do you think? A man had two children, and coming to the first he said, Child, go today; work in my vineyard. ²⁹And answering he said, I will not. But afterward, feeling sorry, he went. ³⁰And coming to the second, he said the same. And answering he said, I go, sir, but did not leave. ³¹Which of the two did

the will of the father? They said to Him, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, The tax-collectors and the harlots go before you into the kingdom of God. ³²For John came to you in *the* way of righteousness, and you did not believe him. But the tax-collectors and the harlots believed him. And seeing, you did not repent afterwards to believe him.

³³Hear another parable: There was a certain man, a housemaster who planted a vineyard and placed a hedge around it, and dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. And *he* rented it to vinedressers, and left the country. ³⁴And when the season of the fruits came, he sent his slaves to the vinedressers to receive his fruits. ³⁵And the vinedressers taking his slaves, they beat this one, and they killed one; and they stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷And at last he sent his son to them, saying, They will have respect for my son. ³⁸But seeing the son, the vinedressers said among themselves, This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and get hold of his inheritance. ³⁹And taking him, they threw *him* out of the vineyard, and killed *him*. ⁴⁰Therefore, when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to these vinedressers? ⁴¹They said to Him, Bad men! He will miserably destroy them, and he will rent out the vineyard to other vinedressers who will give to him the fruits in their seasons. ⁴²Jesus said to them, Did you never read in the Scriptures, "*The Stone which the builders rejected is the One that has become the head of the corner*. This was from the Lord, and it is a wonder in our eyes"? ⁴³Because of this I say to you, The kingdom of God will be taken from you, and it will be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits of it. ⁴⁴And he who falls on this Stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder. ⁴⁵And hearing His parables, the chief priests and the Pharisees knew that He was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And seeking to lay hold of Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him as a prophet.

CHAPTER 22

¹And answering Jesus again spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man, a king, who made a wedding feast for his son.

³And *he* sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast; but they did not desire to come. ⁴Again, he sent other slaves, saying, Tell the *ones* invited, Behold, I have prepared my supper; my oxen, and the fatlings are killed, and all things ready; come to the wedding feast. ⁵But not caring they went away,

one to *his* own field, and one to *his* trading. ⁶And the rest, seizing his slaves, insulted and killed *them*. ⁷And hearing, the king became angry. And sending his armies, *he* destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, Indeed, the wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Then go onto the exits of the highways, and call to the wedding feast as many as you may find.

¹⁰And going out into the highways, those slaves gathered all, as many as they found, both evil and good. And the wedding feast was filled with reclining guests. ¹¹And the king coming in to look over those reclining, he saw a man there not being dressed *in* a wedding garment.

¹²And he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here, not having a wedding garment? But he was silent. ¹³Then the king said to the servants, Binding his feet and hands, take him away, and throw *him* out into the outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of the teeth. ¹⁴For many are called, but few chosen.

¹⁵Then going, the Pharisees took counsel so as they might trap Him in words. ¹⁶And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God in truth; and it does not concern you about anyone, for you do not look to *the* face of men. ¹⁷Then tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

¹⁸But knowing their wickedness, Jesus said, Why do you test Me, hypocrites? ¹⁹Show Me the tribute coin. And they brought a denarius to Him. ²⁰And He said to them, Whose image and superscription is this? ²¹They said to Him,

Caesar's. Then He said to them, Then give to Caesar the things of Caesar, and to God the things of God. ²²And hearing, they marveled. And leaving Him, they went away.

²³On that day Sadducees came to Him, who say there is no resurrection. And they questioned Him, ²⁴saying, Teacher, Moses said, If any should die not having children, his brother shall marry his wife, and shall raise up seed to his brother. ²⁵And seven brothers were with us. And having married, the first expired, and not having seed left his wife to his brother.

²⁶In the same way also the second, and the third, until the seven. ²⁷And last of all the woman also died. ²⁸Then in the resurrection, of which of the seven will she be wife? For all had her. ²⁹And answering Jesus said to them, You err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.

³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are as the angels of God in Heaven. ³¹But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that spoken to you by God, saying: ³²"I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? God is not God of the dead, but of the living. ³³And hearing, the crowds were astonished at His teaching.

³⁴But hearing that He had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees were gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, questioned Him, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶Teacher, which *is the* great commandment in the Law? ³⁷And Jesus said to him, "You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹And *the* second *is* like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁴⁰On these two commandments all the Law and the Prophets hang.

⁴¹But the Pharisees having been gathered, Jesus questioned them, ⁴²saying, What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He? They say to Him, David's. ⁴³He said to them, Then how does David in Spirit call Him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit on My right until I place Your enemies as a footstool for Your feet"? ⁴⁵Then if

David calls Him Lord, how is He his son? ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day to question Him any more.

CHAPTER 23

¹Then Jesus spoke to the crowd and to His disciples, ²saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sat down on Moses' seat. ³Then all things, whatever they tell you to keep, keep and do. But do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. ⁴For they bind heavy and hard to bear burdens, and lay *them* on the shoulders of men; but they do not desire to move them with their finger. ⁵And they do all their works to be seen by men. And they make their phylacteries broad, and enlarge the borders of their robes. ⁶And *they* love the first couch in the suppers, and the first seats in the synagogues, ⁷and the greetings in the markets, and to be called by men, Rabbi, Rabbi. ⁸But do not you be called Rabbi; for One is your leader, the Christ, and you are all brothers. ⁹And call no one father on earth, for one is your Father, the *One* in Heaven. ¹⁰Nor be called leaders, for One is your Leader, the Christ. ¹¹But the greater of you shall be your servant. ¹²And whoever will exalt himself shall be humbled. And whoever will humble himself shall be exalted.

¹³But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of Heaven before men; for you do not enter, nor do you allow those entering to go in.

¹⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour the houses of widows, and pray at length as a pretext. Because of this you will receive more abundant judgment.

¹⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go about the sea and the dry *land* to make one proselyte; and when he has become *so*, you make him twofold more a son of Hell than yourselves.

¹⁶Woe to you, blind guides, who say, Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple is a debtor. ¹⁷Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold? ¹⁸And *you say*, Whoever swears by the altar, it is

nothing; but whoever swears by the gift on it, *he is* a debtor. ¹⁹Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift? ²⁰Then the *one* swearing by the altar swears by it, and by all things on it. ²¹And the *one* swearing by the temple swears by it, and by the *One* dwelling in it. ²²And the *one* swearing by Heaven swears by the throne of God, and by the *One* sitting on it.

²³Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and you have left aside the weightier *matters* of the Law: judgment, and mercy, and faith. It was right to do these, and not to have left those aside. ²⁴Blind guides, straining out the gnat, but swallowing the camel!

²⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but within they are full of robbery and excess. ²⁶Blind Pharisee! First cleanse the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside of them may become clean also.

²⁷Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitened graves which outwardly indeed appear beautiful, but within are full of bones of *the* dead, and of all uncleanness. ²⁸So you also indeed outwardly appear righteous to men, but within are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and adorn the tombs of the righteous. ³⁰And you say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. ³¹So you witness to yourselves, that you are the sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³²And you fill up the measure of your fathers. ³³Serpents, offspring of vipers! How shall you escape the judgment of Hell? ³⁴Because of this, behold, I send to you prophets and wise ones and scribes. And *some* of them you will kill and crucify; and *some* of them you will flog in your synagogues, and will persecute from city to city; ³⁵so that should come on you all *the* righteous blood poured out on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Berechiah,

whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. ³⁶Truly I say to you, All these things will come on this generation.

³⁷Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the *one* killing the prophets and stoning those sent to her. How often I desired to gather your children in the way a bird gathers her chicks from under *her* wings! And you did not desire it. ³⁸Behold, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹For I say to you, In no way shall you see Me from now on until you say, "Blessed is He who comes in *the* name of *the* Lord."

CHAPTER 24

¹And going out, Jesus left the temple. And His disciples came to show Him the buildings of the temple. ²But Jesus said to them, Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, There will not at all be left *one* stone on *a* stone which in no way will not be thrown down.

³And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things be? And, What is the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age? ⁴And answering Jesus said to them, See that not any leads you astray. ⁵For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Christ. And *they* will cause many to err. ⁶But you are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See, do not be disturbed. For all things must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will be raised against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines and plagues and earthquakes against *many* places. ⁸But all these *are* a beginning of throes. ⁹Then they will deliver you up to affliction, and will kill you; and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰And then many will be offended, and they will deliver up one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will be raised, and will cause many to err. ¹²And because lawlessness shall have been multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the *one* who endures to *the* end, that one will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the earth, for a testimony to all the nations; and then will come the end.

¹⁵Then when you see the abomination

of desolation which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in *the* holy place—the *one* reading, let him understand — ¹⁶then let those in Judea flee on the mountains; ¹⁷the *one* on the housetop, let him not come down to take anything out of his house; ¹⁸and the *one* in the field, let him not turn back to take his garment. ¹⁹But woe to the *woman* being with child and to those suckling in those days! ²⁰And pray that your flight will not be in winter, nor on a sabbath. ²¹For there will be great affliction, such as has not happened from *the* beginning of *the* world until now; no, nor ever will be. ²²And except those days were shortened, not any flesh would be saved — but on account of the elect, those days will be shortened. ²³Then if anyone says to you, Behold, here *is* the Christ; or, Here! Do not believe. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will rise up. And *they* will give great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵Behold, I tell you beforehand. ²⁶Then if they say to you, Behold, He is in the wilderness; do not go out. Behold, *He is* in the inner rooms; do not believe. ²⁷For as the lightning comes forth from *the* east and shines as far as *the* west, so also will be the coming of the Son of man. ²⁸For wherever the dead body may be, there the eagles will be gathered.

²⁹And immediately after the affliction of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰And then the sign of the Son of man will appear in the heavens. And then all the tribes of the land will wail. And they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and much glory. ³¹And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather His elect from the four winds; from *the* ends of *the* heavens to their ends.

³²But learn the parable of the fig-tree: When its branch becomes tender, and it puts out leaves, you know that the summer *is* near; ³³so also you when you see all these things, know that it is near, at *the* doors. ³⁴Truly I say to you, In no way will this generation pass away until all these

things have occurred. ³⁵The heavens and the earth will pass away, but My words will never ever pass away. ³⁶But as to that day and that hour, no one knows, neither the angels of Heaven, except My Father only. ³⁷But as the days of Noah, so also will be the coming of the Son of man. ³⁸For as they were in the days before the flood: eating, and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until *the day when* Noah went into the ark—³⁹and they did not know until the flood came and took all away — so also will be the coming of the Son of man. ⁴⁰At that time two will be out in the field; the one is taken away, and the one is left; ⁴¹two grinding at the mill; one is taken, and one is left.

⁴²Watch, then, for you do not know in what hour your Lord comes. ⁴³But know this, that if the housemaster had known in what watch the thief comes, he would have watched, and not have allowed his house to be dug through. ⁴⁴Because of this, you also be ready, for in that hour you think not, the Son of man comes. ⁴⁵Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give to them the food in season? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whom his lord shall find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷Truly I say to you, He will set him over all his substance. ⁴⁸But if that wicked servant says in his heart, My lord delays to come, ⁴⁹and begins to beat *his* fellow-servants, and to eat and to drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰the lord of that slave will come in a day in which he does not expect, and in an hour which he does not know, ⁵¹and will cut him in two, and will appoint his portion with the hypocrites. There will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

CHAPTER 25

¹Then the kingdom of Heaven shall be compared to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to a meeting of the bridegroom. ²And five of them were wise, and five foolish. ³Those *being* foolish, taking their lamps did not take oil with them. ⁴But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵But the bridegroom delaying, all nodded and slept. ⁶And at midnight a cry occurred: Behold

the bridegroom comes! Go out to meet him. ⁷Then all those virgins arose and and prepared their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out. ⁹But the wise answered, saying, *No*, lest there not be enough for us and you. But rather go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰But they going away to buy, the bridegroom came. And those ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. ¹¹And afterwards the rest of the virgins also came, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹²But answering he said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you. ¹³Therefore, watch, for you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of man comes.

¹⁴For *it is* as if a man going abroad called *his* own slaves and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵And to one indeed he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another, one — to each according to his ability. And *he* went abroad at once. ¹⁶And going, the *one* who received the five talents worked with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the *one* with the two also *did*; he also gained another two. ¹⁸But going away, the *one* who received the one dug in the earth and hid his lord's silver. ¹⁹And after much time, the lord of those slaves came and took account with them. ²⁰And coming up, the *one* who received five talents brought another five talents near, saying, Lord, you delivered five talents to me. Behold, I gained another five talents above them. ²¹And his lord said to him, Well *done*, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your lord. ²²And the *one* who received two talents, coming up also said, Lord, you delivered two talents to me. Behold, I have gained two other talents above them. ²³His lord said to him, Well *done*, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your lord. ²⁴And the *one* who received the one talent also coming up, *he* said, Lord, I knew you, that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. ²⁵And being afraid, going

away, I hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have yours. ²⁶And answering his lord said to him, Evil and slothful slave! You knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter. ²⁷Then you ought to have put my silver to the bankers; and coming I would have received my own with interest. ²⁸Therefore, take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to each who has, *more* will be given, and he will abound. But from him who does not have, even that which he has will be taken from him. ³⁰And throw the worthless slave out into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

³¹But when the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³²And before Him shall be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And indeed *He* will set the sheep off His right, but the goats off *the* left *hand*. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on His right, Come, the blessed of My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from *the* foundation of the world. ³⁵For I hungered, and you gave Me *food* to eat; I thirsted, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; ³⁶naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. ³⁷Then the righteous will answer, saying, Lord, when did we see You hungry, and fed *You*; or thirsting, and gave *You* drink? ³⁸And when did we see You a stranger, and took *You* in; or naked, and clothed *You*? ³⁹And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and came to You? ⁴⁰And answering, the King will say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did *it* to one of these, the least of My brothers, you did *it* to Me.

⁴¹Then He will also say to those on *His* left, Go away from Me, cursed ones, into the everlasting fire having been prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴²For I hungered, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I thirsted, and you gave me nothing to drink; ⁴³I was a stranger, and you did not take Me in; naked, and you did not clothe

Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me. ⁴⁴Then they also will answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see You hungering, or thirsting, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to You? ⁴⁵Then He will answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of these, the least, neither did you do *it* to Me. ⁴⁶And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life.

CHAPTER 26

¹And it happened when Jesus finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, ²You know that the Passover is coming after two days, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. ³Then the chief priests and the scribes and the elders of the people were assembled to the court of the high priest, the *one* named Caiaphas. ⁴And *they* plotted together in order that they might seize Jesus by guile, and kill *Him*. ⁵But they said, Not during the feast, that there be no uproar among the people.

⁶And Jesus being in Bethany in Simon the leper's house, ⁷a woman came to Him having an alabaster vial of ointment, very precious. And *she* poured *it* on His head as He reclined. ⁸But seeing, His disciples were indignant, saying, For what *is* this waste? ⁹For this ointment could have been sold for much, and be given to the poor. ¹⁰But knowing, Jesus said to them, Why do you cause trouble to the woman? For she worked a good work toward Me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me. ¹²For in putting this ointment on My body, she did *it* in order to bury Me. ¹³Truly I say to you, Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in all the world, what she did will be spoken of as a memorial of her.

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, the *one* named Judas Iscariot, going to the chief priests ¹⁵said, What will you give to me, and I will deliver Him up to you? And they weighed to him thirty silver pieces. ¹⁶And from then he sought opportunity that he might betray Him.

¹⁷And on the first *day* of unleavened *bread* the disciples came to Jesus, saying

to Him, Where do you desire we should prepare for You to eat the Passover? ¹⁸And He said, Go into the city to a certain one and say to him, The Teacher says, My time is near; to you I will prepare the Passover with My disciples. ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus ordered them, and prepared the Passover.

²⁰And evening coming, He reclined with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, He said, Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me. ²²And grieving exceedingly, they began to say to Him, each of them, Lord, Not I am *the one*? ²³But answering He said, The *one* dipping the hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. ²⁴Indeed, *the* Son of man goes, as it has been written about Him. But woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed. It were good for him if that man was never born. ²⁵And answering the *one* betraying Him, Judas, said, Not I am *the one*, Rabbi? He said to him, You said *it*.

²⁶And as they ate, taking the bread and blessing *it*, Jesus broke and gave to the disciples; and said, Take, eat; this is My body. ²⁷And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave to them, saying, Drink all of it. ²⁸For this is My blood of the New Covenant which concerning many is being poured out for forgiveness of sins.

²⁹But I say to you, I will not at all drink of this fruit of the vine after this, until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father.

³⁰And singing a hymn, they went into the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, You all will be offended in Me during this night. For it has been written, "I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." ³²But after My resurrection I will go before you into Galilee. ³³And answering Peter said to Him, Even if all will be offended in You, I will never be offended. ³⁴Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, During this night, before the cock crows, you will deny Me three times. ³⁵Peter said to Him, Even if it were necessary for me to die with You, I will in no way deny You. And all the disciples said the same.

³⁶Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to the disciples, Sit here until going away I shall

pray there. ³⁷And taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to grieve and to be deeply troubled. ³⁸Then He said to them, My soul is deeply grieved, even unto death. Stay here and watch with Me.

³⁹And going forward a little, He fell on His face, praying and saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet, not as I will, but as You *will*. ⁴⁰And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, So! Were you not able to watch one hour with Me? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you do not enter into temptation. The Spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh is weak. ⁴²Again, going away a second time, He prayed, saying, My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me without my drinking it, let Your will be done. ⁴³And coming He again found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴And leaving them, going away again, He prayed a third *time*, saying the same thing. ⁴⁵Then He came to His disciples and said to them, Sleep on, and rest *for* what *time* remains. Behold, the hour draws near, and the Son of man is betrayed into *the* hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise up, let us go. Behold, the *one* betraying Me draws near.

⁴⁷And as He was yet speaking, behold, Judas came, one of the twelve. And with him was a numerous crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸And the *one* betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, Whomever I may kiss, it is He; seize Him. ⁴⁹And coming up at once to Jesus, he said, Greetings, Rabbi. And *he* ardently kissed Him. ⁵⁰But Jesus said to him, Friend, why are you here? Then coming up, they laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. ⁵¹And, behold, one of those with Jesus, stretching out the hand, drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, *and* took off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, Put your sword back into its place. For all who take *the* sword shall perish by a sword. ⁵³Or do you think that I am not able now to call on My Father, and He will place beside Me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴How then should the

Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?

⁵⁵In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, Have you come out to take Me with swords and clubs, as against a robber? I sat with you daily, teaching in the temple, and you did not lay hands on Me. ⁵⁶But all this is happening that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Then all the disciples ran away, forsaking Him.

⁵⁷And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. ⁵⁸And Peter followed Him from a distance, even to the court of the high priest. And going inside, he sat with the under-officers to see the end. ⁵⁹And the chief priests and the elders and the whole sanhedrin looked for false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. ⁶⁰And not *any* were found, even though *there were* many false witnesses coming forward, they did not find *any*. But at last two false witnesses came up, ⁶¹saying, This one said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and in three days to build it. ⁶²And standing up, the high priest said to Him, Do you answer nothing? What do these witness against you? ⁶³But Jesus kept silent. And answering the high priest said to Him, I adjure you by the living God that you tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God. ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, You said *it*. I tell you more. From this time you shall see the Son of man sitting off *the right hand* of power, and coming on the clouds of the heavens.

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his garments, saying, He blasphemed! Why do we have any more need of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What does it seem to you? And answering they said, He is liable to death. ⁶⁷Then they spat in His face, and beat Him with the fist; and *some* slapped Him, ⁶⁸saying, Prophecy to us, Christ. Who is the *one* that struck you?

⁶⁹And Peter sat outside in the court. And one girl came near to him, saying, And you were with Jesus the Galilean. ⁷⁰But he denied before all, saying, I do not know what you say. ⁷¹And he going out

into the porch, another saw him, and said to those there, And this one was with Jesus the Nazarene. ⁷²And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. ⁷³And after a little, coming near, those standing by said to Peter, Truly you also are of them, for even your speech makes you known. ⁷⁴Then he began to curse and to swear, I do not know the man. And immediately a cock crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter recalled the word of Jesus, saying to him, Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times. And going out, he wept bitterly.

CHAPTER 27

¹And *it* becoming early morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel together against Jesus, so as to put Him to death. ²And binding Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

³Then the *one* betraying Him, seeing that He was condemned, sorrowing Judas returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, I sinned, betraying innocent blood. But they said, What *is it* to us? You see *to it*. ⁵And tossing the silver pieces into the temple, he left. And going away he hanged himself. ⁶And taking the pieces of silver, the chief priests said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is *the* price of blood. ⁷And taking counsel, they bought of them the potter's field, for burial for the strangers. ⁸So that field was called Field of Blood until today. ⁹Then was fulfilled that spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And I took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who was priced, on whom they of the sons of Israel set a price, ¹⁰and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

¹¹And Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor questioned Him, saying, Are you the king of the Jews? And Jesus said to him, You say *it*. ¹²And when He was accused by the chief priests and the elders, He answered nothing. ¹³Then Pilate said to Him, Do you not hear how many things they testify against you? ¹⁴And He did not answer him, not even to

one word, so that the governor greatly marveled.

¹⁵And at a feast the governor customarily released one prisoner to the crowd, whom they wished. ¹⁶And they had then a notable prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷Then they having been assembled, Pilate said to them, Whom do you wish I may release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ? ¹⁸For he knew they delivered Him up through envy.

¹⁹But as he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, Let nothing *be* to you and that just one. For I have suffered many things today by a dream because of him. ²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds, that they should ask *for* Barabbas, and to destroy Jesus. ²¹And answering the governor said to them, From the two, which do you wish that I release to you? And they said, Barabbas. ²²Pilate said to them, What then should I do *to* Jesus called Christ? ²³They all said to him, Let him be crucified. But the governor said, For what wrong did he do? But they the more cried out, saying, Let him be crucified. ²⁴And seeing that nothing *is* gained, but rather an uproar occurs, taking water Pilate washed *his* hands before the crowd, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just one; you will see. ²⁵And answering all the people said, His blood *be* on us and on our children. ²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them. But having flogged Jesus, he delivered *Him* up that He might be crucified.

²⁷Then taking Jesus into the praetorium, the soldiers of the governor gathered all the cohort against Him. ²⁸And stripping Him, they put a scarlet cloak around Him. ²⁹And plaiting a crown of thorns, they placed *it* on His head, and a reed in His right *hand*. And bowing the knee before Him, they mocked at Him, saying, Hail, king of the Jews. ³⁰And spitting at Him, *they* took the reed and struck at His head. ³¹And when they had mocked Him, they stripped off His cloak, and they put His garments on Him and led Him away to crucify *Him*.

³²And going out they found a man, a Cyrenean named Simon. They forced this one to bear His cross. ³³And coming to a

place called Golgotha, which is called, Place of a Skull, ³⁴they gave Him vinegar mingled with gall to drink. And having tasted, He would not drink. ³⁵And having crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting a lot—that might be fulfilled that spoken by the prophet, “They divided My garments *to* themselves, and they cast a lot over My clothing.” ³⁶And sitting down, they guarded Him there. ³⁷And they put up over His head His charge, *it* having been written: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one off *the* right, and one off *the* left of Him.

³⁹But those passing by blasphemed Him, shaking their heads, ⁴⁰and saying, *You* destroying the temple, and building it in three days, if you are the Son of God, come down from the cross. ⁴¹And in the same way the chief priests with the scribes and elders, mocking said, ⁴²He saved others; he is not able to save himself. If he is the king of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe him. ⁴³He trusted on God. Let Him rescue him now, if He desires him. For he said, I am Son of God. ⁴⁴And also the robbers crucified with Him reviled Him, *saying* the same.

⁴⁵And from *the* sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until *the* ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani—that is, My God, My God, why did You forsake Me? ⁴⁷And hearing, some of those standing there said, This one calls Elijah. ⁴⁸And at once one of them running and taking a sponge, and filling *it* with vinegar, put *it* on a reed and gave drink to Him. ⁴⁹But the rest said, Let be; let us see if Elijah comes to save him.

⁵⁰And crying again with a loud voice, Jesus released *His* spirit. ⁵¹And, behold, the veil of the temple was torn into two from top to bottom. And the earth quaked, and the rocks were sheared! ⁵²And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³And coming forth out of the tombs after His resurrection, *they* entered into the holy city and were revealed to many.

⁵⁴But the centurion and those guarding Jesus with him, seeing the earthquake and the things taking place, *they* feared exceedingly, saying, Truly this One was Son of God.

⁵⁵And many women were there, watching from afar off, *those* who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him; ⁵⁶among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Josés, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷And evening having come, a rich man from Arimathea, Joseph by name, who also himself was discipled to Jesus; ⁵⁸coming up to Pilate, this one asked the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given. ⁵⁹And taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen, ⁶⁰and laid it in his new tomb, which he had cut out in the rock. And rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb, *he* departed. ⁶¹And there was Mary Magdalene and the other Mary sitting across from the grave.

⁶²And on the morrow, which is after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were assembled to Pilate, ⁶³saying, Lord, we have recalled that that deceiver said while *he* was living, After three days I will rise. ⁶⁴Therefore, command that the grave be secured until the third day, that his disciples may not come by night and steal him away, and may say to the people, He is raised from the dead. And the last deception will be worse than the first. ⁶⁵And Pilate said to them, You have a guard; go away; make *it* as secure as you know *how*. ⁶⁶And going, they made the grave secure, sealing the stone, along with the guard.

CHAPTER 28

¹But late in the week, at the dawning into the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the grave.

²And, behold! A great earthquake occurred! For coming down from Heaven, and coming up, an angel of *the* Lord rolled away the stone from the door, and was

sitting on it. ³And his face was as lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And those keeping guard were shaken from the fear of him, and they became as dead. ⁵But answering the angel said to the women, You must not fear, for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. ⁶He is not here, for He was raised, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying. ⁷And going quickly say to His disciples that He was raised from the dead. And, behold, He goes before you into Galilee. You will see Him there. See, I told you. ⁸And going away from the tomb quickly, with fear and great joy, they ran to tell *it* to His disciples. ⁹But as they were going to tell *it* to His disciples, behold, Jesus also met them, saying, Hail! And coming near, they seized His feet, and worshiped Him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, Do not fear. Go tell your brothers that they may go into Galilee, and there they will see Me.

¹¹And they having gone, behold, some of the guard coming into the city reported to the chief priests all things that occurred. ¹²And being assembled with the elders, and taking counsel, *they* gave enough silver to the soldiers, ¹³saying, Say that his disciples came *and* stole him by night, we being asleep. ¹⁴And if this is heard by the governor, we will persuade him, and will make you free from anxiety. ¹⁵And taking the silver, they did as they were taught. And this report was spread by the Jews until today.

¹⁶But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mount where Jesus appointed them. ¹⁷And seeing Him, they worshiped Him. But they doubted. ¹⁸And coming up Jesus talked with them, saying, All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Me. ¹⁹Going, then, disciple all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; ²⁰teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

CHAPTER 1

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, *the Son of God*, ²as it has been written in the Prophets, "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You; ³*the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.*"

⁴John came baptizing in the wilderness, and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the Judean country, and those of Jerusalem went out to him, and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶And John was clothed in camel's hair, and a leather girdle about his loin; and eating locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he proclaimed, saying, He who comes after me is mightier than I, of whom I am not fit to stoop down to loosen the thong of His sandals. ⁸I indeed baptized you in water, but He will baptize you in *the Holy Spirit*.

⁹And it happened in those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And going up from the water immediately, He saw the heavens being torn, and the Spirit coming down as a dove upon Him.

¹¹And there was a voice out of the heavens, You are My Son, the Beloved, in whom I take delight.

¹²And the Spirit at once drove Him out into the wilderness. ¹³And He was there in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts. And the angels ministered to Him.

¹⁴And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵and saying, The time has been fulfilled, and the kingdom of God draws near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

¹⁶And walking along beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a small net in the sea; for they were fishers. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, Come after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. ¹⁸And leaving their nets, they immediately fol-

lowed Him. ¹⁹And going forward from there a little, He saw James the *son of Zebedee*, and his brother John. And they *were* in the boat mending the nets. ²⁰And at once He called them. And leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, they went after Him.

²¹And they passed along into Capernaum. And entering into the synagogue, at once He taught on the sabbaths. ²²And they were astonished at His teaching, for He was teaching them as having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And a man with an unclean spirit was in their synagogue. And he cried out, ²⁴saying, What *is* to us and to You, Jesus, Nazarene? Have You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are, the Holy One of God. ²⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet, and come out of him. ²⁶And the unclean spirit convulsing him, and crying out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷And all were astonished, so as to discuss to themselves, saying, What is this? What new teaching *is* this, that He commands even the unclean spirits with authority, and they obey Him? ²⁸And His fame went out at once into all the Galilean neighborhood.

²⁹And at once going out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰And the mother-in-law of Simon was laid out, stricken by fever. And at once they spoke to Him about her. ³¹And coming near, He raised her up, holding her hand. And the fever left her instantly; and she served them.

³²And evening coming, when the sun set, they brought to Him all those having illness, and those having been demon-possessed. ³³And the whole city was gathered at the door. ³⁴And He healed many who had illness of various diseases. And he cast out many demons, and did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

³⁵And rising up quite early in *the night*, He went out and went away into a desert place. And *He* was praying there. ³⁶And Simon and those with him searched for

Him. ³⁷And finding Him, they said to Him, All are seeking You. ³⁸And He said to them, Let us go into the neighboring towns, that I may proclaim there also. For *it was* for this I came forth. ³⁹And He was proclaiming in their synagogues in all Galilee, and casting out the demons.

⁴⁰And a leper came to Him, begging Him, and falling on *his* knees to Him, and saying to Him, If You will, You are able to make me clean. ⁴¹And being moved with pity, reaching out the hand, Jesus touched him, and said to him, I am willing. Be made clean! ⁴²And He having spoken, instantly the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. ⁴³And strictly warning him, He at once put him out, ⁴⁴and said to him, See, tell no one a thing, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses directed concerning your cleansing, for a testimony to them. ⁴⁵But going out he began to proclaim much, and to spread about the matter, so that He no longer could openly enter into a city. But He was outside in desert places. And they came to Him from every quarter.

CHAPTER 2

¹And again He entered into Capernaum after *some* days. And it was heard that He was in *a* house. ²And at once many were gathered, so as none any longer had room, not even to the door. And He spoke the word to them. ³And they came to Him carrying a paralytic, being borne by four. ⁴And not being able to draw near to Him, due to the crowd, they unroofed the roof where He was. And digging through, they lowered the cot on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, Child, your sins are forgiven to you. ⁶But some of the scribes were sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷Why does this one speak blasphemies this way? Who is able to forgive sins, except One, God? ⁸And instantly knowing in His spirit that they reasoned this way within themselves, Jesus said to them, Why do you reason these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier? To say to the paralytic, *Your* sins are forgiven to you; or to say, Rise up and take your cot and walk? ¹⁰But that you

may know that the Son of man has authority to forgive sins on the earth, He said to the paralytic, ¹¹I say to you, Rise up and take up your cot, and go to your house. ¹²And at once he rose up. And taking his cot, he went out before all; so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, Never did we see *it* this way.

¹³And he went out by the sea again. And all the crowd came to Him. And He taught them. ¹⁴And passing on, He saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the tax-office. And *He* said to him, Follow Me. And rising up, he followed Him.

¹⁵And it happened as He reclined in his house, even many tax-collectors and sinners reclined with Jesus and His disciples, for they were many. And they followed Him. ¹⁶And the scribes and Pharisees seeing Him eating with tax-collectors and sinners, *they* said to His disciples, Why *is it* that He eats and drinks with the tax-collectors and sinners? ¹⁷And hearing, Jesus said to them, Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who have illness. I did not come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners.

¹⁸And John's disciples, and those of the Pharisees, were fasting. And they came and said to Him, Why do John's disciples and those of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast? ¹⁹And Jesus said to them, Can the sons of the bridechamber fast while the groom is with them? What time they have the groom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. ²¹And no one sews a patch of unmilld cloth on an old garment, else *it* takes away its fullness, the new *from* the old, and a worse tear occurs. ²²And no one puts new wine into old skins, else the new wine will burst the skins and the wine pours out, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh skins.

²³And it happened He went along through the grainfields in the sabbaths. And His disciples began to make way, plucking the heads of *grain*. ²⁴And the Pharisees said to Him, Behold, why do they do that which is not lawful on the sabbaths? ²⁵And He said to them, Did you never read what David did when he

had need and hungered, he and those with him, ²⁶how he entered the house of God in the *days of* Abiathar the high priest, and ate the Loaves of Arrangement, which it is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and *he* even gave to those being with him? ²⁷And He said to them, The sabbath came into being for man's sake, not man for the sabbath's sake. ²⁸So then the Son of man is Lord of the sabbath also.

CHAPTER 3

¹And again He entered into the synagogue. And there was a man who had a withering of the hand. ²And they watched Him, whether He will heal him on the sabbaths, that they might accuse Him. ³And He said to the man who had a withering of the hand, Rise up into the middle. ⁴And He said to them, *Is it* lawful to do good on the sabbaths, or to do evil? To save a soul, or to kill? But they were silent. ⁵And having looked around on them with anger, being greatly grieved over the hardness of their heart, He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he stretched out, and his hand was restored sound as the other. ⁶And going out the Pharisees at once took counsel with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

⁷And Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee and from Judea followed Him; ⁸also *some* from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan; also those around Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude came to Him, hearing how much He was doing. ⁹And He spoke to His disciples that a small boat should stay near to Him because of the crowd, that they might not press upon Him. ¹⁰For He healed many, so that they fell on Him, that they might touch Him, as many as had plagues. ¹¹And when the unclean spirits saw Him, *they* fell down before Him, and cried out, saying, You are the Son of God! ¹²And he warned them very much, that they should not reveal Him.

¹³And He went up into the mountain, and He called near whom He desired. And they went to Him. ¹⁴And He made *disciples of* twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them to

proclaim, ¹⁵and to have authority to heal diseases and to cast out the demons. ¹⁶And He put on Simon *the* name Peter. ¹⁷And on James *the* son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, He put on them *the* names Boanerges, which is, Sons of Thunder. ¹⁸Also *He appointed* Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the *son* of Alpheus, and Thaddeus, and Simon the Canaanite, ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

²⁰And He came into a house. And again a crowd came together, so as they were not able even to eat bread. ²¹And hearing, those with Him went out to take hold of Him; for they said, He is out of wits. ²²And coming down from Jerusalem, the scribes said, He has Beelzebub, and he casts out demons by the ruler of the demons. ²³And calling them near, He spoke to them in parables, *saying*, How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house is not able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan rises upon himself, and has been divided, he is not able to stand, but he has an end. ²⁷No one is able in any way to plunder the goods of the strong one, entering into his house, unless he first tie up the strong one; and then he will plunder his house.

²⁸Truly I say to you, All the sins will be forgiven to the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they have blasphemed. ²⁹But whoever commits blasphemy against the Holy Spirit has no forgiveness to eternity, but is liable to eternal judgment—³⁰because they said, He has an unclean spirit.

³¹Then His mother and brothers came. And standing outside, *they* sent to Him, calling Him. ³²And a crowd sat around Him. And they said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers seek You outside. ³³And He answered them, saying, Who is My mother or My brothers? ³⁴And having looked around on those sitting around Him in a circle, He said, Behold, My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of God, this one is My brother, and My sister, and My mother.

CHAPTER 4

¹And again He began to teach by the sea. And a large crowd was gathered to Him, so that He entered into the boat in order to sit in the sea. And all the crowd were on the land toward the sea. ²And He taught them many things in parables, and said to them in His teaching: ³Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, it happened that one indeed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the heaven came and ate it up. ⁵And another fell on the stony place where it did not have much earth. And it sprang up at once, due to not having deepness of earth. ⁶And *the* sun rising, it was scorched. And through not having root, it was dried out.

⁷And another fell into the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it did not yield fruit. ⁸And another fell into the good ground, and yielded fruit, going up and increasing; and one bore thirty, and one sixty, and one a hundredfold. ⁹And He said to them, *The one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁰And when He was alone, those around Him, with the twelve, asked Him *as to* the parable. ¹¹And He said to them, To you has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God. But to these, those outside, all things *are* being *given* in parables, ¹²that seeing they may see and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand, lest they should convert, and sins be forgiven to them. ¹³And He said to them, Do you not know this parable? And how will you know all parables?

¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵And these are those by the wayside, where the word is sown. And when they hear, Satan comes at once and takes the word having been sown in their hearts. ¹⁶And likewise, these are the ones being sown on the stony places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy, ¹⁷yet they have no root in themselves, but are temporary. Then trouble or persecution having occurred through the word, immediately they are offended.

¹⁸These are those being sown into the thorns, those hearing the word, ¹⁹and the cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of

riches, and the lusts about other things entering in, *they* choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰And these are those being sown on the good ground, who hear and welcome the word, and bring forth fruit—one thirty, and one sixty, and one a hundredfold.

²¹And He said to them, Does the lamp come that it may be put under the grain measure, or under the bed? *Is it* not that it may be put on the lampstand? ²²For not anything is hidden but that it will be revealed; nor *anything* become covered but that it will come to light. ²³If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

²⁴And He said to them, Be careful what you hear. With what measure you measure, it will be measured to you, and more will be given to you, the *ones* hearing. ²⁵For whoever may have, *more* will be given to him; and *the one* who does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

²⁶And He said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed on the earth, ²⁷and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and lengthen of itself, as he does not know—²⁸for of itself the earth bears fruit: first greenery, then an ear, then full grain in the ear. ²⁹And when the fruit yields, immediately he sends forth the sickle, for the harvest has come.

³⁰And He said, To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we compare it? ³¹*It is* like a grain of mustard, which, when it is sown on the earth, it is less than all the seeds of those on the earth. ³²And when it is sown, *it* comes up, and becomes greater than all the plants, and produces great branches, so as to enable the birds of the heaven to roost under its shade.

³³And with many such parables He spoke the word to them, even as they were able to hear. ³⁴But He did not speak to them without a parable. And He explained all things to His disciples privately.

³⁵And evening having come, He said to them on that day, Let us pass over to the other side. ³⁶And dismissing the crowd, they took Him along, as He was in the boat. And other small boats also were

with Him. ³⁷And a great windstorm occurred, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was filled already. ³⁸And He was on the stern, sleeping on the headrest. And they awakened Him, and said to Him, Teacher, does it not matter to You that we are perishing? ³⁹And being awakened, He rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Silence! Be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰And He said to them, Why are you so fearful? How do you not have faith? ⁴¹And they feared a great fear, and said to one another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

CHAPTER 5

¹And they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. ²And He coming out from the boat, immediately out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit met Him, ³who had *his* abode among the tombs, and no one was able to bind him, not even with chains; ⁴because he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn by him, and the fetters had been shattered. And no one was able to subdue him. ⁵And continually night and day in the hills, and in the tombs, he was crying and cutting himself with stones. ⁶And seeing Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed the knee to Him. ⁷And crying with a loud voice, he said, What is to me and to You, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me. ⁸For He said to him, Unclean spirit, come out of the man! ⁹And He asked him, What *is* your name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion, because we are many. ¹⁰And he begged Him very much that He would not send them outside the country. ¹¹And a great herd of pigs were feeding there near the mountain. ¹²And all the demons begged Him, saying, Send us into the pigs, that we may enter into them. ¹³And Jesus immediately allowed them. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the cliff into the sea — and they were about two thousand — and *they* were choked in the sea. ¹⁴And those who fed the pigs fled, and *they* told *it* to the city, and to the fields. And they

came out to see what was happening.

¹⁵And they came to Jesus, and stared at the one *who had been* demon-possessed, sitting and being clothed, and being in his senses, the one who had the legion. And they feared. ¹⁶And those who had seen related how it happened to the demon-possessed one, and about the pigs.

¹⁷And they began to beg Him to depart from their borders. ¹⁸And He having entered into the boat, the *former* demoniac begged Him, that he be with Him. ¹⁹But Jesus did not allow him, but said to him, Go to your house, to your own, and announce to them what the Lord has done to you, and favored you. ²⁰And he left and began to proclaim in Decapolis what Jesus did to him. And all marveled.

²¹And Jesus having crossed over in the boat again to the other side, a large crowd gathered upon Him; and He was by the sea. ²²And, behold, one of the synagogue rulers named Jairus came. And seeing Him, *he* fell at His feet. ²³And he begged Him very much, saying, My daughter is at the last end. *I pray* that You will come *and* lay hands on her, that *she* may be cured, and live. ²⁴And He went with him. And a large crowd followed Him, and pressed on Him.

²⁵And a certain woman being with a flow of blood twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered many things by many physicians, and had spent all things that she had, and gaining nothing, but rather coming to worse, ²⁷hearing about Jesus, coming in the crowd behind Him, she touched His garment. ²⁸For she said, If I may but touch His garments, I will be cured. ²⁹And instantly the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she knew in *her* body that she was healed of the plague. ³⁰And knowing instantly within Himself that power had gone forth out of Him, turning in the crowd, Jesus said, Who touched My garments? ³¹And His disciples said to Him, You see the crowd pressing on You, and do You say, Who touched Me? ³²And He looked around to see the *one* who had done this. ³³And the woman being afraid and trembling, knowing what had happened on her, she came and fell down before Him, and told Him all the truth. ³⁴And He said to her, Daughter,

your faith has healed you. Go in peace, and be whole from your plague.

³⁵As He was speaking, they came from the synagogue ruler, saying, Your daughter has died. Why do you still trouble the Teacher? ³⁶But hearing the word spoken, Jesus said to the synagogue ruler at once, Do not fear; only believe. ³⁷And He did not allow anyone to go with Him except Peter and James and John, the brother of James. ³⁸And they came into the synagogue ruler's house. And He saw a tumult, and weeping and much wailing. ³⁹And going in, He said to them, Why do you make a tumult and weep? The child has not died, but is sleeping. ⁴⁰And they laughed at Him. But putting all out, He took along the father and the mother of the child, and those with Him, and passed on into where the child was lying. ⁴¹And taking hold of the child's hand, He said to her, Talitha koumi; which is, being translated, Little girl, I say to you, Rise up! ⁴²And immediately the little girl rose up and walked. For she was twelve years *old*. And they were amazed with great amazement. ⁴³And very much He directed them that no one should know this. And *He* said to give her *something* to eat.

CHAPTER 6

¹And He went out from there, and came to His native-place. And His disciples followed Him. ²And a sabbath occurring, He began to teach in the synagogue. And hearing many were amazed, saying, From where *came* these things to this one? And what is the wisdom given to him, that even such works of power come about through his hands? ³Is this one not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended in Him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his native-place, and among the relatives, and in his *own* house. ⁵And he could do no work of power there, except He performed healing on a few infirm ones, laying on *His* hands. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief.

And He went around the villages in a circuit, teaching.

⁷And He called the twelve near, and began to send them out two by two. And *He* gave them authority *over* the unclean spirits, ⁸and charged them that they take nothing in *the* way, except only a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in the belt; ⁹but having tied on sandals, and not putting on two tunics. ¹⁰And He said to them, Wherever you enter into a house, remain there until you go out from there. ¹¹And as many as will not receive you, nor hear from you, having gone out from there, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony to them. Truly I say to you, it will be more bearable for Sodom or Gomorrah in Judgment Day than for that city. ¹²And going out they proclaimed that *men* should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil and healed many sick ones.

¹⁴And Herod the king heard; for His name became publicly known. And he said, John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and because of this the works of power operate in him.

¹⁵Others said, He is Elijah; and others said, He is a prophet, or as one of the prophets. ¹⁶But hearing, Herod said, This one is John, whom I beheaded. He has risen from the dead.

¹⁷For having sent, Herod himself had seized John, and bound him in the prison, because of Herodias the wife of his brother Philip; because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had said to Herod, It is not lawful for you to have the wife of your brother. ¹⁹And Herodias held it against him, and desired to kill him, but was not able. ²⁰For Herod feared John, knowing him *to be* a holy and just man, and kept him safe. And hearing him, he did many things, and gladly heard from him. ²¹And a suitable day having come, when Herod made a supper for his great ones on his birthday, also the chiliarchs, and the first ones of Galilee. ²²And the daughter of Herodias herself entering, and dancing, she also pleased Herod and those reclining with *him*. The king said to the girl, Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you. ²³And he swore to her, Whatever you ask me, I will give to you, up to

half of my kingdom. ²⁴And going out, she said to her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. ²⁵And immediately, going in with haste to the king, she asked, saying, I desire that at once you give to me the head of John the Baptist on a platter. ²⁶And becoming deeply grieved, because of the oaths and those reclining together, the king did not wish to reject her. ²⁷And the king sending a guardsman at once, he ordered his head to be brought. ²⁸And going he beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. And the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹And hearing, his disciples went and took his corpse and placed it in a tomb.

³⁰And the apostles gathered to Jesus. And *they* told Him all things, even what they did, and what they taught. ³¹And He said to them, *You* yourselves come apart into a desert place, and rest a little. For those coming, and those going were many; and they did not even have opportunity to eat. ³²And they departed by boat into a desert place apart.

³³And the crowds saw them going, and many recognized Him. And *they* ran together on foot there, from all the cities, and came before them, and came together to Him. ³⁴And going out Jesus saw a large crowd, and had pity on them, because they were as sheep having no shepherd. And He began to teach them many things. ³⁵And *it* now becoming a late hour, drawing near to Him, the disciples said, The place is desert, and *it* is now a late hour. ³⁶Send them away, that going away to the surrounding fields and villages they may buy bread for themselves. For they do not have what they may eat. ³⁷And answering He said to them, *You* give them *food* to eat. And they said to Him, Going should we buy two hundred denarii of bread, and give them to eat? ³⁸And He said to them, How many loaves do you have? Go and see. And knowing, they said, Five, and two fish.

³⁹And He ordered them all to recline, group *by* group on the green grass. ⁴⁰And they sat, group *by* group, by hundred and by fifty. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish, looking up to Heaven, He

blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave to His disciples, that they might set before them. And He divided the two fish to all. ⁴²And all ate, and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve handbaskets full of fragments; also from the fish. ⁴⁴And those eating were about five thousand men.

⁴⁵And at once He constrained His disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before to the other side, to Bethsaida, until He should dismiss the crowd. ⁴⁶And taking leave of them, He went away to the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And *it* becoming evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He alone on the land. ⁴⁸And He saw them being distressed in the rowing, for the wind was contrary to them. And *it* was about the fourth watch of the night *when* He came toward them, walking on the sea. And *He* willed to go by them. ⁴⁹But seeing Him walking on the sea, they thought *it* to be a ghost. And *they* cried out. ⁵⁰For all saw Him, and were troubled. And immediately He spoke to them and said to them, Have courage. I AM! Do not fear. ⁵¹And He went up to them into the boat, and the wind was cut off. And they were amazed, exceedingly beyond measure within themselves, and marveled. ⁵²For they did not understand *the miracle* of the loaves; for their hearts were hardened.

⁵³And crossing over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to shore. ⁵⁴And they coming out of the boat, at once knowing Him, ⁵⁵they ran around all that neighborhood. And they began to carry about those having illness on cots to where they heard that He was. ⁵⁶And wherever He went into villages or cities or fields, they laid the ailing *ones* in the markets, and begged Him if only they may touch the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched Him were healed.

CHAPTER 7

¹And the Pharisees were assembled to Him, also some of the scribes, coming from Jerusalem. ²And seeing some of His disciples eating bread with unclean hands, that is unwashed *hands*, they found fault. ³For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash the hands with *the*

fist, holding the tradition of the elders. ⁴And *coming* from the market, they do not eat unless they wash themselves. And there are many other things which they received to hold: washings of cups, and of utensils, and of bronze vessels, and couches. ⁵Then the Pharisees and scribes questioned Him, Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands? ⁶And answering He said to them, Well did Isaiah prophesy concerning you, hypocrites; as it has been written: "This people honors Me with the lips, but their heart is far away from Me; ⁷and in vain they worship Me, teaching *as* doctrines *the* commandments of men." ⁸For forsaking the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men: washings of utensils and cups, and many other such like things you do. ⁹And He said to them, Do you *do* well to set aside the commandment of God so that you may keep your tradition? ¹⁰For Moses said, "Honor your father and your mother;" and, "The *one* speaking evil of father or mother, let him expire by death." ¹¹But you say, If a man says to *his* father or mother, Corban, which is; A gift!—whatever you may profit by me. ¹²And you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or his mother, ¹³making the word of God of no effect by your tradition which you delivered. And many such like things you do. ¹⁴And calling all the crowd near, He said to them, All hear Me, and understand. ¹⁵There is nothing from outside the man which entering into him which is able to defile *him*. But the things going out from him, those are the things defiling the man. ¹⁶If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁷And when He entered into a house from the crowd, His disciples questioned Him about the parable. ¹⁸And He said to them, Are you also so undiscerning? Do you not perceive that all that enters from the outside into the man is not able to defile him? ¹⁹*This is* because it does not enter into his heart, but into the belly, and goes out into the wastebowl, purging all the foods. ²⁰And He said, That passing out of the man, *it is* that defiles the man. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of men, pass out the evil thoughts, adul-

teries, fornications, murders, ²²thefts, greedy desires, iniquities, deceit, lustful desires, a wicked eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness—²³all these evil things pass out from within and defile the man.

²⁴And rising up from there, he went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And entering into the house, He desired no one to know, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵For hearing about Him, a woman came up, *one* whose daughter had an unclean spirit. *And she* fell down at His feet. ²⁶And the woman was a Greek, a Syro-phoenician by race. And she asked Him, that He would cast out the demon from her daughter. ²⁷And Jesus said to her, First, allow the children to be satisfied; for it is not good to take the children's bread and to throw *it* to the dogs. ²⁸But she answered and said to Him, Yes, Lord; for even the dogs under the table eat from the crumbs of the children. ²⁹And He said to her, Because of this word, go. The demon has gone out from your daughter. ³⁰And going away to her house, she found the demon had gone out, and *her* daughter was laid on the couch.

³¹And again going out from the borders of Tyre and Sidon, He came to the Sea of Galilee, in the midst of the borders of *the* Decapolis. ³²And they brought a deaf one to Him, hardly speaking. And they begged Him, that He put *His* hand on him. ³³And taking him away, apart from the crowd, He put His fingers into his ears; and spitting, He touched his tongue; ³⁴and looking up into Heaven, He groaned, and said to him, Ephphatha! which is, Be opened! ³⁵And instantly his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosened, and he spoke correctly. ³⁶And He ordered them, that they should tell no one. But as much as He ordered them, much more abundantly they proclaimed. ³⁷And they were most exceedingly amazed, saying, He has done all things well. He makes even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

CHAPTER 8

¹The crowd being very great in those days, and not having anything they may eat, Jesus calling His disciples near, He said to them, ²I have pity on the crowd, because now three days they remain with

Me, and they do not have what they may eat. ³And if I send them away fasting to their house, they will faint in the way, for some of them come from afar. ⁴And His disciples answered Him, From where will anyone here be able to satisfy these *with* bread on a desert? ⁵And He asked them, How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven. ⁶And He ordered the crowd to recline on the ground. And taking the seven loaves, giving thanks, He broke and gave to His disciples, that they might serve. And they served the crowd. ⁷And they had a few fish. And blessing, He said *for* these also to be served. ⁸And they ate, and were satisfied. And *they* took up over and above seven lunch-baskets *of* fragments. ⁹And those eating were about four thousand. And He sent them away. ¹⁰And at once entering into the boat with His disciples, He came into the region of Dalmanutha.

¹¹And the Pharisees went out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from Heaven, tempting Him. ¹²And groaning in His spirit, He said, Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I say to you, *As* if this generation will be given a sign! ¹³And leaving them, again entering into the boat, He went away to the other side.

¹⁴And the disciples forgot to take loaves. And they did not have *any* with them, except one loaf in the boat. ¹⁵And He charged them, saying, See! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. ¹⁶And they reasoned with one another, saying, Because we have no loaves. ¹⁷And knowing, Jesus said to them, Why do you reason because you have no loaves? Do you not yet perceive nor realize? Have you still hardened your heart? ¹⁸Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹When I broke the five loaves to the five thousand, how many handbaskets full of fragments did you take up? They said to Him, Twelve. ²⁰And when the seven to the four thousand, how many lunch-baskets did you take up *with the* fillings of fragments? And they said, Seven. ²¹And He said to them, How do you not understand?

²²And He came to Bethsaida. And they carried a blind one to Him, and begged Him that He would touch him. ²³And laying hold of the blind one's hand, He led him forth outside the village. And spitting into his eyes, laying *His* hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. ²⁴And looking, he said, I see men as trees walking. ²⁵Then He placed *His* hands on his eyes again, and made him look up. And he was restored, and saw all clearly. ²⁶And He sent him to his house, saying, You may not go into the village, nor may tell anyone in the village.

²⁷And Jesus and His disciples went out to the villages of Caesarea of Philip. And in the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, Whom do men say Me to be? ²⁸And they answered, John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets. ²⁹And He said to them, And you, whom do you say Me to be? And answering Peter said to Him, You are the Christ. ³⁰And He warned them that they may tell no one about Him. ³¹And He began to teach them that it is necessary for the Son of man to suffer many things, and to be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and after three days to rise again. ³²And He spoke the word openly. And taking Him aside, Peter began to rebuke Him. ³³But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, Go behind Me, Satan, because you do not mind the things of God, but the things of men.

³⁴And calling near the crowd with His disciples, he said to them, Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take his cross, and let him follow Me. ³⁵For whoever desires to save his soul, *he* shall lose it. But whoever shall lose his soul for My sake and the gospel, that one shall save it. ³⁶For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, yet damage his soul? ³⁷Or what shall a man give *as* an exchange *for* his soul? ³⁸For whoever may be ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father, along with the holy angels.

CHAPTER 9

¹And He said to them, Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who in no way shall taste of death until they see the kingdom of God coming in power.

²And after six days Jesus takes along Peter and James and John, and carries them into a high mount apart, alone. And He was transfigured before them. ³And His garments became shining, very white like snow, such as a fuller on earth is not able to whiten. ⁴And appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were speaking with Jesus. ⁵And answering Peter said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good *for* us to be here; and, Let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were very fearful. ⁷And a cloud was overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved; hear Him. ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they saw no one any longer, but Jesus alone with them.

⁹And as they were coming down from the mount, He commanded them that they should tell no one what they saw, except when the Son of man should rise from *the* dead. ¹⁰And they held the word to themselves, debating what *it* is to rise from *the* dead.

¹¹And they asked Him, saying, Do *not* the scribes say that Elijah must come first? ¹²And answering He said to them, Indeed Elijah coming first restores all things. And how it has been written of the Son of man that He suffer many things, and be despised! ¹³But I say to you, Elijah also has come, and they did to him whatever they desired, even as it has been written of him.

¹⁴And coming to the disciples, He saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And at once all the crowd seeing Him were greatly amazed. And running up, *they* greeted Him. ¹⁶And He questioned the scribes, What are you arguing with them? ¹⁷And one answered out of the crowd, saying, Teacher, I brought my son to You, having a dumb spirit. ¹⁸And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him; and he foams and gnashes his teeth. And he wastes away.

And I told Your disciples, that they might expel it. And they were not able. ¹⁹And answering them He said, O unbelieving generation! How long will I be with you? How long shall I endure you? Bring him to Me. ²⁰And they brought him to Him. And seeing Him, the spirit immediately convulsed him. And falling on the ground, he wallowed, foaming. ²¹And He questioned his father, How long a time is it while this has happened to him? And he said, From childhood. ²²And often it threw him both into fire and into water, that it might destroy him. But if You are able to do anything, help us, having pity on us. ²³And Jesus said to him, If you are able to believe, all things are possible to those believing. ²⁴And immediately crying out, the father of the child said with tears, Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief! ²⁵And seeing that a crowd is running together, Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, Dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, Come out from him, and you may no more go into him! ²⁶And crying out, and convulsing him very much, it came out. And he became as if dead, so as *for* many to say that he died. ²⁷But taking hold of his hand, Jesus raised him up, and he stood up. ²⁸And He entering into a house, His disciples questioned Him privately, *Why* were we not able to cast it out? ²⁹And He said to them, This kind can go out by nothing except by prayer and fasting.

³⁰And going forth from there, they passed by through Galilee. And He desired that no one know. ³¹For He taught His disciples, and said to them, The Son of man is betrayed into *the* hands of men, and they will kill Him. And being killed, He will rise up the third day. ³²But they did not know the word, and feared to question Him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And having come into the house, He questioned them, What were you disputing to yourselves in the way? ³⁴And they were silent, for they argued with one another in the way *as to* who was greater. ³⁵And sitting, He called the Twelve and said to them, If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all. ³⁶And taking a child, He set it in their midst, and

having embraced it, He said to them, ³⁷Whoever receives one of such children on My name receives Me. And whoever receives Me, *he* not *only* receives Me, but the *One* having My name receives Me. And whoever receives Me, *he* not *only* receives Me, but He sending Me.

³⁸And John answered Him, saying, Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, who does not follow us. And we forbade him, because he does not follow us. ³⁹But Jesus said, Do not forbid him. For there is no one who shall do a work of power in My name, yet be able to speak evil of Me quickly. ⁴⁰For who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For whoever gives you a cup of cold water to drink in My name, because you are of Christ, truly I say to you, In no way he will lose his reward. ⁴²And whoever causes one of these little ones that believe in Me to offend, it is good for him if rather a millstone be laid about his neck, and he be thrown into the sea.

⁴³And if your hand offend you, cut it off. For it is profitable for you to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go away into Hell, into the fire that cannot be put out, ⁴⁴where their worm does not die, and the fire is not put out. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to offend, cut it off, for it is profitable for you to enter into life lame, than having two feet to be thrown into Hell, into the fire that cannot be put out, ⁴⁶where their worm does not die, and the fire is not put out. ⁴⁷And if your eye offends you, cast it out. For it is profitable for you to enter into the kingdom of God one-eyed, than having two eyes to be thrown into the Hell of fire, ⁴⁸where their worm does not die, and the fire is not put out. ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire, and every sacrifice will be salted with salt. ⁵⁰Salt *is* good, but if the salt becomes saltless, by what will you season? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

CHAPTER 10

¹And rising up from there, He came into the borders of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And again crowds came together to Him, and as He usually did,

He again taught them. ²And coming near the Pharisees asked Him if it is lawful for a man to put away a wife, testing Him. ³But answering He said to them, What did Moses command you? ⁴And they said, Moses allowed to write a bill of divorce, and to put away. ⁵And answering Jesus said to them, With respect to your hardness of heartedness he wrote this command to you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. ⁷Because of this a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall be one flesh; so that they no longer are two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore, what God yoked together, let not man put apart. ¹⁰And again in the house His disciples asked Him about the same. ¹¹And He said to them, Whoever puts away his wife, and shall marry another commits adultery against her. ¹²And if a woman puts away her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.

¹³And they brought children to Him, that He might touch them. But the disciples rebuked those carrying *them*. ¹⁴But seeing, Jesus was indignant. And He said to them, Allow the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them. For of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly I say to you, Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a child may in no way enter into it. ¹⁶And having taken them in *His* arms, laying hands on them, He blessed them.

¹⁷And He having gone out into *the* highway, running up and kneeling down to Him, one questioned Him, Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? ¹⁸But Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good except One, God. ¹⁹You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery; do not commit murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother. ²⁰And answering he said to Him, Teacher, I observed all these from my youth. ²¹And looking at him, Jesus loved him, and said to him, One *thing* is lacking to you. Go, sell what things you have, and give to the poor. And you will have treasure in Heaven. And come, follow Me, taking up the cross.

²²But being sad at the word, he went away grieving; for he had many possessions.

²³And looking around Jesus said to His disciples, How hardly those having riches will enter into the kingdom of God!

²⁴And the disciples were astonished at His words. And answering again Jesus said to them, Children, how hard it is for those trusting on riches to enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier *for* a camel to pass through the eye of the needle, than *for* a rich one to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, saying to themselves, And who is able to be saved? ²⁷But looking at them, Jesus said, From men *it is* impossible, but not from God—for all things are possible from God.

²⁸And Peter began to say to Him, Behold, we left all and followed You. ²⁹But answering Jesus said, Truly I say to you, There is no one who forsook house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake and the gospel, ³⁰that will not receive a hundredfold now in this time; houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the coming age, eternal life. ³¹But many first shall be last, and the last *shall* be first.

³²And they were in the highway, going up to Jerusalem. And Jesus was going before them, and they were astonished, and following *Him* were afraid. And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them the things about to happen to Him: ³³Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes. And they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him up to the nations. ³⁴And they will mock Him, and will flog Him, and will spit at Him, and will kill Him. And on the third day He will rise again.

³⁵And coming up to Him, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, said, Teacher, we desire that whatever we may ask You would do for us. ³⁶And He said to them, What do you desire for Me to do for you? ³⁷And they said to Him, Give us that we may sit one off *the* right of You, and one off *the* left of You, in Your glory. ³⁸But Jesus said to them, You do not know what you ask. Are you able to

drink the cup which I drink, and to be baptized *with* the baptism I am baptized *with*? ³⁹And they said to Him, We are able. But Jesus said to them, Indeed you will drink the cup which I drink, and you will be baptized *with* the baptism *with* which I am baptized. ⁴⁰But to sit off My right and off My left is not Mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared.

⁴¹And hearing, the ten began to be indignant about James and John. ⁴²But having called them near, Jesus said to them, You know that those seeming to rule the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you, but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴And whoever of you desires to become first, *he* shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His soul as a ransom for many.

⁴⁶And they came to Jericho. And He and His disciples and a large crowd going out from Jericho, a son of Timeus, Bartimeus the blind, sat beside the highway, begging. ⁴⁷And hearing that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and to say, Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me! ⁴⁸And many warned him that he be quiet. But he much more cried out, Son of David, have mercy on me! ⁴⁹And standing still, Jesus said for him to be called. And they called the blind *one*, saying to him, Be comforted, rise up, He calls you. ⁵⁰And throwing away his garment, rising up, he came to Jesus. ⁵¹And answering Jesus said to him, What do you desire I should do to you? And the blind *one* said to Him, My Lord, that I may see again. ⁵²And Jesus said to him, Go, your faith has healed you. And instantly he saw again, and followed Jesus in the highway.

CHAPTER 11

¹And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, toward the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, ²and said to them, Go into the village opposite you. And going into it at once, you will find a colt tied, on which no one of men has sat. Untying it, bring

it. ³And if anyone says to you, Why do you do this? say, The Lord has need of it. And he will at once send it here.

⁴And they departed and found the colt tied at the door outside, by the crossway; and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, What are you doing, untying the colt? ⁶And they said to them as Jesus commanded. And they let them go. ⁷And they led the colt to Jesus. And they threw their garments on it, and He sat on it. ⁸And many spread their garments on the highway, and others were cutting branches from the trees, and were spreading *them* on the highway. ⁹And those going before, and those following after, were crying out, saying, Hosanna! Blessed is the *One* coming in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

¹¹And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple. And having looked around at all things, the hour already being late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. ¹²And on the morrow, they going out from Bethany, He hungered. ¹³And seeing afar off a fig-tree having leaves, He went toward it, if perhaps He would find anything on it. And coming on it, He found nothing except leaves, for it was not *the* time of figs. ¹⁴And answering Jesus said to it, Let no one eat fruit of you any more forever. And His disciples heard.

¹⁵And they came to Jerusalem. And entering into the temple, Jesus began to throw out those selling and buying in the temple; also He overturned the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of those selling the doves. ¹⁶And He did not allow any to carry a vessel through the temple. ¹⁷And He taught, saying to them, Has it not been written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"? But you have made it a den of robbers. ¹⁸And the scribes and the chief priests heard. And they sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him; because all the crowd was astonished at His teaching.

¹⁹And when evening came, He went outside the city. ²⁰And passing along early, they saw the fig-tree withered from

the roots. ²¹And remembering, Peter said to Him, Rabbi, behold, the fig-tree which You cursed has withered. ²²And answering Jesus said to them, Have faith in God. ²³For truly I say to you, Whoever says to this mountain, Be taken up and be thrown into the sea; and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be to him, whatever he says. ²⁴Therefore I say to you, All things, whatever you ask, praying, believe that you will receive, and it will be to you. ²⁵And when you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive *it*, so that your Father in Heaven may also forgive your sins. ²⁶But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in Heaven forgive your sins.

²⁷And they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him. ²⁸And they said to Him, By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this authority that you do these things? ²⁹And answering Jesus said to them, I will also ask you one thing, and answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰The baptism of John, was it from Heaven, or from men? Answer Me. ³¹And they argued to themselves, saying, If we say, From Heaven, he will say, Why then did you not believe him? ³²But if we say, From men—they feared the people. For all held that John really was a prophet. ³³And answering they said to Jesus, We do not know. And answering Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

CHAPTER 12

¹And He began to speak to them in parables:

A man planted a vineyard, and set a fence around *it*, and dug a winevat, and built a tower. And *he* let it out to vinedressers, and went away. ²And at the season he sent a slave to the vinedressers, that he might receive from the vinedressers the fruit of the vineyard. ³But taking him, they beat *him*, and sent *him* away empty. ⁴And again he sent to them another slave. And stoning that one, they struck *him* in the head, and sent *him*

away, insulting him. ⁵And again he sent another, and they killed that one; also many others, indeed beating these, and killing these. ⁶Yet having one son, his own beloved, then he sent him to them also, last of all, saying, They will have respect for my son. ⁷But these vine-dressers said to themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him and the inheritance will be ours. ⁸And taking him, they killed him, and threw him outside the vineyard. ⁹What, then, will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and will destroy the vine-dressers, and will give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰Have you not even read this Scripture, "*The Stone which the builders rejected, this one became head of the corner; ¹¹this came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes*"? ¹²And they sought to seize Him, yet feared the crowd. For they knew that He spoke the parable against them. And leaving Him, they went away.

¹³And they sent some of the Pharisees and of the Herodians to Him, that they might catch Him in a word. ¹⁴And coming they said to Him, Teacher, we know that you are true, and there is not a care to you about anyone, for you do not look to the face of men, but teach on the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? ¹⁵Should we give, or should we not give? But knowing their hypocrisy, He said to them, Why do you tempt Me? Bring Me a denarius, that I may see. ¹⁶And they brought one. And He said to them, Whose image and superscription is this? And they said to Him, Caesar's. ¹⁷And answering Jesus said to them, Render the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God. And they marveled at Him.

¹⁸And Sadducees came to Him, who say there is no resurrection. And they questioned Him, saying, ¹⁹Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a brother of anyone should die and leave behind a wife, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife and raise up seed to his brother. ²⁰Then there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and dying, he left no seed. ²¹And the second took her, and died, and neither did he leave seed; and the third likewise.

²²And the seven took her, and left no seed. Last of all, the woman also died. ²³Then in the resurrection, when they rise again, of which of them will she be the wife? For the seven had her as wife. ²⁴And answering Jesus said to them, Do you not err because of this, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God? ²⁵For when they rise again from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in Heaven. ²⁶But concerning the dead, that they are raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, as God spoke to him at the Bush, saying, "*I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*"? ²⁷He is not the God of the dead, but God of the living. Therefore, you greatly err.

²⁸And coming up one of the scribes, hearing them arguing, knowing that He answered them well, he questioned Him, What is the first commandment of all? ²⁹And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is: "*Hear, Israel. The Lord our God is one Lord, ³⁰and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength.*" This is the first commandment. ³¹And the second is like this, "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" There is not another commandment greater than these. ³²And the scribe said to Him, You say well, Teacher. You have spoken according to truth, that God is one, and there is no other besides Him; ³³and to love Him from all the heart, and from all the understanding, and from all the soul, and from all the strength; and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the burnt offerings and the sacrifices. ³⁴And seeing that he answered intelligently, Jesus said to him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And no one dared to question Him any more.

³⁵And teaching in the temple, answering Jesus said, How do the scribes say that Christ is the son of David? ³⁶For David himself said by the Holy Spirit, "*The Lord said to my Lord, Sit off My right until I place Your enemies as a footstool for Your feet.*" ³⁷Then David himself calls Him Lord. And from where is

He his son? And the large crowd heard Him gladly.

³⁸And He said to them in His teaching, Be careful of the scribes, those desiring to walk about in robes, and greetings in the markets, ³⁹and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief couches in the dinners, ⁴⁰those devouring the houses of widows, and for a pretense praying at length. These shall receive more abundant judgment.

⁴¹And sitting down opposite the treasury, Jesus watched how the crowd threw copper coins into the treasury. And many rich ones threw in much. ⁴²And coming one poor widow threw in two lepta, which is a kodrantes. ⁴³And having called His disciples near, He said to them, Truly I say to you that this poor widow has thrown *in* more than all of those casting into the treasury. ⁴⁴For all threw *in* out of that abounding to them, but she out of her poverty threw *in* all, as much as she had, her whole livelihood.

CHAPTER 13

¹And as He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, Teacher, see what kind of stones and what kind of buildings! ²And answering Jesus said to him, Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon a stone which shall not be thrown down.

³And as He was sitting in the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew questioned Him privately: ⁴Tell us when these things shall be? And what *is* the sign when all these things are about to be done? ⁵And answering Jesus began to say to them, Be careful that no one lead you astray. ⁶For many will come in My name, saying I AM! And they will lead many astray. ⁷But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be disturbed; for it must occur — but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will be raised against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be earthquakes in many places; and there shall be famines and troubles. These things *are* the beginnings of anguish.

⁹But you yourselves be careful, for they will deliver you up to sanhedrins and to

synagogues. You will be beaten, and you will be led before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all the nations. ¹¹But whenever they lead you away, delivering *you*, do not be anxious beforehand, what you should say, nor meditate. But whatever may be given to you in that hour, speak that. For you are not those speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

¹²And a brother will deliver up a brother to death, and a father the child. And children will rise up on parents, and will put them to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all on account of My name. But the *one* enduring to the end, that *one* will be saved.

¹⁴But when you see the abomination of desolation, the *one* spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not — he reading, let him understand — then let those in Judea flee into the mountains. ¹⁵And he on the housetop, let him not go down into the house, nor go in to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶And the *one* in the field, let him not return to the things behind, to take his garment. ¹⁷But woe to those that are with child, and to those giving suck in those days! ¹⁸And pray that your flight will not be in winter; ¹⁹for there will be affliction *in* those days, such as has not been the like from *the* beginning of creation which God created until now, and never *will* be. ²⁰And if *the* Lord had not shortened the days, not any flesh would be saved; but because of the elect whom He chose, He has shortened the days. ²¹And then if anyone says to you, Behold, here *is* the Christ! Or, Behold, there! You shall not believe. ²²For false christs and false prophets will be raised, and they will give signs and wonders in order to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²³But you be careful. Behold, I have foretold you all things.

²⁴But in those days, after that affliction, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light; ²⁵and the stars of the heaven will be falling, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with much power and glory. ²⁷And then He will send His angels and will

gather His elect from the four winds, from *the* end of earth to *the* end of Heaven.

²⁸And from the fig-tree learn the parable: When its branch becomes tender and puts out leaves, you know the summer is near. ²⁹So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near, at *the* doors. ³⁰Truly I say to you, Not at all will this generation pass away until all these things occur. ³¹The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My words will not at all pass away. ³²But concerning that day and the hour, no one knows, not the angels, those in Heaven, nor the Son, except the Father. ³³Be careful; be wakeful, and pray. For you do not know when the time is. ³⁴As a man going away, leaving his house, and giving his slaves authority, and to each his work — and he commanded the door-keeper, that he watch—³⁵then you watch, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, *at* evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crowing, or early; ³⁶so that he may not come suddenly *and* find you sleeping. ³⁷And what I say to you, I say to all. Watch!

CHAPTER 14

¹And it was the Passover, and the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* after two days. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might get hold of Him by guile, *to* kill *Him*. ²But they said, Not during the feast, lest there will be a tumult of the people.

³And He being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He reclined, a woman came, having an alabaster vial of pure, costly ointment of nard. And breaking the alabaster vial, she poured *it* down His head. ⁴And some were being indignant to themselves, and saying, To what has this waste of the ointment occurred? ⁵For this could be sold *for* over three hundred denarii, and to be given to the poor. And they were incensed with her. ⁶But Jesus said, Let her alone. Why do you cause her troubles? She worked a good work toward Me. ⁷For you have the poor with you always, and when you wish, you can do well toward them. But you do not have Me always. ⁸What this one held, she did. She took beforehand to anoint My body for the burial. ⁹Truly I say to you,

Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in all the world, what this *one* did will also be spoken of for a memorial of her.

¹⁰And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests, that he might betray Him to them. ¹¹And hearing, they rejoiced and promised to give him silver. And he sought how he might opportunely betray Him.

¹²And on the first day of the unleavened *bread*, when they killed the passover, His disciples said to Him, Where do You desire *that* going we may prepare that You may eat the passover? ¹³And He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, Go into the city. And you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him. ¹⁴And wherever he goes in, say to the house-master, The Teacher says, Where is the guest room where I may eat the passover with My disciples? ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room, having been spread *and* made ready. Prepare for us there. ¹⁶And His disciples went out and came into the city, and found *it* as He told them. And they prepared the passover.

¹⁷And evening having come, He came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, Truly I say to you, One of you will betray Me, the *one* eating with Me. ¹⁹And they began to be grieved, and to say to Him one by one, Not at all I, *is it*? And another, Not at all I, *is it*? ²⁰But answering He said to them, *It is one* from the twelve, the *one* dipping in the dish with Me. ²¹Truly the Son of man goes as it has been written concerning Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It were good for him if that man had never been born.

²²And *as they were* eating, Jesus taking a loaf, blessing, He broke and gave to them. And He said, Take, eat, this is My body. ²³And taking the cup, giving thanks, He gave to them. And they all drank out of it. ²⁴And He said to them, This is My blood, that of the New Covenant, which is poured out concerning many. ²⁵Truly I say to you, I will not at all drink of the fruit of the vine any more until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

²⁶And singing a hymn, they went into the Mount of Olives.

²⁷And Jesus said to them, All of you will

be offended in Me in this night, because it has been written: "I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."

²⁸But after My resurrection, I will go before you into Galilee. ²⁹But Peter said to Him, Even if all shall be offended, yet not I.

³⁰And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you that today, in this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times.

³¹But he said more fervently, If it were needful for me to die with You, in no way will I deny You. And also all said the same.

³²And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, Sit here while I pray. ³³And He took along Peter and James and John with Him. And He began to be much amazed, and to be deeply troubled. ³⁴And He said to them, My soul is deeply grieved, unto death. Remain here and watch. ³⁵And going forward a little, He fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible to You; take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will. ³⁷And He came and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, Simon, do you sleep? Were you not strong enough to watch one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak. ³⁹And going away again, He prayed, saying the same thing. ⁴⁰And returning He found them sleeping again, for their eyes were heavy. And they did not know what to answer Him. ⁴¹And He came a third time, and said to them, Sleep on now, and rest. It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise up, let us go. Behold, the one betraying Me has drawn near.

⁴³And at once, as He was yet speaking, Judas came up, being one of the twelve. And with him was a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴And the one betraying Him had given them a sign, saying, Whomever I kiss, it is He; seize Him, and lead Him away safely. ⁴⁵And coming, at once drawing near to Him, he said, Rabbi, Rabbi! And he ardently kissed Him. ⁴⁶And they laid their hands on Him and seized Him. ⁴⁷But a certain one of

those standing by, drawing a sword, struck the slave of the high priest, and took off his ear. ⁴⁸And answering Jesus said to them, Have you come out with swords and clubs to take Me, as against a robber? ⁴⁹I was with you daily teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. But it is that the Scriptures may be fulfilled. ⁵⁰And leaving Him, all fled. ⁵¹And one, a certain young man, was following Him, having thrown a linen cloth about his naked body. And the young men seized him. ⁵²But forsaking the linen cloth, he fled from them naked.

⁵³And they led Jesus away to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together to him. ⁵⁴And Peter followed Him from a distance, to the inside of the court of the high priest. And he was sitting with the under-officers, also warming himself near the light. ⁵⁵And the chief priests and the whole sanhedrin sought testimony against Jesus, to put Him to death. And they found none. ⁵⁶For many falsely testified against Him, but their testimonies were not alike. ⁵⁷And standing up, some falsely testified against Him, saying, ⁵⁸We heard Him saying, I will throw down this temple made with hands, and through three days I will build another not made with hands. ⁵⁹And neither in this was their testimony alike. ⁶⁰And standing in the middle, the high priest questioned Jesus, saying, Do you not answer? Nothing? What do these testify against you? ⁶¹But He was silent, and answered nothing. Again the high priest questioned Him, and said to Him, Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed? ⁶²And Jesus said, I AM! And you will see the Son of man sitting off the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of the heaven. ⁶³And tearing his garments, the high priest said, Why do we still have need of witnesses? ⁶⁴You heard the blasphemy. What does it seem to you? And they all condemned Him to be liable, even of death. ⁶⁵And some began to spit at Him, and to cover His face, and to beat Him with a fist, and to say to Him, Prophecy! And the under-officers struck Him with slaps.

⁶⁶And Peter being in the court below, one of the high priest's maids came. ⁶⁷And seeing Peter warming himself, looking at him, she said, And you were with Jesus the

Nazarene. ⁶⁸But he denied, saying, I do not know nor understand what you say. And he went out into the forecourt. And a cock crowed. ⁶⁹And seeing him again, the maid began to say to those standing by, This one is of them. ⁷⁰And again he denied. And after a little, those standing by again said to Peter, Truly you are from them, for you are both a Galilean and your speech agrees. ⁷¹But he began to curse and to swear, I do not know this man of whom you speak. ⁷²And a second time a cock crowed. And Peter remembered the word Jesus said to him, Before a cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times. And thinking on *it*, he wept.

CHAPTER 15

¹And immediately in the morning, the chief priests with the elders and scribes and all the sanhedrin forming a council, binding Jesus, *they* led *Him* away and delivered *Him* to Pilate. ²And Pilate questioned Him, Are you the king of the Jews? And answering He said to him, You say *it*.

³And the chief priests urgently accused Him *of* many things. But He answered nothing. ⁴But Pilate again questioned Him, saying, Do you answer nothing? Behold, how many things they testify against you. ⁵But Jesus answered nothing any more; so as *for* Pilate to marvel. ⁶And at a feast he released to them one prisoner, whomever they asked. ⁷And there was one called Barabbas, having been bound with the insurgents, who in the insurrection had committed murder. ⁸And crying aloud, the crowd began to beg *him to do* as he always did to them. ⁹But Pilate answered them, saying, Do you desire I should release to you the king of the Jews? ¹⁰For he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him up through envy. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, that rather he should release Barabbas to them. ¹²But answering again Pilate said to them, What then do you desire I do to *him* whom you call king of the Jews? ¹³And again they cried out, Crucify him! ¹⁴But Pilate said to them, For what evil did he do? But they much more cried out, Crucify him! ¹⁵And deciding to do the easiest to the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. And having

flogged *Him*, *he* delivered up Jesus, that He might be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led Him away inside the court, which is *the* praetorium. And they called together all the cohort. ¹⁷And they put purple on Him, and they plaited and placed a crown of thorns on Him. ¹⁸And they began to salute Him, Hail, king of the Jews! ¹⁹And they struck His head with a reed, and spat at Him. And placing the knees, *they* bowed to Him. ²⁰And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, and put His own garments on Him. and they led Him out, that they might crucify Him. ²¹And they forced one passing by, Simon, a Cyrenian, coming from a field, the father of Alexander and Rufus, that he might carry His cross.

²²And they brought Him to Golgotha Place, which translated is, Place of a Skull. ²³And they gave him wine spiced with myrrh to drink. But He did not take *it*. ²⁴And crucifying Him, they divided His garments, casting a lot on them, who and what *each* should take. ²⁵And it was *the* third hour, and they crucified Him. ²⁶And the superscription of His charge was written over *Him*, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷And they crucified two robbers with Him, one off *the* right, and one off *the* left of Him. ²⁸And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with *the* lawless." ²⁹And those passing by blasphemed Him, shaking their heads, and saying, Aha! *You* razing the temple, and in three days building *it*, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross. ³¹And also the chief priests and the scribes mocking to one another said the same, He saved others; he is not able to save himself. ³²The Christ, the King of Israel? Let him now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. And the ones crucified with Him insulted Him.

³³And *it* being *the* sixth hour, darkness came over all the land until *the* ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which being translated is, My God, My God, why did You forsake Me? ³⁵And hearing, some of those standing by said, Behold, he calls Elijah. ³⁶And one running up, and filling a sponge with vinegar, and putting it on a reed, gave Him

to drink. *But they said, Leave alone, let us see if Elijah comes to take Him down.*

³⁷And letting out a great cry, Jesus expired. ³⁸And the veil of the temple was torn into two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And standing off across from Him, seeing that *He* had cried out so, *and* He expired, the centurion said, Truly, this Man was Son of God. ⁴⁰And also women were watching from a distance, among whom also was Mary Magdalene; also Mary the mother of James the less, and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee; and many other *women* who came up to Jerusalem with Him.

⁴²And *it* becoming evening already, since it was *the* preparation, that is, *the* day before sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea came, an honorable councillor, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. *And* taking courage, he went in to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴And Pilate wondered if He had already dead. And calling the centurion near, he asked him if He died long ago. ⁴⁵And knowing from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶And having bought a linen cloth, and having taken Him down, he wrapped *Him* in the linen, and laid Him in a tomb which was cut out of rock. And *he* rolled a stone against the mouth of the tomb. ⁴⁷And Mary Magdalene, and Mary of Joses, saw where He was laid.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the sabbath passing, Mary Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of James and Salome, bought spices, so that coming they might anoint Him. ²And very early on the first of the week, the sun having risen, they came upon the tomb. ³And they said to themselves, Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us? ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; for it was very large. ⁵And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, having been clothed *in* a white robe. And

they were much amazed. ⁶But He said to them, Do not be amazed. You seek Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He was raised. He is not here. See the place where they put Him? ⁷But go, say to the disciples and to Peter, He goes before you into Galilee. You will see Him there, even as He told you. ⁸And going out quickly, they fled from the tomb. And trembling and ecstasy took hold of them. And they told no one, not a thing, for they were afraid.

⁹And rising early on the first of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰That *one* had gone *and* reported to those who had been with Him, *who were* mourning and weeping. ¹¹And those hearing that He lives, and was seen by her, they did not believe.

¹²And after these things, He was revealed in a different form to two of them walking *and* going into the country. ¹³And going those reported to the rest. Neither did they believe those.

¹⁴Afterward, as they reclined, He was revealed to the Eleven. And *He* reproached their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him, having been raised. ¹⁵And He said to them, Going into all the world, preach the gospel to all the creation. ¹⁶The *one* believing and being baptized will be saved. And the *one* not believing will be condemned. ¹⁷And signs will follow to those believing these things: they will cast out demons in My name; they will speak new languages; ¹⁸they will take up snakes; and if they drink anything deadly, it will in no way hurt them; they will lay hands on *the* sick, and they will be well.

¹⁹Then indeed, after speaking to them, the Lord was taken up into Heaven, and sat off *the* right of God.

²⁰And going out they preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word by the signs following. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

CHAPTER 1

¹Since many took in hand to draw up an account concerning the matters having been borne out among us, ²as those from *the* beginning delivered to us, becoming eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, ³it seemed good also to me, having traced out all things accurately from the first, to write in order to you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴that you may know the certainty concerning the words which you were taught.

⁵In the days of Herod the king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias, of *the* daily course of Abijah. And his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blameless in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. ⁷And no child was *born* to them, because Elizabeth was barren. And both were advanced in their days.

⁸And it happened in his serving as priest in the order of his course before God, ⁹according to the custom of the priests, entering into the temple of the Lord, *it was Zacharias'* lot to burn incense. ¹⁰And all the multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on *the right* of the altar of incense. ¹²And seeing *this*, Zacharias was troubled, and fear fell on him. ¹³But the angel said to him, Do not fear, Zacharias, because your prayer was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear a son to you; and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And he will be joy and exultation to you, and many will rejoice over his birth. ¹⁵For he shall be great in the eyes of the Lord; and he shall not drink wine or strong drink. And he will be filled of *the* Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the sons of Israel *to the* Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go out before Him in *the* spirit and power of Elijah, to turn *the* hearts of fathers to *their* children, and disobedient ones to *the* wisdom of *the* just, to make ready a people having been prepared for *the* Lord. ¹⁸And Zacharias said to the angel, By what shall I know

this? For I am old, and my wife is advanced in her days.

¹⁹And answering, the angel said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands before God, and I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you *the* good news of these things. ²⁰And behold, you shall be silent and not able to speak until the day in which these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

²¹And the people were expecting Zacharias, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. ²²But coming out he was not able to speak to them, and they recognized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he was making signs to them, and continued dumb.

²³And it happened when the days of his service were fulfilled, he went away to his house. ²⁴And after these days his wife Elizabeth conceived. And she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵So has the Lord done to me in *the* days in which He looked on *me* to take away my reproach among men.

²⁶And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin who had been betrothed to a man whose name *was* Joseph, of *the* house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mariam. ²⁸And entering, the angel said to her, Hail, *one* having received grace! The Lord *is* with you. *You are* blessed among women! ²⁹And seeing *this*, she was disturbed at his word, and considered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, Do not fear, Mariam, for you have found favor from God. ³¹And behold! You will conceive in *your* womb and bear a Son; and you will call His name Jesus. ³²This One will be great and will be called Son of *the* Most High. And the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

³⁴But Mariam said to the angel, How will this be since I do not know a man?

³⁵And answering, the angel said to her,

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you — and for this reason that holy One being born of you will be called Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth! She also conceived a son in her old age, and this is *the* sixth month to her who was called barren; ³⁷for nothing shall be impossible with God. ³⁸And Mariam said, Behold, the slave of *the Lord*! May it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

³⁹And rising up in these days, Mariam went into the hill-country with haste to a city of Judah. ⁴⁰And *she* entered into the house of Zacharias, and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And it happened, as Elizabeth heard Mariam's greeting, the babe in her womb leaped, and Elizabeth was filled of *the Holy Spirit*. ⁴²And *she* cried out with a loud voice and said, Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And from where *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For behold, as the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped in exultation. ⁴⁵And blessed is she believing, because there will be a completion to the things spoken to her from *the Lord*.

⁴⁶And Mariam said, My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit exulted in God My Savior. ⁴⁸For He looked upon the humiliation of His bondsman. For, behold, from now on all generations will count me blessed. ⁴⁹For the Mighty One did great things to me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰And His mercy is to generations of generations to those fearing Him. ⁵¹He performed mightily with His arm; He scattered proud ones in *the* thought of their heart. ⁵²He put down powerful ones from thrones, and exalted lowly ones. ⁵³He filled *the* hungry with good things, and He sent *the* rich away empty. ⁵⁴He helped His servant Israel in order to remember mercy, ⁵⁵even as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed to the age. ⁵⁶And Mariam remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

⁵⁷And the time was fulfilled to Elizabeth *for* her to bear; and she bore a son.

⁵⁸And the neighbors and her relatives heard that *the* Lord magnified His mercy with her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And it happened on the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child, and were calling it by his father's name, Zacharias. ⁶⁰And his mother answered, saying, Not so, but he shall be called John. ⁶¹And they said to her, No one is among your kindred who is called by this name. ⁶²And they signaled to his father, what he might desire him to be called. ⁶³And asking for a writing tablet, he wrote, saying, John is his name. And all marveled. ⁶⁴And instantly his mouth was opened, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵And fear came on all those living around them, and in all the hill-country of Judea all these things were talked about. ⁶⁶And all who heard laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, What then will this child be? And the hand of *the Lord* was with him.

⁶⁷And his father Zacharias was filled of *the Holy Spirit*, and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸Blessed be *the Lord*, the God of Israel, because He visited and worked redemption for His people. ⁶⁹And *He* raised up a Horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David; ⁷⁰even as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from the age *before*: ⁷¹Salvation from our enemies, and from *the* hand of all those hating us; ⁷²to execute mercy with our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³*the* oath which He swore to our father Abraham, ⁷⁴to give to us *that we* being delivered out of our enemies' hand, in order to serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵in consecration and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called Prophet of *the Most High*; for you will go before *the* face of *the Lord* to prepare His ways, ⁷⁷to give a knowledge of salvation to His people by forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸through *the* tender bowels of mercy of our God, in which *the* Dayspring from on high *will* visit us, ⁷⁹to appear to those sitting in darkness and in shadow of death, to direct our feet into *the* way of peace.

⁸⁰And the child grew, and became strong in spirit. And *he* was in the deserts until *the* days of his showing to Israel.

CHAPTER 2

¹And it happened in those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus for all the habitable world to be registered.

²This registration first occurred under the governing of Syria by Cyrenius. ³And all went to be registered, each to *his* own city. ⁴And Joseph also went from Galilee, out of *the* city of Nazareth to Judea, to *the* city of David which is called Bethlehem, because of his being of *the* house and family of David, ⁵to be registered with Mariam, she having been betrothed to him as wife, *she* being pregnant. ⁶And it happened as they were there, the days were fulfilled for her to bear. ⁷And she bore her son, the Firstborn. And she wrapped Him, and laid Him in the manger—because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And shepherds were in the same country, living in the fields, and keeping guard over their flock by night. ⁹And, behold, an angel of *the* Lord came on them. And *the* glory of the Lord shone around them. And they feared with a great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, do not fear. For, behold, I announce good news to you, a great joy, which will be to all people, ¹¹because today a Savior, who is Christ *the* Lord, was born to you in *the* city of David. ¹²And *this is* a sign to you: You will find a babe having been wrapped, lying in the manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will among men.

¹⁵And it happened as the angels departed from them into Heaven, even the men, the shepherds, said to one another, Indeed, let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this thing which has occurred, which the Lord made known to us. ¹⁶And hurrying they came and sought out both Mariam and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. ¹⁷And seeing, they publicly told about the word spoken to them about this Child. ¹⁸And all those hearing marveled about the things spoken to them by the shepherds. ¹⁹And Mary kept all these words, meditating in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all things which they heard and saw, even as was spoken to them.

²¹And when eight days were fulfilled to circumcise the child, His name was called Jesus, *the name* called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

²²And when the days of her cleansing according to the Law of Moses were fulfilled, they took Him up to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord, ²³as it has been written in *the* Law of the Lord: "Every male opening a womb shall be called holy to the Lord;" ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to that said in the Law of *the* Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two nestlings of doves.

²⁵And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. And this man was righteous and devout, eagerly expecting *the* Consolation of Israel. And *the* Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it happened to him, having been divinely-instructed by the Holy Spirit, *he* was not to see death before he would see the Christ of *the* Lord. ²⁷And by the Spirit he came into the temple. And as the parents were bringing in the child Jesus for them to do according to the custom of *the* Law concerning Him, ²⁸even Simeon received Him into his arms. And *he* blessed God and said, ²⁹Now You will let Your slave go in peace, Master, according to Your word; ³⁰because my eyes saw Your Salvation, ³¹which You prepared before *the* face of all the peoples; ³²a Light for revelation to *the* nations, and *the* Glory of Your people Israel.

³³And Joseph was marveling, also His mother, at the things being said concerning Him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them, and said to His mother Mariam, Behold, this One is set for *the* fall and rising up of many in Israel, and for a sign spoken against; ³⁵yea, a sword also will pierce your own soul, so that *the* thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

³⁶And there was Anna, a prophetess, a daughter of Phanuel, of *the* tribe of Asher — she was advanced in many days, having lived seven years with a husband from her virginity; ³⁷and she was a widow eighty-four years—who did not depart from the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. ³⁸And coming on at the very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke concerning Him to all

those in Jerusalem eagerly expecting redemption. ³⁹And as they finished all things according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to Nazareth their city.

⁴⁰And the Child grew, and became strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom. And the grace of God was upon Him.

⁴¹And His parents went into Jerusalem year by year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they going up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the Feast, ⁴³and fulfilling the days, in their returning, the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know. ⁴⁴But supposing Him to be in the company, they went a day on the way. And they looked for Him among the relatives and friends. ⁴⁵And not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him.

⁴⁶And it happened after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, even hearing them and questioning them. ⁴⁷And all those hearing Him were amazed at His intelligence and His answers. ⁴⁸And seeing Him, they were astounded. And His mother said to Him, Child, why did You do so to us? Behold, Your father and I were looking for You, greatly distressed. ⁴⁹And He said to them, Why did you look for me? Did you not know that I must be busy in the affairs of My Father? ⁵⁰And they did not understand the word which He spoke to them. ⁵¹And He went with them, and came to Nazareth, and was being subject to them. And His mother carefully kept all these words in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus progressed in wisdom and stature and favor before God and men.

CHAPTER 3

¹And in the fifteenth year of the government of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate governing Judea, and Herod ruling as tetrarch of Galilee; and his brother Philip ruling as tetrarch of Iturea and the Trachonitis country; and Lysanias ruling as tetrarch of Abilene, ²upon the high priesthood of Anna and Caiaphas, the word of God came on John the son of Zacharias in the desert. ³And he came

into the neighborhood of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it has been written in the roll of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "*The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight—every valley shall be filled up, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked places shall be made into straight; and the rough into smooth ways; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*"

Then he said to the crowds going out to be baptized by him, Offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁶Then bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham out of these stones. ⁹And also the axe is already laid to the root of the trees; therefore, every tree not producing good fruit is being cut down and being thrown into the fire. ¹⁰And the crowd asked him, saying, What then shall we do? ¹¹And answering he said to them, The one that has two tunics, let him give to him that has not. And the one that has foods, let him do the same.

¹²And tax-collectors also came to be baptized. And they said to him, Teacher, what shall we do? ¹³And he said to them, Continue to do no more than that commanded to you. ¹⁴And also ones serving as soldiers asked him, saying, And we, what shall we do? And he said to them, Do not oppress anyone, nor accuse falsely; and be satisfied with your pay.

¹⁵But the people were expecting, and all reasoning in their hearts about John, lest perhaps he is the Christ. ¹⁶John answered all, saying, I indeed baptize you with water; but He stronger than I comes, of whom I am not fit to loosen the latchet of His sandals. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire; ¹⁷whose sifting fan is in His hand; and He will fully purge His threshing-floor, and will gather the wheat into His barn—but He will burn the chaff with fire that cannot be put out.

¹⁸And then indeed exhorting many different things, he preached the gospel to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him concerning his

brother Philip's wife, Herodias, and concerning all *the* evil things Herod did, ²⁰he also added this above all, he even shut up John in the prison.

²¹And it happened, in the baptizing of all the people, Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit came down in a bodily form as a dove upon Him. And there was a voice out of Heaven, saying, You are My Son, the Beloved; I am delighted in You.

²³And Jesus Himself was beginning to be about thirty years *old*, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, ²⁴the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph, ²⁵the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, ²⁶the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah, ²⁷the son of Joannes, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, ²⁸the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er, ²⁹the son of Joses, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, ³⁰the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, ³¹the son of Melea, the son of Menam, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, ³²the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, ³³the son of Amminadab, the son of Aram, the son of Hezron, the son of Pharez, the son of Judah, ³⁴the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, ³⁵the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Salah, ³⁶the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, ³⁸the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

CHAPTER 4

¹And full of *the* Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan, and was led by

the Spirit into the wilderness ²forty days, being tested by the Devil. And He ate nothing in those days, and they being ended, He afterwards hungered. ³And the Devil said to Him, If You are Son of God, speak to this stone that it become a loaf. ⁴And Jesus answered to him, saying, It has been written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word of God." ⁵And leading Him up into a high mountain, the Devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the Devil said to Him, I will give all this authority and their glory to You, because it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish; ⁷then if You worship before me, all will be Yours. ⁸And answering to him, Jesus said, Get behind Me, Satan! For it has been written: "You shall worship *the* Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve."

⁹And he led Him to Jerusalem, and stood Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; ¹⁰for it has been written: "He will command His angels about You, and to preserve You; ¹¹that on *their* hands they shall bear You, lest you strike Your foot against a stone." ¹²And answering Jesus said to him, It has been said: "You shall not tempt *the* Lord your God." ¹³And having finished every temptation, the Devil departed from Him until a time.

¹⁴And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee. And a rumor went out through all the neighborhood about Him. ¹⁵And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

¹⁶And He came to Nazareth, where He was brought up. And He went in, as was His custom, on the day of the sabbaths, into the synagogue, and stood up to read. ¹⁷And the roll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to Him. And unrolling the book, He found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; therefore He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to captives, and new sight to the blind; to send away crushed ones in deliverance; ¹⁹to preach an acceptable year of the Lord.*" ²⁰And rolling up the

roll, returning *it* to the attendant, He sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your ears. ²²And all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words coming out of His mouth. And they said, Is this not the son of Joseph? ²³And He said to them, Surely you will speak this parable to Me, Physician, heal yourself. What things we heard *were* happening in Capernaum, do also here in your native-place. ²⁴But He said, Truly I say to you that no prophet is acceptable in his native-place. ²⁵But truthfully I say to you, There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up over three years and six months, when a great famine came on all the land; ²⁶and *yet* Elijah was sent to none of them except to Zarephath of Sidon, to a widow woman. ²⁷And many lepers were in Israel during the *time* of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was made clean except Naaman the Syrian.

²⁸And all were filled *with* anger, hearing these things in the synagogue. ²⁹And rising up, they threw Him outside the city, and led Him up to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, in order to throw Him down. ³⁰But He went away, passing through their midst.

³¹And He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them *on* the sabbaths. ³²And they were astonished at His teaching, because His word was with authority. ³³And in the synagogue was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴saying, Aha! What *is* to us and to You, Jesus, Nazarene? Did You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are, the Holy One of God. ³⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be silent, and come out from him! And throwing him into the midst, the demon came out from him, not harming him. ³⁶And astonishment came on all. And they spoke with one another saying, What word *is* this, that He commands the unclean spirits with authority and power, and they come out? ³⁷And a report about Him went out into every place of the neighborhood.

³⁸And rising up from the synagogue, He went into the house of Simon. And the mother-in-law of Simon was being seized with a great fever. And they asked Him concerning her. ³⁹And standing over her, He rebuked the fever; and it left her. And rising up instantly, she served them.

⁴⁰And the sun sinking, all, as many as had sick ones with various diseases, brought them to Him. And laying hands on each one of them, He healed them.

⁴¹And also demons came out from many, crying out and saying, You are the Christ, the Son of God! And rebuking *them*, He did not allow them to speak; for they knew Him to be the Christ.

⁴²And day coming, going out He went into a desert place. And the crowds looked for Him, and came up to Him, and held Him fast, not to pass away from them. ⁴³But He said to them, It is right for Me to preach the gospel, the kingdom of God, to the other cities, because I was sent on this *mission*.

⁴⁴And He was proclaiming in the synagogues of Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

¹And it happened that the crowd was pressing on Him to hear the word of God. And He was standing by Lake Genesaret. ²And He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing the nets. ³And entering into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, he taught the crowd from the boat. ⁴And as He quit speaking, He said to Simon, Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a haul. ⁵And answering Simon said to Him, Master, laboring all through the night we took nothing. But at Your word I will let down the net. ⁶And doing this, they netted a great multitude of fish; and their net was being torn. ⁷And they signaled the partners, those in the other boat, to come *and* help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they were sinking. ⁸And seeing, Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord. ⁹For astonishment took hold of him, and all those with him, at the haul of fish which they took; ¹⁰and in

the same way also, James and John, *the* sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Do not fear. From now on you will be taking men alive. ¹¹And bringing the boats down onto the land, forsaking all things, they followed Him.

¹²And it happened, in His being in one of the cities, even behold, a man full of leprosy. And seeing Jesus, falling on *his* face, he begged Him, saying, Lord, if You choose, You are able to cleanse me. ¹³And stretching out the hand, He touched him, saying, I will! Be cleansed! And instantly the leprosy departed from him. ¹⁴And He charged him to tell no one, but going away, show yourself to the priest, and offer concerning your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

¹⁵But the word about Him spread even more. And large crowds were coming to hear, and to be healed from their infirmities by Him. ¹⁶But He was drawing back in the desert, and praying.

¹⁷And it happened on one of the days, even He was teaching. And Pharisees and teachers of *the* Law were sitting by, who were coming out of every village of Galilee and Judea, and Jerusalem. And *the* power of *the* Lord was there, for the curing of them. ¹⁸And, behold, men carrying on a cot a man who was paralyzed. And they sought to bring him in, and to lay *him* before Him. ¹⁹And not finding a way through *which* they might bring him in through the crowd, going up on the housetop, they let him down through the tiles with the cot, into the midst, in front of Jesus. ²⁰And seeing their faith, He said to him, Man, your sins have been forgiven you. ²¹And the scribes and Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to forgive sins, except God alone? ²²But knowing their thoughts, answering Jesus said to them, Why do you reason in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, Your sins have been forgiven you; or to say, Rise up and walk? ²⁴But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on the earth to forgive sins, He said to the paralytic, I say to you, Rise up, and take your cot *and* go to your house. ²⁵And rising up at once

before them, taking up *that* on which he was lying, he went to his house, glorifying God. ²⁶And amazement seized all, and they glorified God, and were filled *with* fear, saying, We saw wonderful things today.

²⁷And after these things, He went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And *He* said to him, Follow Me! ²⁸And leaving all, rising up he followed Him. ²⁹And Levi made a great feast for Him in his house. And there was a crowd of many tax-collectors reclining, and of others who were with them. ³⁰And their scribes and the Pharisees murmured at His disciples, saying, Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners? ³¹And answering Jesus said to them, Those who are sound have no need of a physician, but those who have illness. ³²I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

³³But they said to Him, Why do John's disciples fast often, and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but those *close* to You eat and drink? ³⁴But He said to them, You are not able to make the sons of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them. ³⁵But days will come, even when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then in those days they will fast.

³⁶And He also told a parable to them: No one puts a piece of a new garment on an old garment; otherwise, both the new will tear, and *it* does not match *the* piece from the new. ³⁷And no one puts new wine into old skins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be poured out, and the skins will perish. ³⁸But new wine is to be put into new skins, and both are preserved together. ³⁹And no one drinking old *wine* immediately desires new; for he says, The old is better.

CHAPTER 6

¹And it happened on the second chief sabbath, He passed along through the sown fields. And His disciples plucked the heads, and were eating, rubbing with the hands. ²But some of the Pharisees said to them, Why do you do that which is not lawful to do on the sabbaths? ³And answering Jesus said to them, Have you

never read this, what David did when he hungered, and those being with him? ⁴How he went into the house of God, and he took the Loaves of Arrangement, and ate, and even gave to those with him—which it is not lawful to eat, except only the priests? ⁵And He said to them, The Son of man is Lord of the sabbath also.

⁶And it also happened on another sabbath, He going into the synagogue and teaching. And a man was there, and his right hand was withered. ⁷And the scribes and the Pharisees kept close by Him, *to see* if He would heal on the sabbath, so that they might find a charge against Him. ⁸But He knew their reasonings. And He said to the man having the withered hand, Rise up, and stand in the middle! And rising up, he stood. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, I will ask you one *thing*, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbaths, or to do ill; to save a soul, or to destroy it? ¹⁰And having looked around at them all, He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he did so. And his hand was restored sound as the other. ¹¹But they were filled *with* madness, and talked to one another *as to* what they might do to Jesus.

¹²And it happened in these days, He went out into the mountain to pray. And He was spending the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when it became day, He called His disciples, also choosing out twelve from them, whom He also named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom He also named Peter; and his brother Andrew; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; ¹⁵Matthew and Thomas; James the *son* of Alpheus, and Simon, the *one* being called Zealot; ¹⁶Judas *brother* of James, and Judas Iscariot, who also became *the* betrayer.

¹⁷And coming down with them, he stood on a level place. And a crowd of His disciples, and a great multitude of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the coast country of Tyre and Sidon, *were there*. These came to hear Him, and to be healed from their diseases—¹⁸also those who had been tormented by unclean spirits. And they were healed. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch Him, because power went out from Him and healed all.

²⁰And lifting up His eyes to His disciples, He said:

Blessed *are* the poor, for the kingdom of God is *yours*.

²¹Blessed *are* those hungering now, for you will be filled.

Blessed *are* those weeping now, for you will laugh.

²²Blessed *are* you when men hate you, and when they cut you off, and will reproach *you*, and will cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man—²³rejoice in that day, and leap for joy; for, behold, your reward *is* much in Heaven! For their fathers did according to these things to the prophets.

²⁴But woe to you, rich ones, for you have your comfort! ²⁵Woe to you, those having been filled, for you will hunger! Woe to you, those laughing now, for you will mourn and lament! ²⁶Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers did according to these things to the false prophets.

²⁷But I say to you, those hearing: Love your enemies; do good to those hating you; ²⁸bless those cursing you; and pray for those insulting you. ²⁹To those striking you on the cheek, turn the other also. And from those taking your garment, do not keep back the tunic also. ³⁰And to every-one asking you, give. And do not ask back from those taking your things. ³¹And according as you desire that men should do to you, you also do the same to them. ³²And if you love those who love you, what thanks is there to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks is there to you? For even the sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks is there to you? For the sinners lend to sinners, so that they may receive the same.

³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing *in return*; and your reward will be much; and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the unthankful and evil ones.

³⁶Therefore, be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷Judge not, and in no way be judged. Do not condemn, and in no way you will be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and good measure will be given to you, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, they will give into your bosom. For the same measure which you measure, it will be measured back to you.

³⁹And He spoke a parable to them: A blind one is not able to guide a blind one. Will they not both fall into the ditch? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who has been perfected will be like his teacher. ⁴¹But why do you look on the twig in your brother's eye, but do not consider the log in *your* own eye? ⁴²Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, let me pull out the twig in your eye, not yourself seeing the log in your eye? Hypocrite! First take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the twig in your brother's eye. ⁴³For there is not a good tree that produces bad fruit, nor a bad tree that produces good fruit. ⁴⁴For each tree is known from *its* own fruit. For they do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵The good man brings forth good out of the good treasure of his heart. And the evil man brings forth evil out of the evil treasure of his heart, for his mouth speaks out of the abundance of his heart.

⁴⁶And why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷Everyone coming to Me and hearing My words, and doing them, I will show you to whom he is like: ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug and deepened, and laid a foundation on the rock. And a flood having occurred, the stream burst against that house, and could not shake it, for it had been founded on the rock. ⁴⁹But he who heard and did not perform, *he* is like a man having built *his* house on the earth without a foundation, on which the stream burst, and it immediately fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

CHAPTER 7

¹And when He had completed all His words in the ears of the people, He went into Capernaum.

²And a certain slave of a centurion, *one* dear to him, having illness was about to expire. ³And hearing about Jesus, he sent

elders of the Jews to Him, asking Him that He might come *to* restore his slave. ⁴And coming to Jesus, they earnestly begged Him, saying, He to whom You give this is worthy. ⁵For he loves our nation, and he built the synagogue for us. ⁶And Jesus went with them. But He being yet not far away from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, Lord, do not trouble, for I am not worthy that You come under my roof. ⁷For this reason I did not count myself worthy to come to You. But say in a word, and let my servant be cured. ⁸For I also am a man having been set under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, Go! And he goes. And to another, Come! And he comes. *And to my slave, Do this! And he does it.* ⁹And hearing these things, Jesus marveled at him. And turning to the crowd following Him, He said, I say to you, I did not find such faith in Israel. ¹⁰And those sent, returning to the house, found the sick slave well.

¹¹And it happened on the next *day*, He went into a city being called Nain. And many of His disciples went with Him, also a great crowd. ¹²And as He drew near to the gate of the city, even behold, *one* having died was being borne, an only son born to his mother; and she was a widow. And a considerable crowd of the city was with her. ¹³And seeing her, the Lord felt pity over her; and said to her, Stop weeping. ¹⁴And coming up, He touched the coffin; and those carrying *it* stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, arise! ¹⁵And the dead one sat up and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. ¹⁶And fear took hold of all; and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet has risen up among us; and, God has visited His people. ¹⁷And this word about Him went out in all Judea, and in all the neighborhood.

¹⁸And His disciples reported to John about all these things. ¹⁹And having called near a certain two of his disciples, John sent to Jesus, saying, Are You the One coming? Or should we expect another? ²⁰And having come to Him, the men said, John the Baptist sent us to You, saying, Are You the One coming, or

should we expect another? ²¹And in the same hour He healed many from diseases and plagues and evil spirits. And He gave to many blind ones *ability* to see. ²²And answering Jesus said to them, Going, report to John what you saw and heard: Blind ones see again; lame ones walk about; lepers are being cleansed; deaf ones hear; dead ones are raised; poor ones are given the gospel. ²³And blessed is *he* who is not offended in Me.

²⁴And John's messengers going away, He began to speak to the crowds about John: What did you go out to the wilderness to see? A reed being shaken by the wind? ²⁵But what did you go out to see? A man who had been dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those in splendid clothing and being in luxury are in king's palaces. ²⁶But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, even more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he about whom it has been written: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You." ²⁸For I say to you, Among *those* born of a woman, no prophet is greater than John the Baptist. But the least *one* in the kingdom of God is greater than he is.

²⁹And all the people and the tax-collectors hearing, *they* justified God, being baptized *with* the the baptism of John. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the lawyers set aside God's counsel as to themselves, not being baptized by him. ³¹And the Lord said, Then to what shall I compare the men of this generation? And to what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in a market and calling to one another, and saying, We piped to you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep. ³³For John the Baptist has come neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, He has a demon. ³⁴The Son of man has come eating and drinking, and you say, Behold, a man, a glutton and a drunkard; a friend of tax-collectors and sinners. ³⁵But wisdom was justified from all her children.

³⁶And a certain one of the Pharisees asked Him that He eat with him. And going into the Pharisee's house, He reclined. ³⁷And, behold, a woman who was a sinner in the city, knowing that He

reclined in the Pharisee's house, taking an alabaster vial of ointment, ³⁸and standing at His feet, weeping behind *Him*, *she* began to wash His feet with tears. And she was wiping with the hairs of her head. And *she* ardently kissed His feet, and *was* anointing *them* with the ointment. ³⁹But seeing, the Pharisee who invited Him spoke within himself, saying, This one, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what the woman who touches him *is*; for she is a sinner. ⁴⁰And answering Jesus said to the man, Simon, I have a thing to say to you. And he said, Teacher, say *it*. ⁴¹There were two debtors to a certain creditor: the one owed five hundred denarii, and *the* other fifty. ⁴²But they not having *a thing* to pay, he freely forgave both. Then which of them do *you* say will love him most? ⁴³And answering Simon said, I suppose *the one* to whom he freely forgave the most. And He said to him, You have judged rightly. ⁴⁴And turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give water for My feet, but she washed My feet with tears, and wiped off with the hairs of her head. ⁴⁵You gave Me no kiss, but she from *when* I entered did not stop fervently kissing My feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with ointment. ⁴⁷For this reason I say to you, her many sins are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, he loves little. ⁴⁸And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven. ⁴⁹And those reclining with *Him* began to say within themselves, Who is this who even forgives sins? ⁵⁰But He said to the woman, Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

CHAPTER 8

¹And it happened afterwards, even He traveled in every city and village, preaching and announcing the gospel of the kingdom of God. And the twelve *were* with Him; ²also certain women who were healed from evil spirits and infirmities: Mary having been called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out; ³and Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's steward; and Susanna; and many others, who were ministering to Him of their possessions.

⁴And a great crowd coming together, and those in each city coming to Him, He spoke through a parable:

⁵The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the roadside, and was trampled; and the birds of the heaven ate it. ⁶And other fell on the rock, and sprouting, it dried up, because of not having moisture. ⁷And other fell in the midst of the thorns, and springing up with the thorns, *they* choked it. ⁸And other fell on the good ground, and springing up, it produced fruit a hundredfold. Saying these things, He cried out, The one having ears to hear, let him hear.

⁹And His disciples questioned Him, saying, What might this parable be? ¹⁰And He said, To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. ¹¹And this is the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹²And those by the roadside are those who hear, then the Devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, lest believing they may be saved. ¹³And those on the rock *are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, those believing for a time, and in time of trial draw back. ¹⁴And those falling in the thorns, these are those hearing, but under cares and riches and pleasures of life, having moved along, they are choked, and do not bear to maturity. ¹⁵And those in the good ground, these are *the ones* who in a right and good heart, hearing the word, they hold *it* and bear fruit in patience.

¹⁶But no one lighting a lamp covers it with a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it underneath a couch, but puts *it* on a lampstand, that those coming in may see the light. ¹⁷For nothing is hidden which will not be revealed; nor secret which will not be known and come to be revealed. ¹⁸Then observe how you hear; for whoever may have, it will be given to him; and whoever may not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.

¹⁹And His mother and His brothers came to Him, and were not able to come up with Him through the crowd. ²⁰And it was told to Him, saying, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wish-

ing to see You. ²¹And answering He said to them, My mother and My brothers are these, the ones hearing the word of God, and doing it.

²²And it happened on one of the days that He and His disciples entered into a boat. And He said to them, Let us go over to the other side of the lake; and they put out to sea. ²³And as they sailed He fell asleep. And a storm of wind came onto the lake, and they were being filled and were in danger. ²⁴And coming up they awakened Him, saying, Master! Master! We are perishing! And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and the roughness of the water; and they ceased; and there was a calm. ²⁵And He said to them, Where is your faith? And being afraid, they marveled, saying to one another, Who then is this One, that He commands even the wind and the water, and they obey Him?

²⁶And they sailed down to the country of the Gadarenes, which is across from Galilee. ²⁷And He going out onto the land, a certain man out of the city met Him, who had demons from a long time—and he put no garment on. And he did not stay in a house, but among the tombs. ²⁸And seeing Jesus, and crying out, he fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, What to me and to You, Jesus, Son of God the Most High? I beg You, do not torment me. ²⁹For He charged the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had seized him, and he was bound with with chains and fetters, being guarded. And tearing apart the bonds, he was driven by the demons into the deserts. ³⁰And Jesus asked him, saying, What is your name? And he said, Legion, because many demons entered into him. ³¹And they begged Him that He not order them to go away into the abyss. ³²And there was a herd of many pigs feeding there in the mount. And they begged Him that He would allow them to enter into those. And He allowed them. ³³And coming out from the man, the demons entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake, and was choked. ³⁴And seeing the thing, those feeding *the pigs* fled. And leaving, *they* reported to the city and to the farms. ³⁵And they went out to see the thing happening, and came to

Jesus. And *they* found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and of sound mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶And those seeing also related to them how the demon-possessed one was healed. ³⁷And all the multitude of the neighborhood of the Gadarenes were seized with a great fear. And *they* asked Him to depart from them. And entering into the boat, He returned.

³⁸And the man from whom the demons had gone out begged Him, *desiring* to be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Go back to your house and tell what God did to you. And he went away proclaiming through all the city what things Jesus did to him.

⁴⁰And it happened *as* Jesus returned, the crowd gladly received Him, for they were all waiting for Him. ⁴¹And, behold, a man named Jairus came, and this one was a synagogue ruler. And falling at the feet of Jesus, he begged Him to come into his house, ⁴²because an only daughter was born to him, about twelve years *old*, and she was dying. And in his going, the crowd pressed on Him. ⁴³And a woman being in a flow of blood from twelve years, who had spent her whole living on physicians, *and* could not be cured by anyone, ⁴⁴coming up behind, she touched the border of His garment. And instantly the flow of her blood stopped. ⁴⁵And Jesus said, Who *was* touching Me? And all having denied, Peter and those with Him said, Master, the crowds press on You and jostle. And do You say, Who *was* touching Me? ⁴⁶But Jesus said, Someone touched Me; for I knew power had gone out from Me. ⁴⁷And seeing that she was not hidden, the woman came trembling, and kneeled down before Him, *and* told Him before all the people for what reason she touched Him, and how *she* was instantly cured. ⁴⁸And He said to her, Daughter, be comforted. Your faith has healed you. Go in peace.

⁴⁹*As* He was yet speaking, someone came from the synagogue ruler, saying to him, Your daughter has expired. Do not trouble the Teacher. ⁵⁰But hearing, Jesus answered him, saying, Do not fear; only believe, and she will be healed. ⁵¹And

coming into the house, He did not allow anyone to enter except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. ⁵²And all were weeping and bewailing her. But He said, Stop weeping. She has not died, but is sleeping. ⁵³And they scoffed at Him, knowing that she died. ⁵⁴But putting all outside, and taking hold of her hand, He called out, saying, Child, rise up! ⁵⁵And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He ordered *something* to eat be given to her. ⁵⁶And her parents were amazed. But He charged them to tell no one of that *which* occurred.

CHAPTER 9

¹And having called together His twelve disciples, He gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases. ²And *He* sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to heal the ones being sick. ³And He said to them, Take nothing for the way, neither staffs, nor moneybags, nor bread, nor silver, nor each to have two tunics. ⁴And into whatever house you enter, remain there, and go out from there. ⁵And as many as may not receive you, going out from that city even shake off the dust from your feet, for a testimony against them. ⁶And going out they passed through the villages, having announced the gospel, and healing everywhere.

⁷And Herod the tetrarch heard all the things happening by Him, and was puzzled, because of the saying by some that John had been raised from *the* dead; ⁸and by some that Elijah had appeared. And others *said*, A prophet of the ancients rose again. ⁹And Herod said, I beheaded John, but who is this about whom I hear such things? And he sought to see Him.

¹⁰And returning the apostles told Him what things they did. And taking them He went out privately to a desert place of a city called Bethsaida. ¹¹But knowing *this*, the crowds followed Him. And having received them, He spoke to them about the kingdom of God. And He cured those having need of healing. ¹²But the day began to wane, and coming up the twelve said to Him, Let the crowd go, that going

to the surrounding villages and farms they may lodge, and find food supplies, because here we are in a desert place. ¹³But He said to them, You give them to eat. But they said, There are not to us more than five loaves and two fish, unless going we buy foods for all this people. ¹⁴For they were about five thousand men. But He said to His disciples, Make them recline in groups, by fifties. ¹⁵And they did so, and made all recline. ¹⁶And taking the five loaves and the two fish, looking up to Heaven, He blessed them, and broke, and gave to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷And they ate and were all satisfied. And twelve handbaskets of fragments of that left over to them were taken up.

¹⁸And it happened as He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him. And He questioned them, saying, Whom do the crowds say Me to be? ¹⁹And answering they said, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and others that some prophet of the ancients has risen again. ²⁰And He said to them, But whom do you say Me to be? And answering Peter said, The Christ of God. ²¹And strictly warning them, He ordered to tell no one this, ²²saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²³And He said to all, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily. And let him follow Me. ²⁴For whoever desires to save his soul, he will lose it. But whoever loses his soul for My sake, this one will save it. ²⁵For what is a man profited gaining the whole world, but destroying himself or suffering loss? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of man will be ashamed of that one when He comes in His glory, and *that* of the Father, and of the holy angels. ²⁷But truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who in no way shall taste of death until they see the kingdom of God.

²⁸And about eight days after these sayings, it happened: also taking Peter and John and James, He went into the mountain to pray. ²⁹And in His praying

the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing was dazzling white. ³⁰And, behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah. ³¹Appearing in glory, *they* spoke of His exodus, which He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. ³²But Peter and those with him were pressed down with sleep. But fully awakening they saw His glory, and the two men standing with Him. ³³And it happened in their parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good for *us* to be here. And, Let us make three tents, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah — not knowing what he said. ³⁴And he saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. And they feared as those entered into the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved; hear Him! ³⁶And as the voice occurred, Jesus was found alone. And they were quiet. And *they* reported to no one in those days, nothing which they had seen.

³⁷And it happened on the next day, they coming down from the mountain, a huge crowd met Him. ³⁸And, behold, a man called aloud from the crowd, saying, Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, because he is my only-born. ³⁹And, behold, a spirit takes him, and *he* suddenly cries out; and *it* throws him into convulsions, with foaming. And *it* departs from him with pain, bruising him. ⁴⁰And I begged Your disciples, that they cast it out. And they were not able. ⁴¹And answering Jesus said, O unbelieving and generation which has been perverted, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here. ⁴²But as *he* was yet coming up, the demon tore him and violently convulsed *him*. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the child, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

And as all were marveling at all things which He did, Jesus said to His disciples, ⁴⁴You lay into your ears these sayings; for the Son of man is about to be betrayed into *the* hands of men. ⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying, and it was veiled from them so that they might

not perceive it. And they feared to ask Him about this word.

⁴⁶But an argument came in among them, who might be *the* greater of them.

⁴⁷And seeing the argument of their heart, taking a child, Jesus stood it beside Himself, ⁴⁸and said to them, Whoever receives this child on My name receives Me. And whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For the one being least among you all, this one shall be great.

⁴⁹And answering John said, Master, we saw someone casting out demons on Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us. ⁵⁰And Jesus said to them, Do not forbid; for whoever is not against us is for us.

⁵¹And it happened in the fulfilling of the days of His taking up, even He set His face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And He sent messengers before His face. And going they went into a village of Samaritans, so as to make ready for Him. ⁵³And they did not receive Him, because His face was going toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And seeing, His disciples James and John said, Lord, do You desire *that* we tell fire to come down from Heaven, and to destroy them, even as Elijah did? ⁵⁵But turning He rebuked them, and *then* He said, You do not know of what spirit you are. ⁵⁶For the Son of man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save. And they went to another village.

⁵⁷And it happened as they were going in the way, one said to Him, I will follow You everywhere You may go, Lord. ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven nests, but the Son of man has nowhere He may lay *His* head. ⁵⁹And He said to another, Follow Me. But he said, Lord, allow me to go first to bury my father. ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, Leave the dead to bury their dead, but going out, you announce the kingdom of God. ⁶¹And also another said, I will follow You, Lord, but first allow me to take leave of those in my house. ⁶²But Jesus said to him, No one putting his hand on the plow, and looking at the things behind, is fit for the kingdom of God.

CHAPTER 10

¹And after these things the Lord also appointed seventy others, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place, even *to* where He was about to come. ²Therefore He said to them, Indeed the harvest *is* much, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He send out workers into His harvest. ³Go! Behold, I send you out as lambs in *the* midst of wolves. ⁴Do not carry a purse, nor a moneybag, nor sandals; and greet no one by the way. ⁵And into whatever house you may enter, first say, Peace to this house. ⁶And if a son of peace is truly there, your peace shall rest on it; but if not so, it shall return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking the things *shared* by them; for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Do not move from house to house. ⁸And into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat the things set before you. ⁹And heal the sick in it, and say to them, The kingdom of God has drawn near to you. ¹⁰But into whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, going out into its streets, say, ¹¹Even the dust clinging to us out of your city, we shake off against you! Yet know this, that the kingdom of God has drawn near to you!

¹²And I say to you that it shall be more bearable for Sodom in that day than for that city! ¹³Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the works of power which have been occurring in you had occurred in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes! ¹⁴But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon in the Judgment than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, were you not exalted to Heaven? You will be thrust down to Hades!

¹⁶The one hearing you *also* hears Me, and the one rejecting you *also* rejects Me, and the one rejecting Me *also* rejects the *One* having sent Me.

¹⁷And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us through Your Name. ¹⁸And He said to them, I saw Satan falling out of Heaven

as lightning! ¹⁹Behold, I have given you the authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and on all the power of the Enemy, and nothing shall hurt you, not at all ²⁰But stop rejoicing in this, that the *evil* spirits submit to you. But rather rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.

²¹In the same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit, and said, I praise You, Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, that You hid these things from *the* sophisticated and cunning, and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, because so it was pleasing before You. ²²All things were delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father; and who is the Father, except the Son, and *he* to whom the Son may desire to reveal *Him*. ²³And having turned to the disciples alone, He said, Blessed *are* the eyes seeing what you see. ²⁴For I say to you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear.

²⁵And behold, a certain doctor of the Law stood up, testing Him and saying, Teacher, What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? ²⁶And He said to him, What has been written in the Law? How do you read *it*? ²⁷And answering he said, You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. ²⁸And He said to him, You have answered rightly; do this, and you shall live. ²⁹But desiring to justify himself, he said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor? ³⁰And taking *it* up, Jesus said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell in with robbers, who both stripping him and laying on wounds, going away, leaving *him* being half-dead. ³¹But by a coincidence, a certain priest was going on that road; and seeing him, he passed on the opposite *side*. ³²And in the same way a Levite, also being at the place, coming and seeing him, he passed on the opposite *side*. ³³But a certain traveling Samaritan came upon him, and seeing him, *he* was filled with pity. ³⁴And coming near, *he* bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And putting him on his own animal, *he* brought him to an inn, and cared for

him. ³⁵And going forth on the morrow, taking out two denarii, he gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, Care for him, and whatever more you spend, I on my return will repay to you.

³⁶Who, then, of these three seems to you to have become a neighbor to the one having fallen among the robbers? ³⁷And he said, The *one* doing the *deed* of mercy with him. Then Jesus said to him, Go, and you do likewise.

³⁸And as they went on, it happened *that* He also entered into a certain village. And a certain woman, Martha by name, received Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister being called Mary, who also *was* sitting alongside, at the feet of Jesus, and heard His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted about much serving. And coming on she said, Lord, *Is it* not a care to You that my sister left me alone to serve? Then tell her that she should help me. ⁴¹But answering Jesus said to her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but there is need of *only* one; and Mary chose the good part, which shall not be taken from her.

CHAPTER 11

¹And it happened *as* He *was* praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. ²And He said to them: When you pray, say,

Our Father who *is* in Heaven, hallowed be Your name; let Your kingdom come; let Your will be done on earth *as it* also *is* in Heaven. ³Give us our needed bread day by day; ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

⁵And He said to them, Who of you shall have a friend, and will come to him at midnight and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves. ⁶For a friend of mine arrived to me from a journey, and I do not have what I may set before him. ⁷And that one answering from within may say, Do not cause me troubles. The door has already been shut, and my children are in bed with me. I cannot rise up to give to

you. ⁸I say to you, Even if rising up he will not give to him because he is *a* friend, yet because of his shameless insisting, rising up he will give him as many as he needs. ⁹And I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone asking receives, and the *one* seeking finds; and to the *one* knocking, it will be opened. ¹¹And what father of you, if the son asks *for* bread, will he give him a stone? And if a fish, will he give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹²And if he should ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? ¹³Then if you being evil know to give good gifts to your children, how much more the Father out of Heaven will give *the* Holy Spirit to those asking Him.

¹⁴And he was casting out a demon, and it was dumb. And it happened as the demon was going out, the dumb one spoke. And the crowds marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, He casts out the demons by Beelzebub the chief of the demons. ¹⁶And tempting *Him*, others were seeking a sign from Heaven from Him. ¹⁷But knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to ruin, and a house against a house falls. ¹⁸And also if Satan is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand?—because you say I cast out the demons by Beelzebub. ¹⁹And if I cast out the demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast out? Because of this they shall be your judges. ²⁰But if I cast out the demons by *the* finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹When the strong one who has been armed guards his dwelling, his goods are in peace. ²²But as soon as one stronger than he comes, *he* overcomes him; he takes away his armor on which he relied, and deals out his arms. ²³The *one* not being with Me is against Me. And the *one* not gathering with me scatters.

²⁴When the unclean spirit goes out from the man, he goes through dry places seeking rest. And not finding, *he* says, I will return to my house from where I came out. ²⁵And coming he finds *it* swept and decorated. ²⁶Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than

himself; and entering he dwells there. And the last things of that man become worse than the first.

²⁷And as He spoke these things, it happened that a certain woman lifted up *her* voice out of the crowd *and* said to Him, Blessed *is* the womb having borne You, and the breasts which You sucked. ²⁸But He said, No; rather, blessed *are* those hearing the word of God, and keeping it.

²⁹But the crowds pressing on *Him*, He began to say, This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and a sign will not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰For Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites; so also the Son of man will be to this generation. ³¹The queen of *the* south will be raised in the Judgment with the men of this generation, and will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And, behold, a Greater-than-Solomon *is* here. ³²Men, Ninevites will rise up in the Judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah. And, behold, a Greater-than-Jonah *is* here.

³³But no one having lit a lamp places *it* in secret, nor under the grain-measure, but on the lampstand, that the ones entering may see the light. ³⁴The lamp of the body is the eye. Then when your eye is sound, also all your body is light. But when it is evil, also your body *is* dark. ³⁵Watch, then, that the light in you is not darkness. ³⁶If, then, your whole body *is* light, not having any part dark, all will be light, as when the lamp enlightens you with *its* shining.

³⁷And as He was speaking, a certain Pharisee asked Him that He would dine with him. And going in, He reclined. ³⁸But watching, the Pharisee marveled that He did not first wash before the dinner. ³⁹But the Lord said to him, Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but your inside is full of robbery and evil. ⁴⁰Fools! Did not He who made the outside also make the inside? ⁴¹But give alms *of* the things which are within, and behold, all things *are* clean to you. ⁴²But woe to you, Pharisees, for you pay tithes of the mint, and the rue, and every plant, and pass by the judgment and the love of God.

It was right to do these things, but not to leave aside those. ⁴³Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the chief seat in the synagogues, and the greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees! Hypocrites! For you are as the unseen tombs, and the men walking above do not know.

⁴⁵And answering one of the lawyers said to Him, Teacher, saying these things you also insult us. ⁴⁶And He said, Woe to you also, lawyers! Because you burden men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. ⁴⁷Woe to you! Because you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. ⁴⁸So you bear witness and consent to the works of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹And because of this the wisdom of God said, I will send prophets and apostles to them, and they will kill and drive out *some* of them, ⁵⁰that the blood of all the prophets which has been shed from the foundation of the world may be required from this generation, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel until the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the House. Yea, I say to you, it will be required from this generation. ⁵²Woe to you, lawyers! because you took the key of knowledge; you yourselves did not enter, and you kept out the ones entering.

⁵³And as He was saying these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be terribly angry, and to draw Him out concerning many things, ⁵⁴lying in ambush for Him, and seeking to catch something out of His mouth, that they might accuse Him.

CHAPTER 12

¹At which time the myriads of the crowd being gathered together, so as to trample on one another, He began to say to His disciples first, Take heed to yourselves of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ²But there is nothing which has been completely concealed which will not be uncovered, nor hidden which will not be known. ³For this reason, whatever you said in the darkness will be heard in the light; and whatever you spoke in the ear in the secret rooms will be proclaimed on the

housetops. ⁴But I say to you, My friends, Stop being afraid of the ones killing the body, and after these things not having anything more *they can* do. ⁵But I will warn you whom you should fear; fear the ones who after the killing have authority to cast into Hell; yea, I say to you, fear that One!

⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria? And not one of them has been forgotten before God. ⁷But even the hairs of your head have all been numbered. Then stop being afraid; you differ from many sparrows. ⁸But I say to you, Everyone who may confess Me before men, the Son of man will also confess him before the angels of God. ¹⁰And everyone who shall say a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven Him; but the ones blaspheming against the Holy Spirit, *it* will not be forgiven. ¹¹But when they bring you in before synagogues and rulers, and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you shall reply, or what you should say; ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you in the same hour what you ought to say.

¹³And one from the crowd said to Him, Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me. ¹⁴But He said to him, Man, who appointed Me a judge or a divider over you?

¹⁵And He said to them, Beware, and keep back from covetousness; for one's life is not in the abundance of the things which are to him. ¹⁶And He spoke a parable to them, saying, A certain rich man produced well *from* the land. ¹⁷And he reasoned within himself, saying, What may I do, for I have nowhere I may gather my fruits? ¹⁸And he said, I will do this; I will tear down my barns, and I will build larger; and I will gather there all my produce and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid *up* for many years; take rest; eat, drink, be glad. ²⁰But God said to him, Fool! This night they demand your soul from you; and that which you prepared, to whom will it be? ²¹So *is* he treasuring up for himself, and not being rich toward God.

²²And He said to His disciples, Because of this I say to you, do not be anxious as to your life, what you should eat; nor as to the body, what you should

put on. ²³The life is more than the food, and the body than the clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens, for they do not sow, nor do they reap; to which there is no storehouse or barn, and God feeds them. How much rather you differ from the birds! ²⁵And who of you *by* being anxious is able to add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶Then if you are not able to do even *the* least, why are you anxious about the rest?

²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow; they do not labor, nor do they spin; but I say to you, Not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed as one of these. ²⁸But if God so dresses the grass, which today *is* in the field, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much rather you, *O* little-faiths? ²⁹And you stop seeking what you may eat, or what you may drink; and stop being in anxiety. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things; and your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Stop being afraid, little flock, because your Father was pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make for yourselves purses that do not grow old, an unfailing treasure in Heaven, where a thief cannot come near, nor moth can corrupt. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Let your loins be girded about, and the lamps burning; ³⁶and you *be* like men awaiting their lord when he returns from the feasts, so that *he* coming and knocking, they will at once open to him. ³⁷Blessed *are* those slaves whom the lord will find watching when *he* comes. Truly I say to you that he will gird himself and will make them recline, and coming up *he* will serve them. ³⁸And if he comes in the second watch, and in the third watch he comes and finds *it* so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this that if the housemaster had known the hour the thief is coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be dug through. ⁴⁰And you, then, be ready; for in the hour you think not the Son of man comes.

⁴¹And Peter said to Him, Lord, do You speak this parable to us, or also to all?

⁴²And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and wise steward whom the lord

will set over his houseservants, to give the portion of food in season? ⁴³Blessed *is* that slave *when* his lord comes *and* will find *him* so doing. ⁴⁴Truly I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁵But if that slave should say in his heart, My lord delays to come, and should begin to beat the men servants and the female servants, and to eat and to drink, and be drunk, ⁴⁶the lord of that slave will come in the day in which he does not expect, and in an hour which he does not know. And *he* will cut him apart, and will put his portion with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷But that slave knowing the will of his Lord, and did not prepare, nor did according to His will, will be beaten with many *stripes*. ⁴⁸But he not knowing, and doing *things* worthy of stripes, will be beaten with few. And everyone given much, much will be demanded from him. And to whom much was deposited, more exceedingly they will ask him.

⁴⁹I came to hurl fire into the earth; and what will I if it already has been lit? ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to be immersed in, and how am I pressed until it is done! ⁵¹Do you think that I came to give peace in the earth? No, I say to you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on five in one house will have been divided, three against two, and two against three. ⁵³Father will be divided against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and *the* daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

⁵⁴And He also said to the crowd, When you see the cloud rising up from *the* west, you immediately say, A storm is coming; and it happened so. ⁵⁵And when a south wind *is* blowing, you say, There will be heat; and it occurs. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! You know to discern the face of the earth and of the heaven, but *how is it* you do not discern this time? ⁵⁷And why do you not judge what *is* right even of yourselves? ⁵⁸For as you go with your adversary to a judge, give pains in the way to be set free from him, that he not drag you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. ⁵⁹I say to you, In no way may you leave there until you pay even the last lepton.

CHAPTER 13

¹And some were present at the same time reporting to Him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate mixed with their sacrifices. ²And answering Jesus said to them, Do you think that these Galileans were sinners beyond all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³No, I say to you; but if you do not repent, you will all perish in the same way. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, do you think that these were sinners beyond all men who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I say to you; but if you do not repent, you will all perish in the same way.

⁶And He spoke this parable:

A certain one had planted a fig-tree in his vineyard. And He came looking for fruit on it, and did not find *any*. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, Behold, three years I come looking for fruit on this fig-tree, and found none. Cut it down, and why does it waste the ground? ⁸And the vinedresser said to him, Sir, leave it also this year, until I shall dig around it and throw manure; ⁹and *see* if it indeed makes fruit. But if not, in the future you may cut it down.

¹⁰And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on *one of* the sabbaths. ¹¹And, behold, there was a woman having a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent together, and was not able to be completely erect. ¹²And seeing her, Jesus called *her* near, and said to her, Woman, you have been freed from your infirmity. ¹³And He laid hands on her. And instantly she was made erect, and glorified God. ¹⁴But answering, the synagogue ruler, being angry that Jesus healed on the sabbath, said to the crowd, There are six days in which it is right to work. Therefore, coming in these, be healed, and not on the sabbath day. ¹⁵Then the Lord answered him and said, Hypocrite! Each one of you on the sabbath, does he not untie his ox or ass from the manger, and leading *it* away give *it* drink? ¹⁶And this one being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, lo, eighteen years, ought *she* not to be freed from this bond on the sabbath day? ¹⁷And on His saying these things, all who were opposed to Him were

ashamed. And all the crowd rejoiced over all the glorious things taking place by Him.

¹⁸And He said, What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a grain of mustard, which a man having taken threw into his garden. And it grew and became a great tree; and the birds of the heaven perched in its branches. ²⁰And again He said, To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like leaven, which taking a woman hid in three measures of meal, until all was leavened.

²²And He went through by cities and villages, teaching, and making progress toward Jerusalem. ²³And one said to Him, Lord, *are* the ones being saved few? But He said to them, ²⁴Labor to enter in through the narrow gate; for I say to you that many will seek to enter in, and will not have strength. ²⁵From the time the Master of the house shall have risen up, and He shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. And answering He will say to you, I do not know you. From where are you? ²⁶Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets. ²⁷And He will say, I tell you, I do not know you, from where you are. Stand back from Me, all workers of unrighteousness. ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrust outside. ²⁹And they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And, behold, there are last ones who will be first, and there are first ones who will be last.

³¹In the same day certain Pharisees came saying to Him, Go out and go on from here, for Herod desires to kill you. ³²And He said to them, Going, say to that fox, Behold, today and tomorrow I cast out demons, and I complete cures, and the third *day* I am perfected. ³³But today and tomorrow, and on the following *day*, I must travel on. For it is not possible for a prophet to perish outside Jerusalem. ³⁴Jerusalem! Jerusalem! The *one* killing the prophets, and stoning those having

been sent to her; how often I desired to gather your children in in the way a hen *gathers* her brood under the wings; and you did not desire *it*. ³⁵Behold, your house is left to you desolate. And truly I say to you, You shall not at all see Me until it come when you say, Blessed is the *One* coming in the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER 14

¹And it occurred on His going into a house of one of the Pharisee leaders on a sabbath to eat bread, even they were closely observing Him. ²And behold, a certain man was dropsical before Him. ³And answering Jesus said to the lawyers and Pharisees, asking whether it is lawful to heal on the sabbath. ⁴And they were silent. And taking *the man*, He cured him, and let *him* go. ⁵And answering to them He said, Whose ass or ox of yours shall fall into a pit, and he will not at once pull it up on the sabbath day? ⁶And they were not able to reply to Him against these things.

⁷And He spoke a parable to those who had been invited, noting how they were choosing out the chief seats, saying to them, ⁸When you are invited by anyone to wedding feasts, do not recline at the chief seat, lest *one* more honorable *than* you be invited by him; ⁹and he who invited you coming will say to you, Give this one place. And then you begin with shame to take the last place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, going in recline at the last place, so that when he who has invited you may come, he *may* say to you, Friend, go up higher. Then glory will be to you before those reclining with you. ¹¹For everyone exalting himself will be humbled; and the *one* humbling himself will be exalted.

¹²And He also said to him who had invited Him, When you make a dinner or supper, do not call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also should invite you in return, and it become a repayment to you. ¹³But when you make a party, call the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; ¹⁴and then you will be blessed, for they have nothing to repay you. For it will be repaid to you in the resurrection of the just.

¹⁵And one of those reclining with *Him*, hearing these things, *he* said to Him, Blessed *are* those eating bread in the kingdom of God. ¹⁶But He said to him, A certain man made a great supper, and invited many. ¹⁷And he sent his slave at the supper hour to say to those who had been invited, Come, for now all is ready. ¹⁸And all with one *mind* began to beg off. The first said to him, I have bought a field, and I have need to go out and see it; I ask you, have me excused. ¹⁹And another said, I bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; I ask you, have me excused. ²⁰And another said, I married a wife, and for this reason I am not able to come. ²¹And having come up that slave reported these things to his lord. then being angry the housemaster said to his slave, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and maimed and lame and blind ones. ²²And the slave said, Sir, *it* has been done as you ordered, and still there is room. ²³And the lord said to the slave, Go out into the highways and hedges and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I say to you that not one of those men who had been invited shall taste of my supper.

²⁵And great crowds came together to Him. And turning He said to them, ²⁶If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers and sisters, and besides his own soul, too, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁸For who of you desiring to build a tower does not first sit down *and* count the cost, whether he has the things to finish; ²⁹that having laid a foundation, and not having strength to finish all, those seeing begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, This man began to build, and did not have strength to finish. ³¹Or what king going to attack another king in war does not first sit down *and* take counsel whether he is able with ten thousands to meet those coming upon him with twenty thousands? ³²But if not, he being still far off, sending a delegation he asks the things for peace. ³³So then everyone of you who does not abandon all his possessions is not able to be My disciple. ³⁴The

salt *is* good, but if the salt becomes tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?³⁵ It is not fit for soil nor for fertilizer; they throw it out. The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

CHAPTER 15

¹And all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to Him, to hear Him.

²And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, This one receives sinners and eats with them.

³And He spoke to them this parable, saying, ⁴What man of you having a hundred sheep, and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and goes after the lost *one* until he finds it? ⁵And finding *it*, he puts *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And coming to the house, he calls together the friends and neighbors, saying to them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that had been lost. ⁷I say to you that so is joy in Heaven over one sinner repenting, than over ninety-nine righteous ones who have no need of repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma does not light a lamp and sweep the house, and look carefully until she finds *it*? ⁹And finding *it* she calls together the friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I lost. ¹⁰I say to you, so there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner repenting.

¹¹And He said, A certain man had two sons; ¹²and the younger of them said to the father, Father give me that part of the property falling *to me*. And he divided the living to them. ¹³And not many days after, gathering up all things, the younger son went away to a distant country. And there *he* wasted his property, living dissolutely.

¹⁴But having spent all his things, a severe famine came throughout that country; and he began to be in need. ¹⁵And going he was joined to one of the citizens of that country. And he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he longed to fill his stomach from the husks which the pigs ate; but no one gave to him. ¹⁷But coming to himself he said, How many servants of my father have plenty of loaves, and I am perishing with famine. ¹⁸Rising up I will

go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I sinned against Heaven and before you; ¹⁹and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your servants. ²⁰And rising up he came to his father. But he yet being far away, his father saw him and was moved with pity. And running *he* fell on his neck and fervently kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you, and no longer am I worthy to be called your son. ²²But the father said to his slaves, Bring out the best robe and clothe him, and give a ring for his hand and sandals for *his* feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf; slaughter and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead, and lived again; and was lost, and was found. And they began to be merry.

²⁵But the older son was in a field. And having come, as he drew near to the house, he heard music and dances. ²⁶And having called one of the children, he inquired what this may be. ²⁷And he said to him, Your brother came, and your father killed the fattened calf, because he received him back in health. ²⁸But he was angry and did not desire to go in. Then coming out his father begged him. ²⁹But answering he said to the father, Behold, so many years I serve you, and never have I transgressed a command of you. And you never gave a goat *to me* so that I might be merry with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, the *one* devouring your living with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him. ³¹But he said to him, Child, you are always with me, and all of my things are yours. ³²But to be merry and to rejoice *was* right, for this brother of yours was dead, and lived again; and being lost, also *he* was found.

CHAPTER 16

¹And He also said to His disciples, A certain man was rich, *and he* had a steward, and this one was accused to him as wasting his goods. ²And calling him, he said to him, What *is* this I hear about you? Give the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward. ³And the steward said within himself, What shall I do, for my lord is taking away the stewardship from me? I am not

able to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I know what I will do, that when I am removed *from* the stewardship, they will receive me into their houses. ⁵And calling to him each one of the debtors of his lord, he said to the first, How much do you owe my lord? ⁶And he said, A hundred baths of oil. And he said to him, Take your statements, and sitting, quickly write fifty. ⁷Then he said to another, And you, how much do you owe? And he said a hundred cors of wheat. And he said to him, Take your statement and write eighty. ⁸And the lord praised the unrighteous steward, because he acted prudently. For the sons of this age are more prudent than the sons of light themselves are in their generation. ⁹And I say to you, Make to yourselves friends by the unrighteous mammon, that when it fails they may take you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰He faithful in *the* least is also faithful in much. And he unrighteous in the least is also unrighteous in much. ¹¹Then if you were not faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true to you? ¹²And if you were not faithful in that of another, who will give to you that *which* is yours? ¹³No servant is able to serve two lords; for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other; or he will cling to one, and he will despise the other. You are unable to serve God and mammon.

¹⁴And being lovers of money, the Pharisees also heard all these things; and they derided Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, You are those justifying yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for the thing highly prized among men is a hateful thing before God. ¹⁶The Law and the Prophets *were* until John; from then the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is pressing into it. ¹⁷But it is easier *for* the heaven and the earth to pass away than one tittle of the law to fail. ¹⁸Everyone putting away his wife, and marrying another, commits adultery. And everyone marrying her who has been put away from a husband commits adultery.

¹⁹And there was a certain rich man, and *he* was accustomed to don a purple robe

and fine linen, making merry in luxury day by day. ²⁰And there was a certain poor one named Lazarus, who had been laid at his porch, being plagued by sores, ²¹and longing to be filled from the crumbs that were falling from the table of the rich one. But even the dogs coming licked his sores. ²²And it happened, the poor one died, and was carried away by the angels into the bosom of Abraham. And the rich one also died, and was buried. ²³And being in torments in Hell, lifting up his eyes, he sees Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosoms. ²⁴And calling he said, Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am suffering in this flame. ²⁵But Abraham said, Child, remember that you fully received your good things in your lifetime, and Lazarus likewise the bad things. But now he is comforted, and you are suffering. ²⁶And besides all these things, a great chasm has been fixed between us, and you, so that those desiring to pass from here to you are not able, nor can they pass from there to us. ²⁷And he said, Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house; ²⁸for I have five brothers, so that he may witness to them, that they not also come to this place of torment. ²⁹Abraham said to him, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰But he said, No, father Abraham, but if one should go from *the* dead to them, they will repent. ³¹And he said to him, If they will not hear Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if one from *the* dead should rise.

CHAPTER 17

¹And He said to the disciples, It is impossible that the offenses should not come, but woe *to him* by whom they come. ²It is profitable for him if a millstone turned by an ass is put around his neck, and he be thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. ³Take heed to yourselves. And if your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if seven times of the day he sins against you,

and seven times of the day turns to you saying, I repent; you shall forgive him.

⁵And the apostles said to the Lord, Give us more faith. ⁶But the Lord said, If you had faith as a grain of mustard, you may say to this sycamine tree, Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea! And it would obey you. ⁷But which of you having a slave plowing or feeding will say at once *to him* coming out of the field, Come, recline? ⁸But will he not say to him, Prepare something what I may eat, and having girded yourself serve me until I eat and drink; and after these things you shall eat and drink? ⁹*Does* he have thanks to that slave because he did the things commanded of him? I think not. ¹⁰So also when you have done all things commanded you, you say, We are unprofitable slaves, for we have done what we ought to do.

¹¹And it happened in His going to Jerusalem, even He passed through *the* midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And He entering into a certain village, ten leprous men met Him, who stood afar off. ¹³And they lifted *their* voice, saying, Jesus, Master, pity us. ¹⁴And seeing *them*, He said to them, Going, show yourselves to the priests. And it happened in their going they were cleansed. ¹⁵And one of them, seeing that he was cured, returned glorifying God with a loud voice. ¹⁶And *he* fell on *his* face at His feet, thanking Him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷And answering Jesus said, Were not the ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? ¹⁸Were not *any* found returning to give glory to God except this stranger? ¹⁹And He said to him, Rising up, go! Your faith has cured you.

²⁰And being questioned by the Pharisees *as to* when the kingdom of God comes, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹nor will they say, Lo, here! Or, Lo, there! For behold the kingdom of God is in your midst.

²²And He said to the disciples, Days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of man, and will not

see. ²³And they will say to you, Lo, here! Or, Lo, there! Do not go away, nor follow. ²⁴For as the lightning which lights up, flashing from the *one part* under heaven and shines to the *other part* under heaven, so also will the Son of man be in His day. ²⁵But first He must suffer many things, and be rejected from this generation. ²⁶And as it was in the days of Noah, so also it will be in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷They were eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, until *the day* Noah went into the ark. And the flood came and destroyed all. ²⁸And likewise, as it was in the days of Lot, they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building; ²⁹but on *the day* Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from Heaven and destroyed all. ³⁰Even so it will be in the day the Son of man is revealed.

³¹In that day *he* who will be on the housetop, let him not come down to take his goods *from* the house. And likewise, he in the field, let him not return to the things behind. ³²Remember Lot's wife. ³³Whoever seeks to save his life, he will lose it. And whoever will lose it, *he* will preserve it. ³⁴I say to you, In that night two will be on one bed; the one will be taken, and the other will be left. ³⁵Two will be grinding together; one will be taken and the other will be left. Two will be in the field; the one will be taken and the other will be left. ³⁷And answering they said to Him, Where, Lord? and He said to them, Where the body *is*, there the eagles will be gathered together.

CHAPTER 18

¹And He also spoke a parable to them *to teach* it is always right to pray, and not to faint, ²saying, A certain judge was in a certain city, not fearing God and not respecting man. ³And a widow was in that city, and she came to him, saying, Avenge me from my adversary. ⁴And for a time he would not. But after these things he said to himself, Even if I do not fear God, and do not respect man, ⁵yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will

avenge her, that coming in *the* end she may not subdue me. ⁶And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says; ⁷and will God not at all execute the avenging of His elect, those crying to Him day and night, also being patient over them? ⁸I say to you that He will carry out the avenging of them speedily. But the Son of man coming then, will He find faith on the earth?

⁹And He also spoke this parable to some of those relying on themselves, that they are righteous, and despising the rest:

¹⁰Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee was standing, praying these things to himself: God, I thank You that I am not as the rest of men, rapacious, unrighteous, adulterers, or even as this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice *in* the week, I tithe all things, as many as I get. ¹³And standing at a distance, the tax-collector would not even lift up *his* eyes to Heaven, but smote on his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me, the sinner! ¹⁴I say to you, This one went down to his house having been justified, rather than that one. For everyone exalting himself will be humbled. And the *one* humbling himself will be exalted.

¹⁵And they brought infants to Him also, that He might touch them. But seeing, the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them near, saying, Allow the children to come to Me, and do not prevent them. For of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly I say to you, Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child, not at all will enter into it.

¹⁸And a certain ruler asked Him, saying, Good Teacher, what may I do to inherit eternal life? ¹⁹But Jesus said to him, Why do you say Me *to be* good? No one *is* good, except One: God. ²⁰You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal; do not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother. ²¹And he said, I have kept all these from my youth. ²²And hearing these things, Jesus said to him, Yet one thing is lacking to you: sell all, as much as you have, and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven.

And come, follow Me. ²³But hearing these things, he became very much grieved, for he was exceedingly rich. ²⁴And seeing him having become very much grieved, Jesus said, How hardly those having riches shall enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go in through a needle's eye than for a rich one to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁶And those hearing said, And who is able to be saved? ²⁷But He said, The things impossible with men are possible with God.

²⁸And Peter said, Behold, we left all and followed You. ²⁹And He said to them, Truly I say to you, There is no one who has left house, or parents, or brothers, or wife, or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰who shall not receive many times more in this time, and in the age that is coming, everlasting life.

³¹And taking the Twelve, He said to them, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things will be fulfilled which have been written through the prophets to the Son of man. ³²For He will be delivered up to the nations, and will be mocked, and will be insulted, and will be spat upon. ³³And flogging *Him*, they will kill Him. And on the third day He will rise again. ³⁴And they did not understand these things—nothing! And this saying had been hidden from them, and they did not know the things being said.

³⁵And it happened as He drew near to Jericho, a certain blind one sat by the highway, begging. ³⁶And a crowd passing through, he asked what this might be. ³⁷And they reported to him that Jesus the Nazarene is passing by. ³⁸And he cried out, saying, Jesus, son of David, pity me! ³⁹And those going before rebuked him, that he be quiet. But he much more cried out, Son of David, pity me! ⁴⁰And standing still, Jesus commanded him to be brought to Him. And he drawing near, He asked him, saying, What do you desire I do to you? And he said, Lord, that I may see again. ⁴²And Jesus said to him, See again! Your faith has healed you. ⁴³And instantly he saw again. And *he* followed Him, glorifying God. And seeing, all the people gave praise to God.

CHAPTER 19

¹And going in, He passed through Jericho. ²And, behold, a man called by name Zaccheus. And he was a chief tax-collector, and he was rich. ³And he was seeking to see Jesus, who He is. And he was not able, because of the crowd, and he was little in stature. ⁴And running ahead, he went up onto a sycamore-tree, so that he might see Him; for He was going to pass through that way. ⁵And as He came to the place, looking up, Jesus saw him, and said to him, Zaccheus, hurry, come down, for today I must stay in your house. ⁶And hastening he came down and welcomed Him, rejoicing. ⁷And seeing, all murmured, saying, He has gone in to stay with a sinful man. ⁸But standing, Zaccheus said to the Lord, Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I give to the poor. And if I accused anyone falsely, I restore it fourfold. ⁹And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house; for he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.

¹¹But as they were hearing these things, He spoke, adding a parable, because He was near to Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of God was immediately to be revealed:

¹²Then He said: A certain wellborn man went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and to return. ¹³And calling ten of his slaves, He gave to them ten minas, and said to them, Trade until I come. ¹⁴But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, We do not desire this one to reign over us. ¹⁵And it happened as he returned, having received the kingdom, he even said for those slaves to be called to him, *those* to whom he gave the silver; that he might know what each had gained by trading. ¹⁶And the first came, saying, Lord, your mina has gained ten minas. ¹⁷And he said to him, Well done, good slave! Because you were faithful in a least thing, have authority over ten cities. ¹⁸And the second came, saying, Lord, your mina has made five minas. ¹⁹And he said to this one also, And you be over five cities. ²⁰And another came, saying, Lord, behold your mina which I had kept in a handkerchief.

²¹For I feared you, because you are an exacting man, taking what you did not lay down, and reaping what you did not sow. ²²But he said to him, I will judge you out of your own mouth, wicked slave. You knew that I am an exacting man, taking what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow. ²³And why did you not give my silver on the *bank* table? And coming I might have exacted it with interest. ²⁴And to those standing by, he said, Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas. ²⁵And they said to him, Lord, he has ten minas. ²⁶For I say to you, To everyone who has, it will be given. And from the *one* who does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ²⁷But these enemies of mine, those not desiring me to reign over them, bring here and execute *them* before me.

²⁸And saying these things, He went in front, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹And it happened as He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany toward the Mount called Of Olives, He sent two of disciples, ³⁰saying, go into the village opposite *you*, in which having entered you will find a colt which has been tied up; on which no one of men ever yet sat. Untying it, bring it. ³¹And if anyone asks, Why do you untie it? You shall say to them, The Lord has need of it. ³²And going, those having been sent found as He told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, Why do you untie the colt? ³⁴And they said, The Lord has need of it. ³⁵And they led it to Jesus. And throwing their garments on the colt, they put Jesus on it. ³⁶And as He went, they were spreading their garments in the highway. ³⁷And as He was already drawing near to the descent of the Mount of Olives, all the multitude of the disciples began rejoicing, to praise God with a loud voice concerning all *the* works of power which they saw, ³⁸saying,

Blessed is the One coming in the name of the Lord, the King. Peace in Heaven, and glory in *the* highest!

³⁹And some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Him, Teacher, rebuke your disciples. ⁴⁰And answering He said to them, I say to you, If these should be

silent, the stones will cry out.

⁴¹And as He drew near, seeing the city, He wept over it, ⁴²saying, If you had known, even you, even at least in this day of yours, the things for your peace! But now they were hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come on you, and your enemies will raise up a rampart to you, and will surround you, and will keep you in on every side; ⁴⁴and will tear you down, and your children in you, and will not leave a stone on a stone, because you did not know the time of your visitation.

⁴⁵And entering into the temple, He began to throw out those selling and buying in it, ⁴⁶saying to them, It has been written, "My house is a house of prayer," but you made it a den of robbers. ⁴⁷And He was teaching day by day in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief men of the people sought to kill Him. ⁴⁸And *they* did not find what they might do; for all the people hung on Him, listening.

CHAPTER 20

¹And it happened on one of those days, as He was teaching the people and announcing the gospel in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes came up, along with elders, and spoke to Him, saying, Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who is it who gave to you this authority? ²And answering He said to them, I will also ask you one thing, and you tell me: ³The baptism of John, was it from Heaven, or from men? ⁴And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we say, From Heaven, he will say, Why, then, did you not believe him? ⁵But if we say, From men, all the people will stone us, for *they* had been convinced that John was a prophet. ⁶And they answered, they did not know from where. ⁷And Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

⁹And He began to speak this parable to the people: A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it out to vinedressers. And *he* left the country for long periods of *time*. ¹⁰And in season he sent a slave to the vinedressers, that they might give him the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers sent

him away empty, beating *him*. ¹¹And he again sent another slave. But they also sent that one away empty, beating and insulting *him*. ¹²And he again sent a third. But they also threw this one out, wounding *him*. ¹³And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Perhaps seeing this one, they will respect *him*. ¹⁴And seeing him, the vinedressers reasoned with themselves, saying, This is the heir. Come let us kill him, so that the inheritance may become ours. ¹⁵And throwing him out of the vineyard, they killed *him*. Therefore, what will the lord of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and will destroy these vinedressers, and will give the vineyard to others.

And hearing *this*, they said, Let it not be! ¹⁷And looking at them He said, What, then, is this which has been written, "*The stone that the builders rejected, this one came to be for the Head of the corner?*" ¹⁸Everyone falling on that Stone will be broken in pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.

¹⁹And the chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on Him in the same hour. And *they* feared the people, for they knew that He told this parable against them.

²⁰And watching carefully, they sent spies, pretending themselves to be righteous, in order that they might seize upon a word of His, so as to deliver Him to the power and to the authority of the governor. ²¹And they questioned Him, saying, Teacher, we know that you say and teach rightly, and do not receive a face, but you teach the way of God with truth. ²²Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? ²³But perceiving their slyness, He said to them, Why do you tempt Me? ²⁴Show Me a denarius. Whose image and superscription does it have? And answering they said, Caesar's. ²⁵And He said to them, Then render the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God. ²⁶And they were not able to lay hold of His speech before the people. And marveling at His answer, they were silent.

²⁷And some of the Sadducees coming

up, those speaking against a resurrection, *that it was* not to be, they questioned Him, ²⁸saying, Teacher, Moses wrote to us, If anyone's brother dies having a wife, and this one should die childless, that his brother should take the wife and raise up seed to his brother. ²⁹Then there were seven brothers. And having taken a wife, the first died childless. ³⁰And the second took the wife, and this one died childless. ³¹And the third took her, and likewise also the seven died, and did not leave children. ³²And last of all the woman died. ³³Then in the resurrection of which of them does she become wife? For the seven had her *as* wife. ³⁴And answering Jesus said to them, The sons of this world marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those counted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from *the* dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶For they are not able to die *any* more; they are equal to angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses pointed out at the Bush, when he calls *the* Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob —³⁸but He is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to Him. ³⁹And answering some of the scribes said, Teacher, you speak well. ⁴⁰And they did not dare to question Him any more — not a thing.

⁴¹And He said to them, How do they say the Christ is David's son? ⁴²Even David himself said in *the* Book of Psalms, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right *hand*" ⁴³until I place Your enemies *as* a footstool of Your feet." ⁴⁴Then David calls Him Lord. And how is He his son?

⁴⁵And *as* all the people were listening, He said to His disciples, ⁴⁶Beware of the scribes, those desiring to walk about in long robes, and liking greetings in the markets, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief couches in the suppers; ⁴⁷who devour the houses of the widows, and under pretense pray long. These will receive a more severe judgment.

CHAPTER 21

¹And looking up He saw the rich ones

putting their gifts into the treasury. ²And He also saw a certain poor widow putting two lepta there. ³And He said, Truly I say to you, This poor widow put *in* more than all. ⁴For all these out of their abundance put into the gifts to God, but she out of her poverty put *in* all the living which she had.

⁵And as some were speaking about the temple, that it had been adorned with beautiful stones and gifts, He said, ⁶*As* to these things that you see, days will come in which a stone will not be left on a stone, which will not be thrown down.

⁷And they asked Him, saying, Teacher, then when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when these things are about to happen? ⁸And He said, Watch that you not be led astray. For many will come on My name, saying, I AM! Also, the time has come! Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be afraid. For these things must first occur; but the end is not at once. ¹⁰Then He said to them, Nation will be lifted up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹Also there will be great earthquakes from place to place, and famines, and plagues. And also there will be terrors and great signs from Heaven. ¹²But before all these things they will lay their hands on you, and will persecute *you*, delivering *you* into the synagogues and prisons, being led away before kings and governors on account of My name. ¹³But it will return to you for a testimony. ¹⁴Then put into your hearts not to premeditate to make a defense. ¹⁵For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all those who have been set against you will not be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶But you will be betrayed also by parents, and brothers, and relatives, and friends. And they will put *some* of you to death. ¹⁷And you will be hated by all because of My name. ¹⁸And a hair of your head shall in no way perish. ¹⁹By your patience you will gain your souls.

²⁰And when you see Jerusalem being encircled by armies, then recognize that its destruction has come near. ²¹Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains; and those in its midst, let them go out. And those in the open spaces, let them not go

into her. ²²For these are days of vengeance *when* all things that have been written are to be fulfilled. ²³But woe to the pregnant women, and the ones suckling in those days; for great distress will be on the earth, and wrath on this people. ²⁴And they will fall by *the* mouth of *the* sword, and will be led captive to all the nations. And Jerusalem will be trodden down by nations, until *the* times of *the* nations are fulfilled. ²⁵And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars. And on the earth *will* be anxiety of nations with bewilderment, roaring of sea and of surf, ²⁶men fainting at heart from fear, and expecting of the things which have come on the earth. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and much glory. ²⁸But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.

²⁹And He spoke a parable to them: You see the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰Now when they sprout leaves, seeing *it* you will

know from yourselves that now the summer is near. ³¹So also when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I say to you, In no way will this generation pass away until all *these* things shall occur. ³³The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My words in no way will pass away.

³⁴But take heed to yourselves that your hearts not be loaded down with headaches, and drinking, and anxieties of life, and that day come suddenly upon you ³⁵as a snare, for it will come in on all those sitting on *the* face of all the earth. ³⁶Then be watchful at every time, begging that you be counted worthy to escape all these things which are about to happen, and to stand before the Son of man.

³⁷And *in* the days He was teaching in the temple. And *in* the nights going out, He lodged in the Mount of Olives. ³⁸And all the people came early to Him in the temple, to hear Him.

CHAPTER 22

¹And the Feast of Unleavened Bread, being called Passover, drew near. ²And the chief priests and the scribes sought

how to destroy Him; for they feared the people.

³And Satan entered into Judas, the *one* having been called Iscariot, being of the number of the Twelve. ⁴And going, he talked with the chief priests and the commanders *as to* how he might betray Him. ⁵And they exulted and they agreed to give him silver. ⁶And he fully consented, and sought opportunity to betray Him to them, away from *the* crowd.

⁷And the day of the Unleavened Bread came, on which the passover must be killed. ⁸And He sent Peter and John, saying, Going, prepare for us the passover, that we may eat. ⁹And they said to Him, Where do You desire that we prepare? ¹⁰And He said to them, Behold, you going into the city, you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him into the house where he goes in. ¹¹And you will say to the housemaster of *that* house, The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest-room where I may eat the passover with My disciples? ¹²And that one will show you a large upper room which *he* has spread. Prepare there. ¹³And going they found as He had told them, and they prepared the passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, He reclined, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, With desire I desired to eat this passover with you before My suffering. ¹⁶For I say to you that never in any way I will eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. ¹⁷And taking a cup, giving thanks, He said, Take this and divide *it* among yourselves. ¹⁸For I say to you that in no way will I drink from the produce of the vine until the kingdom of God comes. ¹⁹And taking a loaf, giving thanks, He broke, and gave to them, saying, This is My body being given for you. Do this for My remembrance. ²⁰And in the same way the cup, after having supped, saying, This cup *is* the New Covenant in My blood, which is being poured out for you. ²¹But behold the hand of My betrayer on the table with Me! ²²And, indeed, the Son of man goes according as was determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed! ²³And they began to examine themselves who then it

may be of them, the *one* being about to do this.

²⁴And there was also a dispute among them, who of them seems to be greater.

²⁵And He said to them, The kings of the nations lord it over them, and the authorities over them are called benefactors.

²⁶But you *be* not so, but the greater among you, let him be as the lesser; and the *one* governing as the *one* serving. ²⁷For who is greater, the *one* serving, or the *one* reclining. *Is it not the one* reclining? But I am in your midst as *One* serving. ²⁸But you are those continuing with Me in My temptation. ²⁹And I appoint a kingdom to you, as My Father appointed to Me, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom. And you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold! Satan asked for you, to sift *you* as wheat, ³²but I entreated concerning you, that your faith might not fail. And when you have turned back, confirm your brothers. ³³And he said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go both to prison and to death with You. ³⁴And He said, Peter, I say to you, a cock will not crow today before you will deny knowing Me three times.

³⁵And He said to them, When I sent you without a purse, or a wallet, or sandals, did you lack anything? And they said, Nothing. ³⁶Then He said to them, But now the *one* having a purse, let him take *it*; likewise also a wallet. And the *one* not having, let him sell his garment and let him buy a sword. ³⁷For I say to you that this that has been written must yet be fulfilled in Me, "And He was numbered with *the* lawless." For the things concerning Me also have an end. ³⁸And they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And He said to them, It is enough.

³⁹And going out, according to *His* custom, He went to the Mount of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰And having come on the place, He said to them, Pray you *will* not enter into temptation. ⁴¹And He was withdrawn from them, about a stone's throw. And placing the knees, He prayed, ⁴²saying, Father, if You will, take away this cup from Me; but let not My will be done, but Your *will*. ⁴³And

an angel from Heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony, He prayed more intently. And His sweat became as drops of blood falling down onto the earth. ⁴⁵And rising up from the prayer, coming to His disciples, He found them sleeping from grief. ⁴⁶And He said to them, Why do you sleep? Rising up, pray, that you do not enter into temptation.

⁴⁷And as He was yet speaking, behold, a crowd! And the *one* called Judas, one of the Twelve, came in front of them and drew near to Jesus in order to kiss Him. ⁴⁸And Jesus said to him, Judas, do you betray the Son of man with a kiss? ⁴⁹And those around Him seeing that about to occur, *they* said to Him, Lord, shall we strike with the sword? ⁵⁰And a certain one of them struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹And answering Jesus said, Allow *it* until this. And touching his ear, He healed him.

⁵²And Jesus said to those coming upon Him, chief priests, and commanders of the temple, and elders, Have you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber? ⁵³When I was with you day by day in the temple, you did not stretch out your hand on Me. But this is your hour, and the authority of the darkness.

⁵⁴And laying hold of Him, they led Him away and led *Him* into the house of the high priest. And Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵And lighting a fire in *the* middle of the court, and they sitting down, Peter sat in their midst. ⁵⁶And a certain maid-servant seeing him sitting near the light, and looking intently at him, *she* said, And this one was with him. ⁵⁷But he denied Him, saying, Woman, I do not know Him. ⁵⁸And after a while another seeing him said, You also are of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not. ⁵⁹And about an hour intervening, a certain other one boldly charged, saying, Truly this one also was with him, for he also is a Galilean. ⁶⁰And Peter said, Man, I do not know what you say. And immediately, while he yet spoke, the cock crowed. ⁶¹And turning, the Lord looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He told him, Before a cock would crow, you will deny

Me three times. ⁶²And going outside Peter wept bitterly.

⁶³And the men who were holding Jesus mocked Him, beating Him. ⁶⁴And blind-folding Him, *they were* striking His face and questioning Him, saying, Prophecy, who is the *one* stinging you? ⁶⁵And blaspheming, many other things they said to Him.

⁶⁶And when day came, the body of elders of the people, the chief priests and scribes, were gathered. And *they* led Him away into their sanhedrin, saying, ⁶⁷If you are the Christ, tell us. And He said to them, If I tell you, you will in no way believe. ⁶⁸And also if I ask, in no way will you answer Me, or let Me go. ⁶⁹From now on the Son of man will be sitting at the right *hand* of the power of God. ⁷⁰And they all said, Then are you the Son of God? And He said to them, You say *it*, because I AM! ⁷¹And they said, Why do we yet have need of witness? For we ourselves heard *it* from his mouth.

CHAPTER 23

¹And rising up, all the multitude of them led Him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse Him, saying, We found this one perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying himself to be a king, Christ. ³And Pilate questioned Him, saying, Are you the king of the Jews? And answering him, He said, You say *it*. ⁴And Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, I find nothing blameable in this man. ⁵But they insisted, saying, He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to here. ⁶And hearing Galilee, Pilate asked if the man is a Galilean. ⁷And knowing that He is from Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him up to Herod, he also being in Jerusalem in these days.

⁸And seeing Jesus, Herod greatly rejoiced; for he was wishing to see Him *for* a long *time*, because of hearing many things about Him. And he hoped to see some miracle being brought about by Him. ⁹And he questioned Him in many words. But He answered him not a thing. ¹⁰And the chief priests and the scribes stood

fiercely accusing Him. ¹¹And having humiliated Him with his soldiery, and mocking Him by putting around Him luxurious clothing, Herod sent Him back to Pilate. ¹²And on that same day both Pilate and Herod became friends with each other—for before they were at enmity *between* themselves.

¹³And having called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴Pilate said to them, You brought this man to me as perverting the people. And, behold, examining him before you I found nothing blameable in this man *regarding that* which you charge against him. ¹⁵But neither did Herod; for I sent you up to him; and, behold, nothing worthy of death is done by him. ¹⁶Therefore, chastising him, I will release *him*. ¹⁷And he had to release to them one at *the* Feast. ¹⁸And they all together shouted, saying, Take this one, and release Barabbas to us—¹⁹*he* who was thrown into prison due to some revolt and murder occurring in the city. ²⁰Then Pilate again called out, desiring to release Jesus. ²¹But they shouted, saying, Crucify! Crucify him! ²²And a third *time* he said to them, For what evil did this one do? I found no cause of death in him. Therefore, chastising him, I will release *him*. ²³But with loud voices they insisted, asking for Him to be crucified. And their voices, and *that* of the chief priests, prevailed. ²⁴And Pilate adjudged their request to be done. ²⁵And he released to them *the one* thrown into prison due to revolt and murder, whom they asked. But he delivered Jesus to their will.

²⁶And as they led Him away, having laid hold on a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, coming from a field, they put the cross on him, to bear *it* behind Jesus.

²⁷And a great multitude of people were following Him, and of women who also were bewailing and lamenting Him. ²⁸And turning to them, Jesus said, Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep over Me, but weep over yourselves and over your children. ²⁹For behold, days will come in which they will say, Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs that did not bear, and breasts that did not suckle. ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us! And to

the hills, Cover us! ³¹For if they do these things in the green tree, what may take place in the dry?

³²And two others, two criminals, were led with Him to be put to death.

³³And when they came on the place being called Skull, they crucified Him and the criminals there, one on *the* right, and one on *the* left. ³⁴And Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. And dividing His garments, they cast a lot. ³⁵And the people stood watching. And the rulers with them also scoffed, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this one is the Christ, the elect of God. ³⁶And coming near the soldiers also mocked Him, and *were* offering vinegar to Him, ³⁷and saying, If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself. ³⁸And also a superscription was written over Him, in Greek and Latin and Hebrew letters: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹And one of the hanged criminals blasphemed Him, saying, If you are the Christ, save yourself and us. ⁴⁰But answering, the other rebuked him, saying, Do you not fear God, for *you* are in the same judgment? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we receive things worthy of what we did. But this One did nothing wrong. ⁴²And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when You come in Your kingdom. ⁴³And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you will be with Me in Paradise.

⁴⁴And it was about *the* sixth hour, and darkness came over all the land until *the* ninth hour. ⁴⁵And the sun was darkened; and the veil of the temple was torn in the middle. ⁴⁶And crying with a loud voice, Jesus said, Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit. And saying this, He breathed out the spirit.

⁴⁷And seeing the thing happening, the centurion glorified God, saying, Truly, this Man was righteous. ⁴⁸And all the crowd arriving together at this sight, watching the thing happening, beating their breasts, *they* returned. ⁴⁹And all those known to Him stood at a distance, and *the* women, those who accompanied Him from Galilee, *were* seeing these things.

⁵⁰And, behold, a man named Joseph,

being a councillor, a good and righteous man; ⁵¹this one was not assenting to their counsel and deed — *he* was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, and who himself was eagerly expecting the kingdom of God—⁵²coming near to Pilate, this one asked the body of Jesus. ⁵³And taking it down, he wrapped it in linen, and placed it in a quarried tomb, where no one was ever yet laid. ⁵⁴And it was Preparation Day, and a sabbath was coming on.

⁵⁵And also women *were* following, who were accompanying Him out of Galilee, *who* watched the tomb, and how His body was placed. ⁵⁶And returning, *they* prepared spices and ointment.

And they remained quiet *on* the sabbath, according to the commandment.

CHAPTER 24

¹But *on* the first of the week, while still very early, they came on the tomb, carrying spices which they prepared; and some *were* with them. ²And they found the stone having been rolled away from the tomb. ³And going in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it happened, *as* they *were* perplexed about this, even behold, two men in shining clothing stood by them. ⁵And they becoming terrified, and bowing *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, Why do you seek the living with the dead? ⁶He is not here, but was raised. Remember how He spoke to you, yet being in Galilee, ⁷saying, The Son of man must be delivered into *the* hands of sinful men, and to be crucified, and the third day to rise again. ⁸And they remembered His words. ⁹And returning from the tomb, *they* reported all these things to the Eleven, and to all the rest. ¹⁰And they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *mother* of James, and the rest with them, who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹And their words seemed like foolishness to them, and they did not believe them. ¹²But rising up, Peter ran to the tomb, and stooping down he saw the linen lying alone. And *he* went away wondering to himself *at what* had happened.

¹³And, behold, two of them were going on the same day to a village being sixty furlongs distant from Jerusalem, which

was named Emmaus. ¹⁴And they talked to each other about all these things taking place. ¹⁵And it happened, *as* they talked and reasoned, coming near Jesus Himself traveled with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were held *so as* not to recognize Him. ¹⁷And He said to them, What words *are* these which you exchange with each other *while* walking, and are sad of face? ¹⁸And answering, one of them whose name was Cleopas, said to Him, *Are* you only a stranger in Jerusalem, and do not know the things happening in it in these days? ¹⁹And He said to them, What things? And they said to Him, The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a man, a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the judgment of death, and crucified Him. ²¹But we were hoping that He is the *One* going to redeem Israel. But then with all these things, this third day comes today since these things happened. ²²And also some of our women astounded us, having been early at the tomb, ²³and not finding His body, *they* came saying to have seen a vision of angels also, who say Him to be alive. ²⁴And some of those with us went to the tomb, and found *it* so, even as the women also said; but they did not see Him.

²⁵And He said to them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe on all things which the prophets spoke! ²⁶Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into His glory? ²⁷And beginning from Moses, and from all the prophets, He explained to them the things about Himself in all the Scriptures.

²⁸And they drew near to the village where they were going, and He seemed to be going further. ²⁹And they constrained Him, saying, Stay with us, for it is toward evening, and the day has declined. And He went in to stay with them. ³⁰And it happened *as* He reclined with them, taking the loaf, He blessed; and breaking He gave to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him. And He became invisible from them. ³²And they said to one another, Was not our heart burning in us as He spoke to us in the

highway, and as He opened up to us the Scriptures? ³³And rising up in the same hour, they went back to Jerusalem, and *they* found the Eleven, and those with them, having been gathered, ³⁴saying, The Lord really was raised, and appeared to Simon. ³⁵And they related the things in the highway, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the loaf.

³⁶And as they were telling these things, Jesus Himself stood in their midst, and said to them, Peace to you! ³⁷But being terrified and filled with fear, they thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, Why are you troubled? And why do reasonings come up in your hearts. ³⁹See My hands and My feet, that I am He? Feel Me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see Me having. ⁴⁰And saying this, He showed them *His* hands and feet. ⁴¹But yet they not believing from the joy, and marveling, He said to them, Have you any food here? ⁴²And they handed a broiled part of a fish to Him, and from a honeycomb. ⁴³And taking *these* before them, He ate.

⁴⁴And He said to them, These *are* the words which I spoke to you, yet being with you, that must be fulfilled, all the things having been written in the Law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalms, concerning Me. ⁴⁵Then He opened up their mind to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, So it is written, and so the Christ must suffer, and to rise from *the* dead the third day; ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins *must* be preached on His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And, behold, I send forth the promise of My Father on you. But you sit in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.

⁵⁰And He led them out as far as to Bethany. And lifting up His hands, He blessed them. ⁵¹And it happened *as* He blessed them, He withdrew from them, and was carried into Heaven.

⁵²And worshiping Him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

CHAPTER 1

¹In *the* beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in *the* beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one *thing* came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, ⁵and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, his name was John. ⁷He came for a witness, that he might witness concerning the Light, that all might believe through Him. ⁸He was not that Light, but that he might witness concerning the Light. ⁹He was the true Light; He enlightens every man coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him; yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came into *His* own, and *His* own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave authority to become children of God, to the ones believing into His name; ¹³who were born not of bloods, nor of the will of *the* flesh, nor of *the* will of man, but *were born* of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, glory as of an only-begotten from *the* Father, full of grace and of truth. ¹⁵John witnesses concerning Him, and has cried out, saying, This One was *He* of whom I said, He coming after me has been before me, for He was preceding me. ¹⁶And out of His fullness we all received, and grace on top of grace. ¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, that One reveals *Him*.

¹⁹And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites that they might ask him, Who are you? ²⁰And he acknowledged and did not deny, and acknowledged, I am not the Christ. ²¹And they asked him, What, then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not. Are

you the Prophet? And he answered, No.

²²Then they said to him, Who are you, that we may give an answer to those sending us? What do you say about yourself? ²³He said, *"I am* a voice crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord," as Isaiah the prophet said. ²⁴And those who had been sent were of the Pharisees. ²⁵And they asked him and said to him, Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet? ²⁶John answered them, saying, I baptize in water, but *One* stands in your midst whom you do not know; ²⁷This One it is who has come after me, who has been before me, of whom I am not worthy that I should untie the latchet of His sandal. ²⁸These things took place in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹On the morrow, John sees Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, taking away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is He about whom I said, After me comes a Man who has been before me, for He was preceding me. ³¹And I did not know Him; but that He be revealed to Israel, for this reason I came baptizing in water. ³²And John witnessed, saying, I have seen the Spirit coming down as a dove out of Heaven, and He abode on Him. ³³And I did not know Him, but the *One* sending me to baptize in water, that One said to me, On whomever you see the Spirit coming down and abiding on Him, this is the *One* baptizing in *the* Holy Spirit. ³⁴And I have seen, and have witnessed that this One is the Son of God.

³⁵Again on the morrow, John and two from his disciples stood. ³⁶And looking at Jesus walking, he said, Behold, the Lamb of God! ³⁷And the two disciples heard him speaking, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸But having seen them following, Jesus said to them, What do you seek? And they said to Him, Rabbi — which being translated is called Teacher — where do You stay? ³⁹He said to them, Come and see. They went and saw where He lodged, and remained with Him that day. And the hour

was about *the* tenth. ⁴⁰Andrew the brother of Simon Peter was one of the two who heard from John, and *was* following Him. ⁴¹This one first found *his* own brother Simon, and tells him, We have found the Messiah, which being translated is the Christ. ⁴²And he led him to Jesus. And looking at him, Jesus said, You are Simon the son of Jonah; you shall be called Cephas — which translated is Peter.

⁴³And on the morrow Jesus desired to go out into Galilee. And He found Philip, and says to him, Follow me! ⁴⁴And Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip finds Nathanael, and says to him, We have found *the One* whom Moses wrote *about* in the Law and the Prophets, Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth. ⁴⁶And Nathanael said to him, Can any good thing be out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, Come and see.

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and says concerning him, Behold, truly an Israelite in whom is no guile! ⁴⁸Nathanael says to Him, From where do You know me? Jesus answered and said to him, Before Philip called, you being under the fig-tree, I saw you. ⁴⁹Nathanael answered and said to Him, Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel. ⁵⁰Jesus answered and said to him, Because I said to you I saw you under the fig-tree, do you believe? You will see greater *things* than these. ⁵¹And He says to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, From now on you will see Heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of man.

CHAPTER 2

¹And on the third day a marriage took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²And Jesus and His disciples were also invited to the marriage. ³And being short of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. ⁴Jesus said to her, What is that to Me and to you, woman? My hour has not yet come. ⁵His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do. ⁶And there were six stone waterpots standing, according to the purification of the Jews, each

containing two or three measures. ⁷Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them to *the* top. ⁸And He said to them, Now draw out and carry to the master of the feast. And they carried *it*. ⁹But when the master of the feast tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know from where it was — but the servants drawing the water knew — the master of the feast called the bridegroom, ¹⁰and said to him, Every man first sets on the good wine; and when they have drunk freely, then the worse. You have kept the good wine until now. ¹¹This beginning of the miracles Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. And *it* revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

¹²After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples. And He remained there not many days. ¹³And the Passover of the Jews was near. And Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴And He found those selling oxen and sheep and doves in the temple, and the money changers sitting. ¹⁵And making a whip out of ropes, He threw all out of the temple, both the sheep, and the oxen, and the money-changers, pouring out the money and overturning the tables. ¹⁶And to the ones selling the doves, He said, Take these things from here! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise. ¹⁷And His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house has consumed Me."

¹⁸Then the Jews answered and said to Him, What sign do you show to us, since you do these things? ¹⁹Jesus said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ²⁰Then the Jews said, This temple was forty-six years being built, and do you raise it up in three days? ²¹But He spoke about the temple of His body. ²²Then when He was raised from *the* dead, His disciples recalled that He said this to them. And they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus spoke.

²³And as He was in Jerusalem, at the Passover, at the Feast, many believed into His name, seeing the miracles which He did. ²⁴But Jesus Himself did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all;

²⁵and because He had no need that any-one should witness concerning man; for He knew what was in man.

CHAPTER 3

¹But there was a man from the Pharisees, Nicodemus his name, a ruler of the Jews. ²This one came to Jesus by night, and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that You have come *as* a teacher from God. For no one is able to do these miracles which You do, except God be with Him. ³Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, If one does not receive birth from above, he is not able to see the kingdom of God. ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, How is a man able to be born, being old? He is not able to enter into his mother's womb a second *time* and be born? ⁵Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, If one does not receive birth out of water and Spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That receiving birth from the flesh is flesh; and that receiving birth from the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not wonder because I told you, You must receive birth from above. ⁸The Spirit breathes where He desires, and you hear His voice; but you do not know from where He comes, and where He goes — so is everyone who has received birth from the Spirit. ⁹Nicodemus answered and said to Him, How can these things come about? ¹⁰Jesus answered and said to him, You are the teacher of Israel, and you do not know these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, That which we know, we speak; and that which we have seen, we testify. And you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I tell you earthly things, and you do not believe; how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³And no one has gone up into Heaven, except He having come down out of Heaven, the Son of Man who is in Heaven. ¹⁴And even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, ¹⁵that every-one believing into Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that every-one believing into Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God did

not send His Son into the world that He might judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸The *one* believing into Him is not judged; but the *one* not believing has already been judged; for he has not believed into the name of the only-begotten Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness more than the Light; for their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone practicing wickedness hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, that his works may not be exposed. ²¹But the *one* doing the truth comes to the Light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been worked in God.

²²After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea. And *He* continued there with them, and baptized. ²³And John was also baptizing in Aenon, near Salim, for many waters were there. And they came and were being baptized. ²⁴For John had not yet been thrown into the prison. ²⁵Then a question from John's disciples arose with the Jews about purifying. ²⁶And they came to John and said to him, Teacher, *the one* who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have witnessed, behold, this one baptizes, and all are coming to Him. ²⁷John answered and said, A man is able to receive nothing unless it has been given to him from Heaven. ²⁸You yourselves witness to me, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that having been sent I am going before that One. ²⁹The *one* having the bride is *the* bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom, standing and hearing him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. Then this my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰That One must increase, but I *must* decrease.

³¹The *One* coming from above is above all. The *one* being of the earth is earthy, and speaks of the earth. The *One* coming out of Heaven is above all. ³²And what He has seen and heard, this He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. ³³The *one* receiving His testimony has sealed that God is true; ³⁴for *the One* whom God sent speaks the words of God; for God does not give the Spirit by measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶The *one* believing into the Son

has everlasting life; but the *one* disobeying the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then when the Lord knew that the Pharisees heard that Jesus made more disciples and baptized *more* than John—²though truly Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples — ³He left Judea and went away into Galilee again. ⁴And it was needful for Him to pass through Samaria. ⁵And He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶And Jacob's fountain was there. Then being wearied by the journey, Jesus sat thus on the fountain. *It* was about *the* sixth hour.

⁷A woman came out of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, Give Me to drink. ⁸For His disciples had gone away into the city that they might buy provisions. ⁹Then the Samaritan woman said to Him, How do you, being a Jew, ask to drink from me, *I* being a Samaritan woman? For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who is the *One* saying to you, Give Me to drink, you would have asked Him, and He would give you living water. ¹¹The woman said to Him, Sir, you have no vessel, and the well is deep. From where then do you have living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and he and his sons and his livestock drank out of it? ¹³Jesus answered and said to her, Everyone drinking of this water will thirst again; ¹⁴but whoever may drink of the water which I will give him will never ever thirst, but the water which I will give to him will become a fountain of water in him, springing up into everlasting life. ¹⁵The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw. ¹⁶Jesus said to her, Go, call your husband, and come here. ¹⁷And the woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, Well did you say, I have no husband. ¹⁸For you have had five husbands, and now *he* whom you have is not your husband. You have spoken this truly. ¹⁹The woman said to Him, Sir, I perceive

that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship. ²¹Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such *ones* that worship Him. ²⁴God *is* a spirit, and the ones worshiping Him must worship in spirit and truth. ²⁵The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming, the *One* called Christ. When that One comes, He will announce to us all things. ²⁶Jesus said to her, I AM, the *One* speaking to you.

²⁷And on this His disciples came and marveled that He was speaking with a woman. However, no one said, What do you seek? Or, Why do You speak with her? ²⁸Then the woman left her waterpot and went away into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹Come, see a Man who told me all things, whatever I did. Is this One not the Christ? ³⁰Therefore, they went out of the city and came to Him.

³¹But in the meantime the disciples asked Him, saying, Rabbi, eat? ³²But He said to them, I have food to eat which you do not know. ³³Then the disciples said to one another, No one brought Him *food* to eat? ³⁴Jesus said to them, My food is that I should do the the will of *Him* who sent Me, and that I may finish His work. ³⁵You do not say, It is yet four months and the harvest comes. Behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes and behold the fields, for they are already white to harvest. ³⁶And the *one* reaping receives reward, and gathers fruit to everlasting life, so that both the *one* sowing and the *one* reaping may rejoice together. ³⁷For in this the word is true, that another *is* the *one* sowing, and another the *one* reaping. ³⁸I sent you to reap what you have not labored over. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.

³⁹And many of the Samaritans out of that city believed into Him, because of the

word of the woman testifying, He told me all things, whatever I did. ⁴⁰Then as the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to remain with them. And He remained there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed through His word. ⁴²And they said to the woman, We no longer believe because of your saying; for we *ourselves* have heard, and we know that this One is truly the Savior of the world, the Christ.

⁴³But after the two days, He went out from there, and went away into Galilee.

⁴⁴For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in *his* own native-place. ⁴⁵Therefore, when He came into Galilee, the Galileans received Him, seeing all things which He did in Jerusalem at the Feast. For they also went to the Feast.

⁴⁶Then Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee, where He made the water *into* wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick in Capernaum.

⁴⁷Hearing that Jesus *was* coming from Judea into Galilee, this one went out to Him, and asked Him that He would come and heal his son; for he was about to die. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to him, Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not at all believe. ⁴⁹The nobleman said to Him, Sir, come down before my child dies.

⁵⁰Jesus said to him, Go! Your son lives. And the man believed the word which Jesus said to him, and went away. ⁵¹But already, as he was going down, his slaves met him and reported, saying, Your child lives. ⁵²He then asked from them the hour in which he had gotten better. And they said to him, Yesterday, *at the* seventh hour, the fever left him. ⁵³Then the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, Your son lives. And he himself, and his whole household, believed. ⁵⁴Again, this second miracle Jesus did, coming from Judea into Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

¹After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²And at Jerusalem is a pool at the Sheep Gate which *is* called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³In these was a great multitude of the infirm lying: blind ones, lame ones, withered ones; awaiting the stirring of the water. ⁴For an

angel from time to time descended in the pool, and agitated the water. Then the *one* first entering after the agitation of the water became well, whatever disease he was held by.

⁵But a certain man was there, being in infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶Seeing him lying, and knowing that he had already *spent* much time, Jesus said to him, Do you desire to become well? ⁷The infirm one answered Him, Lord, I do not have a man, that when the water is agitated he may throw me into the pool; but while I am coming, another goes down before me. ⁸Jesus said to him, Rise up, Take up your cot and walk! ⁹And instantly the man became well, and took up his cot and walked. And it was a sabbath that day.

¹⁰Then the Jews said to the *one* having been healed, It is a sabbath. It is not lawful for you to lift up the cot. ¹¹He answered them, The *One* making me well, that One said to me, Lift up your cot and walk.

¹²Then they asked him, Who is the man who told you, Lift up your cot and walk?

¹³But he did not know the *One* who cured him, for a crowd being in that place, Jesus had withdrawn.

¹⁴After these things Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, Behold, you have become well; sin no more, that a worse thing not happen to you. ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that Jesus is the *One* making him well. ¹⁶And because of this, the Jews persecuted Jesus, and lusted to kill Him, because He did these things on a sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, My Father works until now, and I work. ¹⁸Because of this, therefore, the Jews lusted the more to kill Him, for not only did He break the sabbath, but also called God His own Father, making Himself equal to God.

¹⁹Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son is not able to do anything from Himself, except what He may see the Father doing; for whatever that One does, these things also the Son does the same way. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son, and shows to Him all things which He does. And He will show Him greater works than these in order that you may marvel. ²¹For even as the Father raises the dead, and gives life, so also the

Son gives life to whomever He wills. ²²For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³so that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. The *one* not honoring the Son does not honor the Father who has sent Him. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, The *one* who hears My word, and believes the *One* who has sent Me, has everlasting life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. ²⁵Truly, truly, I say to you that an hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and the ones hearing will live. ²⁶For even as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave also to the Son to have life in Himself. ²⁷And He also gave authority to Him to execute judgment, for He is *the* Son of man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming in which all those in the tombs will hear His voice. ²⁹And *they* will come out, the ones having done good into a resurrection of life; and the ones having practiced evil into a resurrection of judgment.

³⁰Nothing I am able to do from Myself; just as I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, for I do not seek My will, but the will of the *One* sending Me, *the* Father. ³¹If I witness concerning Myself, My witness is not true; ³²it is Another that witnesses concerning Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses concerning Me is true. ³³You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴But I do not receive witness from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. ³⁵That one was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to exult in his light for an hour. ³⁶But I have the greater witness than John's, for the works which the Father has given Me, that I should finish them, the works which I do themselves witness concerning Me, that the Father has sent Me. ³⁷And the Father, He sending Me, has Himself borne witness concerning Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor have you seen His form. ³⁸And you do not have His word abiding in you, for *the One* whom that One sent, this One you do not believe. ³⁹You search the Scriptures, for you think in them you have everlasting life. And they are the ones witnessing concerning Me.

⁴⁰And you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. ⁴¹I do not receive glory from men; ⁴²but I have known you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. ⁴³I have come in the name of My Father, and you do not receive Me. If another comes in *his* own name, you will receive that one. ⁴⁴How are you able to believe, *you who* receive glory from one another, and the glory which *is* from the only God you do not seek? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is *one* accusing you, Moses, in whom you have hoped. ⁴⁶For if you were believing Moses, you would then believe Me; for that one wrote concerning Me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?

CHAPTER 6

¹After these things Jesus went away over the Sea of Galilee, the Tiberian Sea. ²And a great crowd followed Him, for they saw His miracles which He did on the sick ones. ³And Jesus went up into the mountain, and sat there with His disciples. ⁴And the Passover was near, the feast of the Jews.

⁵Then Jesus lifting up *His* eyes and seeing that a great crowd is coming to Him, He said to Philip, From where may we buy loaves that these may eat? ⁶But He said this to test him, for He knew what He was about to do. ⁷Philip answered Him, Loaves for two hundred denarii are not enough for them, that each of them may receive a little. ⁸One of His disciples said to Him, Andrew the brother of Simon Peter, ⁹A little boy is here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are these for so many? ¹⁰And Jesus said, Make the men to recline. And much grass was in the place. Then the men reclined, the number *was* about five thousand. ¹¹And Jesus took the loaves, and giving thanks distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to those reclining. And in the same way the fish, as much as they desired. ¹²And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, Gather up the fragments left over, that not anything be lost. ¹³Then they gathered and filled twelve handbaskets with fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over to those who had eaten. ¹⁴Then

seeing what miracle Jesus did, the men said, This is truly the Prophet, the *one* coming into the world. ¹⁷Then knowing that they were about to come and seize Him, that they might make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain, alone by Himself.

¹⁶And when it became evening, His disciples went down on the sea. ¹⁷And entering into the boat, they were going across the sea to Capernaum. And darkness had already occurred, and Jesus had not come to them. ¹⁸And the sea was aroused by a great wind blowing. ¹⁹Then having rowed about twenty-five or thirty furlongs, they saw Jesus walking on the sea. And He having come near the boat, they were afraid. ²⁰But He said to them, I AM! Do not fear. ²¹Then they desired to take Him into the boat. And the boat was instantly at the land to which they were going.

²²On the morrow the crowd standing on the other side of the sea had seen that no other little boat was there, except one, that one into which His disciples entered, and that Jesus did not go with His disciples into the small boat, but that the disciples went away alone. ²³But other small boats came from Tiberias near the place where they ate the bread, the Lord having given thanks. ²⁴Therefore, when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves also entered into the boats and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. ²⁵And finding Him across the sea, they said to Him, Rabbi, when did you come here? ²⁶Jesus answered them and said, Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me not because you saw miracles, but because you ate of the loaves and were satisfied. ²⁷Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of man will give to you; for God the Father sealed this One. ²⁸Then they said to Him, What may we do that we may work the works of God?

²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe into Him whom that One sent. ³⁰Then they said to Him, Then what miracle do you do, that we may see and may believe you? What do you work? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, "He gave them bread out of Heaven to

eat." ³²Then Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses has not given you the bread out of Heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread out of Heaven. ³³For the bread of God is He coming down out of Heaven and giving life to the world. ³⁴Then they said to Him, Lord, always give us this bread. ³⁵Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of life; the *one* coming to Me will not at all hunger, and the *one* believing into Me will never ever thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you also have seen Me and did not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives to Me shall come to Me, and the *one* coming to Me I will in no way cast out. ³⁸For I have come down out of Heaven, not that I should do My will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹And this is the will of the Father sending Me, that of all that He has given Me, I shall not lose any of it, but shall raise it up in the last day. ⁴⁰And this is the will of the *One* sending Me, that everyone seeing the Son and believing into Him should have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁴¹Then the Jews murmured about Him, because He said, I am the Bread coming down out of Heaven. ⁴²And they said, Is this not Jesus the son of Joseph, of whom we know the father and the mother? How does this one now say, I have come down out of Heaven? ⁴³Then Jesus answered and said to them, Do not murmur with one another. ⁴⁴No one is able to come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up in the last day. ⁴⁵It has been written in the Prophets, "They shall all be taught of God." So then everyone who hears and learns from the Father comes to Me; ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father, except the *One* being from God, He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, the *one* believing into Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸I am the Bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and died. ⁵⁰This is the Bread coming down out of Heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the Living Bread that came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever. And indeed the bread which I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵²Then the Jews argued with one another, saying, How can this one give us *his* flesh to eat? ⁵³Then Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴The *one* partaking of My flesh and drinking of My blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For My flesh is truly food, and My blood is truly drink. ⁵⁶The *one* partaking of My flesh and drinking of My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷Even as the living Father sent Me, and I live through the Father, also the *one* partaking Me, even that one will live through Me. ⁵⁸This is the Bread which came down out of Heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna, and died; the *one* partaking of this Bread will live forever. ⁵⁹He said these things teaching in a synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰Then many of His disciples having heard, *they* said, This word is hard; who is able to hear it? ⁶¹But knowing in Himself that His disciples were murmuring about this, Jesus said to them, Does this offend you? ⁶²Then *what* if you see the Son of man going up where He was at first? ⁶³It is the Spirit that gives life. The flesh does not profit — nothing! The words which I speak to you are spirit and are life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who are not believing. For Jesus knew from *the* beginning who they were not believing, and who was the *one* betraying Him. ⁶⁵And He said, Because of this I have told you that no one is able to come to Me except it is given to him from My Father.

⁶⁶From this *time* many of His disciples went away into the things behind, and no longer walked with Him. ⁶⁷Therefore, Jesus said to the Twelve, Do you also wish to go? ⁶⁸Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have *the* words of everlasting life. ⁶⁹And we have believed and have known that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, Did I not choose you, the Twelve? Yet one *of* you is a devil! ⁷¹But He spoke *of* Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, for this one was about to betray Him, being one of the Twelve.

CHAPTER 7

¹And after these things Jesus was walk-

ing in Galilee; for He did not desire to walk in Judea, because the Jews were lusty to kill Him. ²And the Jewish Feast of the Tabernacles was near. ³Then His brothers said to Him, Move away from here and go to Judea, that your disciples will also see your works which you do—⁴for no one does anything in secret, and himself seeks to be in public. If you do these things, reveal yourself to the world. ⁵For His brothers did not believe into Him. ⁶Then Jesus said to them, My time is not yet here, but your time is always ready. ⁷The world cannot hate you; but it hates Me because I witness about it, that its works are evil. ⁸You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to the feast, for My time has not yet been fulfilled. ⁹And saying these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

¹⁰But when His brothers went up, then He also went up to the feast—not openly, but as in secret. ¹¹Then the Jews sought Him in the feast, and said, Where is He? ¹²And much murmuring about Him was in the crowds. Some said, He is a good one; but others said, No, but he deceives the crowd. ¹³However, no one publicly spoke about Him, because of the fear of the Jews.

¹⁴But the feast now being half over, Jesus went up to the Temple and taught. ¹⁵And the Jews marveled, saying, How does this one know letters, not being taught? ¹⁶Jesus answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but of the *One* who sent Me. ¹⁷If anyone desires to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching, whether it is of God, or I speak from Myself. ¹⁸The *one* speaking from himself seeks *his* own glory. But the *one* seeking the glory of the *One* who sent Him, this *One* is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him. ¹⁹Has not Moses given you the Law, and not one of you does the Law? Why do you lust to kill Me? ²⁰The crowd answered and said, You have a demon. Who lusts to kill you? ²¹Jesus answered and said to them, I did one work, and you all marvel. ²²Because of this Moses has given you circumcision; not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers. And on a sabbath you circumcise a man. ²³If a man receives circumcision on a sabbath, so that the Law of Moses is not broken, are

you angry with Me because I made a man entirely sound on a sabbath? ²⁴Do not judge according to sight, but judge righteous judgment.

²⁵Then some of the Jerusalemites said, Is this not the one they are seeking to kill? ²⁶And, behold, He speaks publicly, and they say nothing to him. Perhaps the rulers truly knew that this is indeed the Christ? ²⁷But we know this one, from where he is. But when the Christ comes, no one knows from where He is.

²⁸Then teaching, Jesus cried out in the temple, even saying, You both know Me, and you know from where I am. And I have not come from Myself, but He sending Me is true, whom you do not know. ²⁹But I know Him, because I am from Him; and He sent Me. ³⁰Then they sought to seize Him; yet no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. ³¹But many of the crowd believed into Him, and said, The Christ, when He comes, will He do more miracles than these which this One did?

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things about Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers that they might seize Him. ³³Then Jesus said to them, Yet a little while I am with you, and I go to Him who sent Me. ³⁴You will seek Me, and will not find Me, and where I am you are not able to come. ³⁵Then the Jews said amongst themselves, Where is this one about to go that we will not find him? Is he about to go to the Dispersion of the Greeks, and to teach the Greeks? ³⁶What is this word which he said, You will seek Me and will not find Me, and, Where I am, you are not able to come?

³⁷And in the last day of the great feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸The one believing into Me, as the Scripture said, "Out of his belly will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹But He said this concerning the Spirit, whom the ones believing into Him were about to receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰Then hearing the word, many of the crowd said, This is truly the Prophet. ⁴¹Others said, This is the Christ. But

others said, *No*! For does the Christ come out of Galilee? ⁴²Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was? ⁴³Therefore, a division occurred in the crowd because of Him. ⁴⁴And some of them desired to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

⁴⁵Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, Why did you not bring him? ⁴⁶The officers answered, Never did a man so speak as does this man. ⁴⁷Then the Pharisees answered them, Have you not also been deceived? ⁴⁸Not any from the rulers or from the Pharisees believed into him? ⁴⁹But not knowing the Law this crowd is cursed. ⁵⁰Nicodemus said to them—the one coming by night to Him, being one of themselves — ⁵¹Does our Law judge the man unless it hear from him first, and know what he does? ⁵²They answered and said to him, Are you also from Galilee? Search the Scripture and see that a prophet has not been raised out of Galilee.

⁵³And they each one went to his house.

CHAPTER 8

¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²And at dawn He again arrived into the Temple, and all the people came to Him. And sitting down, He taught them. ³And the scribes and the Pharisees brought to Him a woman having been taken in adultery. And standing her in the middle, ⁴they said to Him, Teacher, this woman was taken in the very act, committing adultery. ⁵And in the Law Moses commanded that such should be stoned. You, then, what do you say? ⁶But they said this, tempting Him, that they may have reason to accuse Him. But bending down, Jesus wrote with the finger in the earth, not appearing to hear. ⁷But as they continued questioning Him, bending back up, He said to them, The one among you without sin, let him cast the first stone at her. ⁸And bending down again, He wrote in the earth. ⁹But hearing, and being convicted by the conscience, they went out one by one, beginning from the older ones, until the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the

middle. ¹⁰And Jesus bending back up, and having seen no one but the woman, He said to her, Woman, where are those who accused you? Did not one give judgment against you? ¹¹And she said, No one, Lord. And Jesus said to her, Neither do I give judgment. Go, and sin no more.

¹²Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, I am the Light of the world; the *one* following Me will in no way walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life. ¹³Then the Pharisees said to Him, You witnessed concerning yourself; your witness is not true. ¹⁴Jesus answered and said to them, Even if I witness concerning Myself, My witness is true, for I know from where I came, and where I go. But you do not know from where I come, and where I go. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. ¹⁶But even if I judge, My judgment is true because I am not alone, but I and *the* Father who sent Me. ¹⁷And in your Law it has been written that the witness of two men is true.

¹⁸I am the *one* witnessing concerning Myself, and He who sent Me, *the* Father, witnesses concerning Me. ¹⁹Then they said to Him, Where is your father? Jesus answered, You neither know Me, nor My Father. If you had known Me, then you also would have known My Father. ²⁰Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, teaching in the Temple, and no one seized Him, for His hour had not yet come.

²¹Then Jesus said to them again, I go, and you will seek Me. And you will die in your sin. Where I go, you are not able to come. ²²Then the Jews said, Will he kill himself, because he says, Where I go, you are not able to come? ²³And He said to them, You are from below; I am from above. You are from this world; I am not from this world. ²⁴Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins. ²⁵Then they said to Him, Who are you? And Jesus said to them, Altogether what I also say to you. ²⁶I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but the *One* sending Me is true, and what I heard from Him, these things I say to the

world. ²⁷They did not know that He spoke to them *of* the Father.

²⁸Then Jesus said to them, When you lift up the Son of man, then you will know that I AM; and from Myself I do nothing; but *as* My Father taught Me, these things I speak. ²⁹And the *One* who sent Me is with Me. The Father did not leave Me alone, for I do the things pleasing to Him. ³⁰As He spoke these things, many believed into Him.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples. ³²And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. ³³They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed, and we have been in slavery to no one, never! How do you say, You will become free? ³⁴Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Everyone practicing sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵But the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are Abraham's seed, but you seek to kill Me because My word has no place in you. ³⁸I speak what I have seen with My Father. And you therefore do what you have seen with your father. ³⁹They answered and said to Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said to them, If you were children of Abraham, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has spoken the truth to you, which I heard alongside *of* God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹You do the works of your father. They said to Him, We were not born of fornication; we have one father, God. ⁴²Then Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I went forth and have come from God. For I have not come from Myself, but that One sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not understand My speech? *It is* because you are not able to hear My word. ⁴⁴You are of the Devil *as* father, and the lusts of your father you desire to do. That one was a murderer from *the* beginning, and he has not stood in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks *a* lie, he speaks from *his*

own, because he is a liar, and the father of it. ⁴⁵And because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶Who of you reproves Me concerning sin? But if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷The *one* who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear, because you are not of God. ⁴⁸Then the Jews answered and said to Him, Do we not say well that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon? ⁴⁹Jesus answered, I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, If anyone keeps My word, he will never ever see death.

⁵²Then the Jews said to Him, Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets, and you say, If anyone keeps My word, he will never ever taste of death. ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham who died? And the prophets died! Whom do you make yourself? ⁵⁴Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, whom you say is your God. ⁵⁵And you have not known Him; but I know Him, and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be like you, a liar. But I know Him, and I keep His word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham leaped for joy that he should see My day, and he saw, and rejoiced. ⁵⁷Then the Jews said to Him, You do not yet have fifty years, and have you seen Abraham? ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I AM. ⁵⁹Because of this, they took up stones that they might throw *them* on Him. But Jesus was hidden, and went forth out of the Temple, going through *the* midst of them, and so passed by.

CHAPTER 9

¹And passing by, He saw a man blind from birth. ²And His disciples asked Him, saying, Teacher, who sinned, this one, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³Jesus answered, Neither this one nor his parents, but that the works of God

might be revealed in him. ⁴It is necessary for Me to work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. Night comes when no one is able to work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am *the* Light of the world. ⁶Saying these things, He spat on the ground and made clay out of the spittle, and anointed clay on the blind one's eyes. ⁷And He said to him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, which translated is Sent. Then he went, and washed, and came seeing. ⁸Then the neighbors and those who formerly saw him, that he was blind, said, Is this one not the *one* who had sat and begged? ⁹Some said, It is he; and others, He is like him. That one said, I am *he*. ¹⁰Then they said to him, How were your eyes opened? ¹¹He answered and said, A man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and told me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash. And going, and washing, I received sight. ¹²Then they said to him, Where is that one? He said, I do not know.

¹³They brought him to the Pharisees, the *one* once blind. ¹⁴And it was a sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then also the Pharisees again asked him how he received sight. And he said to them, He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see. ¹⁶Then some of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because He does not keep the sabbath. Others said, How can a man, a sinner, do such miracles? And there was a division among them. ¹⁷They said to the blind one again, What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes? And he said, He is a prophet. ¹⁸Then the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he was blind and received sight, until they called the parents of him having received sight. ¹⁹And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, whom you say that he was born blind? Then how does he now see? ²⁰His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age, ask him. He will speak about himself. ²²His parents said these things because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him *as* Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. ²³Because

of this his parents said, He is of age, ask him.

²⁴Then a second time they called the man who was blind, and *they* said to him, Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner. ²⁵Then he answered and said, Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One *thing* I do know, that being blind, now I see. ²⁶And they said to him again, What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?

²⁷He answered them, I told you already, and you did not hear. Why do you wish to hear again? Do you also desire to become disciples of Him? ²⁸Then they reviled him and said, You are a disciple of that one, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken by Moses, but this one, we do not know from where he is. ³⁰The man answered and said to them, For there is a marvel in this, that you do not know from where He is, and He opened my eyes. ³¹But we know that God does not hear sinful ones, but if anyone is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears that one. ³²Never was it ever heard that anyone opened the eyes of one having been born blind. ³³If this One was not from God, He could not do anything. ³⁴They answered and said to him, You were born wholly in sins, and do you teach us? And they threw him outside.

³⁵Jesus heard that they threw him outside, and finding him, He said to him, Do you believe into the Son of God? ³⁶And he answered and said, Who is He, Lord, that I may believe into Him? ³⁷And Jesus said to him, Even you have seen Him, and He speaking with you is that One. ³⁸And he said, I believe, Lord! And he worshiped Him. ³⁹And Jesus said, I came into this world for judgment, that the ones who do not see may see; and they who see may become blind. ⁴⁰And those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and said to Him, Are we also blind? ⁴¹Jesus said to them, If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, We see; therefore, your sin remains.

CHAPTER 10

¹Truly, truly, I say to you, the *one* not entering through the door into the sheep-fold, but going up by another way, that

one is a thief and a robber. ²But the *one* entering through the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The doorkeeper opens to him, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls *his* own sheep by name, and leads them out. ⁴And when he puts forth *his* own sheep, he goes in front of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they never follow a stranger, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of the strangers. ⁶Jesus spoke this allegory to them, but they did not know what it was which He spoke to them.

⁷Then Jesus again said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you that I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before Me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in, and will go out, and will find pasture. ¹⁰The thief does not come except that he may steal, and kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly. ¹¹I am the Good Shepherd! The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹²But the hireling, not even being a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and forsakes the sheep, and flees. And the wolf seizes them, and scatters the sheep. ¹³But the hireling flees because he is a hireling, and there is not a care to him concerning the sheep. ¹⁴I am the Good Shepherd, and I know those that *are* Mine; and I am known by the *ones that are* Mine. ¹⁵Even as the Father knows Me, I also know the Father; and I lay down My soul for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep which are not of this fold. I must also lead those, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock, one Shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason My Father loves Me, because I lay down My soul, that I may take it again. ¹⁸No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down from Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. I received this commandment from My Father.

¹⁹Then a division occurred again among the Jews, because of these words.

²⁰And many of them said, He has a demon and is insane. Why do you hear

him? ²¹Others said, These are not words of one having been possessed by a demon. A demon is not able to open *the* eyes of blind ones.

²²And *the Feast* of Dedication took place in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

²³And Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's Porch. ²⁴Then the Jews encircled Him, and said to Him, How long do you lift up our soul? If you are the Christ, tell us publicly. ²⁵Jesus answered them, I told you, and you did not believe.

The works which I do in the name of My Father, these bear witness about Me.

²⁶But you do not believe, for you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

²⁸And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish to the age; and not anyone shall pluck them out of My hand. ²⁹My Father who has given *them* to Me is greater than all, and no one is able to pluck out of My Father's hand.

³⁰I and the Father are one! ³¹Then again the Jews took up stones, that they might stone Him.

³²Jesus answered them, I showed you many good works from My Father. For which work of them do you stone Me? ³³The Jews answered Him, saying, We do not stone you concerning a good work, but concerning blasphemy; and because you, being a man, make yourself God.

³⁴Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your Law, "I said, you are gods"? ³⁵If He called those gods with whom the word of God was — and the Scripture cannot be broken — ³⁶do you say of *Him* whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, You blaspheme, because I said, I am Son of God?

³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me. ³⁸But if I do, even if you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may perceive and may believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him.

³⁹Then again they sought to seize Him. And He went forth out of their hand. ⁴⁰And He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John was at first baptizing, and remained there.

⁴¹And many came to Him and said, John indeed did no miracle, but all things that John said concerning this One were true.

⁴²And many believed into Him there.

CHAPTER 11

¹And there was a certain sick one, Lazarus from Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²And it was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

³Then the sisters sent to Him, saying, Lord, behold, *the one* whom You love is sick. ⁴And hearing, Jesus said, This is not sickness to death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God be glorified by it.

⁵And Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶Therefore, when He heard that he is sick, then, indeed, He remained in the place where He was two days.

Then after this he said to the disciples, Let us go to Judea again. ⁸The disciples said to Him, Rabbi, just now the Jews were seeking to stone You, and do you go there again?

⁹Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble because he sees the light of the world.

¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles because the light is not in him. ¹¹He said these things. And after this He said to them, Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going that I may awaken him.

¹²Then His disciples said, Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover. ¹³But Jesus had spoken about his death, but they thought that He spoke of the sleep of slumber.

¹⁴Therefore, then Jesus said to them plainly, Lazarus has died. ¹⁵And I rejoice because of you, in order that you may believe, that I was not there. But let us go to him.

¹⁶Then Thomas, *he* having been called Twin, said to the fellow-disciples, Let us go, even we, that we may die with Him.

¹⁷Then coming, Jesus found him already being held in the tomb four days.

¹⁸And Bethany was near Jerusalem, *about* fifteen furlongs off. ¹⁹And many of the Jews had come to those around Martha and Mary, that they might console them concerning their brother.

²⁰Then when Martha heard that Jesus is coming, she met Him; but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not be dead.

²²But even now I know that whatever You may ask

God, God will give You. ²³Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again. ²⁴Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day. ²⁵Jesus said to her, I am the Resurrection and the Life; the *one* believing into Me, though he die, he shall live. ²⁶And everyone living and believing into Me shall not ever die to the age. Do you believe this? ²⁷She said to Him, Yes, Lord, I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God who comes into the world.

²⁸And saying these things, she went away and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, The Teacher is here and calls you. ²⁹That one, when she heard, rose up quickly and came to Him. ³⁰And Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha met Him. ³¹Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, seeing that Mary quickly rose up and went out, *they* followed her, saying, She is going to the tomb so that she may weep there. ³²Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was, seeing Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if You were here, my brother would not have died. ³³Then when He saw her weeping, and the Jews who came down with her weeping, Jesus groaned in the spirit and troubled Himself. ³⁴And *He* said, Where have you put him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see. ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Then the Jews said, See how He loved him! ³⁷But some of them said, Was this One, the *one* opening the eyes of the blind, not able to have caused that this one should not die? ³⁸Then groaning again within Himself, Jesus came to the tomb. And it was a cave, and a stone was lying on it. ³⁹Jesus said, Lift the stone. Martha, the sister of the one that had died, said to Him, Lord, he already smells, for it is *the* fourth day. ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, Did I not say to you that if you would believe you will see the glory of God? ⁴¹Then they lifted the stone where the dead one was laid. And Jesus lifted *His* eyes upward and said, Father, I thank You that You heard Me. ⁴²And I know that you always hear Me; but because of the crowd standing around, I said *it*, that they might believe that You sent Me. ⁴³And saying these things, He

cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus! Here! Outside! ⁴⁴And the *one* who had died came out, the feet and the hands having been bound with sheets, and his face being bound with a cloth. Jesus said to them, Untie him, and let *him* to go away. ⁴⁵Then many of the Jews, those coming to Mary, and having seen what Jesus did, believed into Him. ⁴⁶But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them what Jesus had done.

⁴⁷Then the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled a sanhedrin, and said, What are we doing, for this man does many miracles? ⁴⁸If we let him alone this way, all will believe into him, and the Romans will come and will take away from us both the place and the nation. ⁴⁹But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest of that year, said to them, You know nothing, ⁵⁰nor consider that it is profitable for us that one man die for the people, and not all the nation to perish. ⁵¹But he did not say this from himself, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die on behalf of the nation, ⁵²and not only on behalf of the nation, but that He also might gather into one the children of God who had been scattered. ⁵³Then from that day they took counsel that they might kill Him.

⁵⁴Then Jesus no longer walked publicly among the Jews, but went away from there into the country near the desert, to a city being called Ephraim, and stayed there with His disciples.

⁵⁵And the Passover of the Jews was near. And many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, that they might purify themselves. ⁵⁶Then they sought Jesus, and said with one another, standing in the temple, What does it seem to you? That He does not at all come to the Feast? ⁵⁷And all the chief priests and the Pharisees had given commands that if anyone knew where He is, he should inform so that they might seize Him.

CHAPTER 12

¹Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had died, whom He raised from *the* dead. ²Then they made Him a supper there, and Martha served. But Lazarus

was one of those reclining with Him. ⁷Then taking a pound of ointment of pure, costly spikenard, Mary anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped off His feet with her hairs. And the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. ⁸Then Simon's son, one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was about to betray Him, said, ⁹Why was this ointment not sold *for* three hundred denarii, and given to *the* poor?

⁶But he said this, not that he was caring for the poor, but that he was a thief, and held the moneybag, and carried away the things being put *in*. ⁷Then Jesus said, Allow her, for she has kept it for the day of My burial. ⁸For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.

⁹Then a great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there. And they did not come because of Jesus alone, but that they also might see Lazarus whom He raised from *the* dead. ¹⁰But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also, ¹¹because through him many of the Jews went away and believed into Jesus.

¹²On the morrow, coming to the Feast, hearing that Jesus is coming to Jerusalem, a great crowd ¹³took palm branches and went out to a meeting with Him, and were crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is He coming in the name of *the* Lord, the King of Israel! ¹⁴And finding an ass colt, Jesus sat on it, even as it had been written, ¹⁵"Do not fear, daughter of Zion. Behold, your king comes sitting on the foal of an ass." ¹⁶But His disciples did not know these things at the first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they recalled that these things had been written on Him; and they did these things to Him. ¹⁷Then the crowd which was with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from *the* dead, witnessed. ¹⁸Because of this also the crowds met Him, because it heard of this miracle He had done. ¹⁹Then the Pharisees said to themselves, Observe that you gain nothing. Behold, the world has gone after Him.

²⁰And there were some Greeks among those coming up, that they might worship at the Feast. ²¹Then these came to Philip, the *one* from Bethsaida of Galilee, and

asked him, saying, Sir, we desire to see Jesus. ²²Philip came and told Andrew, and again Andrew and Philip told Jesus. ²³But Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come that the Son of man should be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat that falls into the earth dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵The *one* who loves his soul loses it; and he who hates his soul in this world will keep it to everlasting life. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will also be. And if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷And My soul is troubled, and what may I say? Father, save Me out of this hour? But on this account I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came out of the heaven: I both glorified *it*, and I will glorify *it* again. ²⁹Then standing and hearing, the crowd said that thunder occurred. Others said, An angel has spoken to Him. ³⁰Jesus answered and said, This voice has not occurred because of Me, but because of you. ³¹Now is *the* judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out. ³²And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself. ³³But He said this, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die. ³⁴The crowd answered Him, We heard out of the Law that the Christ remains to the age. And how do you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man? ³⁵Then Jesus said to them, Yet a little while the Light is with you. Walk while you have the Light, that darkness not overtake you. And the *one* walking in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the Light, believe into the Light, that you may become sons of Light.

Jesus spoke these things, and going away was hidden from them.

³⁷But *though* He had done so many miracles before them, they did not believe into Him, ³⁸so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he said, "Lord, who has believed our report? And the arm of the Lord, to whom was it revealed?" ³⁹Because of this they could not believe, because Isaiah said again,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and has hardened their heart, that they might not see with the eyes, and understand with the heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." ⁴¹Isaiah said these things when he saw His glory, and spoke about Him. ⁴²Still, however, even out of the rulers, many did believe into Him. But because of the Pharisees, they were not confessing, so that they not be put out of the synagogue. ⁴³For they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

⁴⁴But Jesus cried out and said, The *one* believing into Me does not believe into Me, but into the *One* sending Me. ⁴⁵And the *one* seeing Me sees the *One* who sent Me. ⁴⁶I have come as a Light to the world, that everyone who believes into Me may not remain in the darkness. ⁴⁷And if anyone hears My words, and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come that I might judge the world, but that I might save the world. ⁴⁸The *one* who rejects Me and does not receive My words has that judging him: the word which I spoke, that will judge him in the last Day. ⁴⁹For I did not speak from Myself, but He who sent Me, the Father, He has given Me command, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰And I know that His command is everlasting life. Then what things I speak, as the Father has said to Me, so I speak.

CHAPTER 13

¹And before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should move from this world to the Father, loving *His* own in the world, He loved them to the end. ²And supper having occurred, the Devil having already put into the heart of Simon's *son* Judas Iscariot that he should betray Him, ³Jesus knowing that the Father has given all things into *His* hands, and that He came out from God, and goes away to God, ⁴He rose up from the supper, and laid aside *His* garments. And taking a towel, He girded Himself. ⁵Then He put water into the basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to wipe off with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶He then came to Simon Peter. And that one said to Him, Lord, do You wash my

feet? ⁷Jesus answered and said to him, What I am doing, you do not yet know. But you will know after these things. ⁸Peter said to Him, You may in no way wash my feet to the age. Jesus answered him, Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me. ⁹Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also the hands and the head. ¹⁰Jesus said to him, The *one* having been bathed has no need *other* than to wash the feet, but is wholly clean. And you are clean, but not all. ¹¹For He knew the *one* betraying Him. For this reason He said, You are not all clean.

¹²Then when He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, reclining again, He said to them, Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call Me the Teacher, and, the Lord. And you say well, for I am. ¹⁴If then I washed your feet, the Lord and the Teacher, you also ought to wash the feet of one another. ¹⁵For I gave you an example, that as I did to you, you also should do. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, A slave is not greater than his lord or a messenger greater than the *one* sending him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I do not speak concerning all of you; I know whom I chose out; but that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "The *one* eating the bread with Me lifted up his heel against Me." ¹⁹From this time I tell you, before *it* happens, that when it happens you may believe that I AM. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, The *one* who receives whomever I may send receives Me; and the *one* who receives Me receives the *One* who sent Me.

²¹Saying these things, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, Indeed I tell you truly that one of you will betray Me. ²²Then the disciples looked upon one another, doubting of whom He spoke. ²³But there was one of His disciples reclining at the bosom of Jesus, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴Then Simon Peter signaled to him to ask whom it might be of whom He spoke. ²⁵And leaning on the breast of Jesus, he said to Him, Lord, who is it? ²⁶Jesus answered, It is he to whom I, having dipped the morsel, shall give *it*. And dipping the morsel, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *son* of Simon. ²⁷And after

the morsel, then Satan entered into that one. Then Jesus said to him, What you do, do quickly. ²⁸But no one of those reclining knew this, for what He spoke to him; ²⁹for some thought, since Judas held the moneybag, that Jesus was saying to him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast; or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰Then, receiving the morsel, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹Then when he had gone out, Jesus said, Now the Son of man was glorified, and God was glorified in Him. ³²If God was glorified in Him, God also will glorify Him in Himself, and immediately will glorify Him. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me; and, as I said to the Jews, Where I go, you are not able to come; I also say to you now. ³⁴I give a new commandment to you, that you should love one another; according as I loved you, you should also love one another. ³⁵By this all shall know that you are My disciples, if you have love among one another.

³⁶Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, where do You go? Jesus answered him, Where I go you are not able to follow Me now, but afterwards you shall follow Me. ³⁷Peter said to Him, Lord, why am I not able to follow You now? I will lay down my life for You! ³⁸Jesus answered him, Will you lay down your life for Me? Indeed, I tell you truly, in no way shall the cock crow until you shall deny Me three times.

CHAPTER 14

¹Do not let your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many dwelling places. But if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you! ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again, and will receive you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know.

⁵Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You go, and how can we know the way? ⁶Jesus said to him, I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through

Me. ⁷If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you do know Him, and have seen Him. ⁸And Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. ⁹Jesus said to him, Am I so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? ¹⁰The one seeing Me has seen the Father! And how do you say, Show us the Father? ¹¹Do you not believe that I *am* in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words which I speak to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me, He does the works.

¹²Believe Me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father *is* in Me; but if not, believe Me because of the works themselves. ¹³Indeed, I tell you truly, He that believes in Me, the works which I do that one shall do also, and greater than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹⁴And whatever you may ask in My Name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁵If you ask anything in My Name, I will do it. ¹⁶If you love Me, keep My commandments.

¹⁷And I will petition the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may remain with you forever, ¹⁸the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He abides with you, and shall be in you.

¹⁹I will not leave you orphans; I am coming to you. ²⁰Yet a little *while* and the world no longer sees Me, but you see Me. Because I live, you also shall live. ²¹In that day you shall know that I *am* in My Father, and you *are* in Me, and I *am* in you. ²²He that has My commandments and keeps them, it is that one who loves Me; and the *one* that loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I shall love him and will reveal Myself to him.

²³Judas said to Him, not the Iscariot, Lord, what has happened that You are about to reveal Yourself to us and not at all to the world? ²⁴Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father shall love him. And We will come to him and will make a dwelling-place with him. ²⁵The *one* who does not love Me does not keep My words—and the word which you hear

is not Mine but of the Father who sent Me!

²⁵I have spoken these things to you, abiding with you; ²⁶but the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and shall remind you of all things that I said to you. ²⁷I leave peace to you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be timid. ²⁸You heard that I said to you, I am going away and I am coming *again* to you. If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced that I said, I am going to the Father; for My Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before *it* occurs, that when it shall occur you may believe.

³⁰I shall no longer speak many things with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹But that the world may know that I love the Father, even as the Father commanded Me, so I do. Rise up, let us go from here.

CHAPTER 15

¹I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. ²Every branch in Me not bearing fruit, He takes it away; and each one bearing fruit, He prunes so that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already pruned because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in Me, and I in you. As the branch is not able to bear fruit of itself, unless it remain in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you remain in Me. ⁵I am the Vine; you *are* the branches. He that remains in Me, and I in him, this one bears much fruit. For apart from Me you are not able to do anything. ⁶Unless one remains in Me, he is cast out as the branch, and is dried up; and they gather and throw them into a fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, whatever you desire you will ask, and it shall happen to you. ⁸In this My Father is glorified, that you should bear much fruit; and you will be My disciples. ⁹As the Father loved Me, I also loved you; continue in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments you will continue in My love; as I have kept My Father's commandments and continue in His love. ¹¹I have spoken

these things to you that My joy may abide in you, and your joy may be full. ¹²This is My commandment, that you love one another as I loved you. ¹³Greater love than this has no one, that anyone should lay down his soul for his friends—¹⁴you are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵I no longer call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his lord does. But I called you friends, because all things which I heard from My Father I made known to you. ¹⁶You have not chosen Me, but I chose you out, and planted you, that you should go and should bear fruit, and your fruit remain; that whatever you should ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

¹⁷These things I command you, that you love one another. ¹⁸If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it has hated* you. ¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, for this reason the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word which I said to you, A slave is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted Me, they also will persecute you. If they kept My word, they also will keep yours. ²¹But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know the *One* who sent Me. ²²If I had not come and had not spoken to them, they had no sin. But now they do not have excuse as to their sin. ²³The *one* hating Me also hates My Father. ²⁴If I did not do the works among them which no other did, they had no sin. But now they both have seen and also have hated Me and My Father. ²⁵But that may be fulfilled the word that has been written in their Law, "They hated Me without a cause."

²⁶And when the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, that One will witness concerning Me. ²⁷And you also witness, because from *the* beginning you are with Me.

CHAPTER 16

¹I have spoken these things to you so that you may not be offended. ²They will put you out of *the* synagogue, but an hour

is coming that everyone killing you will think to bear a service before God. ³And they will do these things to you because they do not know the Father nor Me. ⁴But I have spoken these things to you so that when the hour comes you may recall them, that I told you these things. But I did not say these things to you from the beginning because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to Him who sent Me. And not one of you asks Me, Where are you going? ⁶But because I have said these things to you, grief has filled your heart. ⁷But I tell you the truth, it is advantageous for you that I should go; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸And when that One comes, *He* will convict the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment. ⁹Concerning sin, because they do not believe into Me; ¹⁰and concerning righteousness because I am going to the Father, and you no longer see Me; ¹¹and concerning judgment because the ruler of this world has been judged. ¹²Yet I have many things to tell you, but you are not able to bear now. ¹³But when that One comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak from Himself, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will announce the coming things to you. ¹⁴That One will glorify Me, for He will receive from Mine and will announce to you. ¹⁵All things which the Father has are Mine. For this reason I said that He receives from Mine and will announce to you. ¹⁶A little *while* and you do not see Me. And again a little *while*, and you will see Me, because I go away to the Father. ¹⁷Then His disciples said to one another, What is this which He says to us, A little *while* and you do not see me; and again, A little and you will see Me? And, Because I go away to the Father? ¹⁸Then they said, What is this that He says, The little? We do not know what He says. ¹⁹Then Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and said to them, Do you seek *answers* with one another concerning this, because I said, A little *while*, and you do not see Me; and again a little and you will see Me? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to

you that you will weep and will lament, but the world will rejoice. And you will be grieved, but your grief will become joy. ²¹The woman has grief when she bears, because her hour came, but when she brings forth the child, she no longer remembers the distress, because of the joy that a man was born into the world. ²²And you, then, truly have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice; and no one takes your joy from you. ²³And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give you. ²⁴Until now you asked nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be full.

²⁵I have spoken these things to you in allegories. An hour comes when I will no longer speak to you in allegories, but I will reveal the Father plainly to you. ²⁶In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not tell you that I will petition the Father about you; ²⁷for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God. ²⁸I came out from the Father, and have come into the world; I leave the world again and go to the Father. ²⁹His disciples said to Him, Behold, now You speak plainly and You say no allegory. ³⁰Now we know that You know all things and have no need that anyone question You. By this we believe that You came out from God. ³¹Jesus answered them, Do you believe now? ³²Behold, an hour is coming, and now has come, that you are scattered, each one to *his* own things, and you will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. ³³I have spoken these things to you that you may have peace in Me. You have distress in the world; but be encouraged; I have overcome the world.

CHAPTER 17

¹Jesus spoke these things, and lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may also glorify You, ²as You gave to Him authority over all flesh, so that to all which You gave to Him, He may give to them everlasting life. ³And this is everlasting life, that they may know You,

the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I finished the work that You gave Me to do. ⁵And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the existence of the world. ⁶I revealed Your name to the men whom You gave to Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me; and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they have known that all things, whatever You gave to Me, are from You. ⁸For the words which You gave to Me, I have given to them. And they received, and truly knew that I came out from beside You; and they believed that You sent Me. ⁹I pray concerning them; I do not pray concerning the world, but for those whom You gave to Me; for they are Yours. ¹⁰And all My things are Yours, and Yours *are* Mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And no longer I am in the world, yet these are in the world; and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name; those whom You gave to Me, that *they* may be one as *We are*.

¹²While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name; I guarded those whom You gave to Me, and not one of them was lost, except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³And now I come to You, and I speak these things in the world that they may have My joy fulfilled in them. ¹⁴I have given them Your word, and the world hated them because they are not of the world, as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not pray that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from evil. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in Your truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world; ¹⁹and I sanctify Myself for them, that they also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰And I do not pray concerning these only, but also concerning those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹that all may be one, as You *are* in Me, Father, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²²And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be one, as We are one: ²³I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected in one, and that

the world may know that You sent Me and loved them, even as You loved Me. ²⁴Father, I desire that *those* whom You have given Me, that where I am, they may be with Me also, that they may behold My glory which You gave Me, because You loved Me before *the* foundation of *the* world. ²⁵Righteous Father, indeed the world did not know You, but I knew You, and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶And I made known to them Your name, and will make *it* known, that the love *with* which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

CHAPTER 18

¹Having said these things, Jesus went out with His disciples across the winter-stream Kidron, where there was a garden into which He and His disciples entered. ²And Judas, the *one* betraying Him, also knew the place, because Jesus many times assembled there with His disciples. ³Then receiving a cohort and under-officers from among the chief priests and the Pharisees, Judas came there with torches and lamps and weapons. ⁴Then knowing all the things coming upon Him, going forth Jesus said to them, Whom do you seek? ⁵They answered Him, Jesus the Nazarene. Jesus said to them, I AM! And Judas, the *one* betraying Him, also stood with them. ⁶Then when He said to them, I AM, they departed into the rear and fell to the ground. ⁷Then again He asked, Whom do you seek? And they said, Jesus the Nazarene. ⁸Jesus answered, I told you that I AM; then if you seek Me, allow these to depart,—⁹that the word might be fulfilled which He said, “*Of* those whom You gave to Me, I lost not one of them.”

¹⁰Then having a sword, Simon Peter drew it and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And the slave's name *was* Malchus. ¹¹Then Jesus said to Peter, Put your sword into the sheath: the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not at all drink it?

¹²Then the cohort, even the commander and the under-officers of the Jews together seized Jesus and bound Him. ¹³And they led Him away first to Annas, for he was *the* father-in-law of Caiaphas,

who was high priest of that year. ¹⁴And Caiaphas was the *one* who *had* given counsel to the Jews that it was advantageous *for* one man to perish for the people.

¹⁵And Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus, and that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered together with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood at the door outside. The other disciple who was known to the high priest went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷Then the maidservant, the doorkeeper, said to Peter, Are you not also of the disciples of this man? That one said, I am not. ¹⁸Now the slaves and the under-officers were standing and warming *themselves*, having made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and Peter was with them, standing and warming *himself*.

¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and about His teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, I publicly spoke to the world; I always taught in the synagogue and in the temple where the Jews always come together, and I spoke nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you question Me? Question those hearing what I spoke to them: behold, these know what I said! ²²But *on* His having said these things, one of the under-officers standing by gave Jesus a blow with the palm, saying, Do you answer the high priest this way? ²³Jesus answered him, If I spoke evilly, bear witness concerning the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me? ²⁴Then Annas sent Him forth, having bound *Him*, to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming *himself*. Then they said to him, Are you not also of His disciples? He denied and said, I am not. ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative *of him* of whom Peter cut off the ear, said, Did I not see you in the garden with Him? ²⁷Then again Peter denied, and immediately a cock crowed.

²⁸Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the praetorium, and it was early. And they did not enter into the praetorium, that they might not be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. ²⁹Then Pilate went out to them and said, What accusa-

tion do you bring against this man? ³⁰They answered and said to him, If this one were not an evildoer, then we would not have delivered him to you. ³¹Then Pilate said to them, You take him and judge him according to your *own* Law. Then the Jews said to him, It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death—³²that the word of Jesus which He said might be fulfilled, signifying by what kind *of* death He was about to die.

³³Then Pilate again went into the praetorium and called Jesus, and said to Him, Are you the king of the Jews? ³⁴Jesus answered him, Do you say this from yourself, or did others tell you about Me? ³⁵Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your nation, even the chief priests, delivered you up to me! What did you do? ³⁶Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have fought, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not from here. ³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, Are you really a king? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this *purpose* I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: that I might witness to the Truth. Everyone being of the Truth hears My voice. ³⁸Pilate said to Him, What is truth?

And saying this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, I do not find even one crime in him! ³⁹But there is a common custom to you that I should release one *prisoner* to you at the Passover. Then you decide: should I release the king of the Jews to you? ⁴⁰Then all cried out again, saying, Not this one, but Barabbas! But Barabbas was a robber.

CHAPTER 19

¹Then Pilate then took Jesus and flogged *Him*. ²And having plaited a wreath out of thorns, the soldiers put *it* on His head. And they threw a purple mantle around Him, ³and said, Hail, king of the Jews! And they gave Him blows with the palm. ⁴Then Pilate went outside again and said to them, Behold, I bring him out to you, that you may know that I do not find even one crime in him! ⁵Then Jesus came outside, wearing the thorny wreath and the purple mantle. And he said to

them, Behold, the Man! ⁶Then when the chief priests and the under-officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify! Crucify! Pilate said to them, You take him and crucify him, for I do not find *one* crime in him! ⁷Then the Jews answered him, We have a Law, and according to our Law he ought to die, because he made himself Son of God! ⁸Then when Pilate heard this word, he was more afraid, ⁹and entered into the praetorium again, and said to Jesus, From where are you? But Jesus did not give him an answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to Him, Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to crucify you, and I have authority to release you? ¹¹Jesus answered, You would have no authority against Me, not any, if it were not given to you from above. Because of this the one delivering Me to you has a greater sin. ¹²From this *time* Pilate sought to release Him. But the Jews cried out, saying, If you release this one, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone making himself a king speaks against Caesar. ¹³Then hearing this word, Pilate led Jesus out. And *he* sat down on the judgment seat, at a place called *The Pavement*, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴And it was *the* preparation of the Passover, and about *the* sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, Behold, your king! ¹⁵But they cried out, Away, Away! Crucify him! Pilate said to them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king except Caesar. ¹⁶Therefore, then, he delivered Him up to them, that He might be crucified.

And they took Jesus and led Him away.

¹⁷And He went out bearing His cross, to the place called Of a Skull; which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha; ¹⁸where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, on this side and on that side, and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹And Pilate also wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And having been written, it was: JESUS THE NAZARENE—THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰Therefore, many of the Jews read this title, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. And it had been written in Hebrew, in Greek, in Latin. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Do not write,

The king of the Jews; but that that one said, I am king of the Jews. ²²Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written.

²³Then when they crucified Jesus, the soldiers took His garments and made four parts, a part to each soldier; also the tunic. And the tunic was seamless, woven from the top throughout. ²⁴Then they said to one another, Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots about it, whose it will be — that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided My garments among them, and they threw a lot *for* My garment." Then indeed the soldiers did these things.

²⁵And His mother, and His mother's sister Mary, the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood by the cross of Jesus.

²⁶Then seeing *His* mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, Jesus said to His mother, Woman, behold, your son! ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, Behold, your mother! And from that hour the disciple took her into *his* own home.

²⁸After this, knowing that all things have now been finished, that the Scripture be completed, Jesus said, I thirst. ²⁹Then a vessel full of vinegar was set, and having filled a sponge *with* vinegar, and putting hyssop around, they brought *it* to His mouth. ³⁰Then when Jesus took the vinegar, He said, It has been finished. And bowing *His* head, *He* delivered up the spirit.

³¹Then since it was Preparation, that the bodies not remain on the cross on the sabbath — for great was the day of that sabbath — the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and they be taken away. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other crucified with Him. ³³But on coming *to* Jesus, when they saw He was dead already, they did not break His legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side *with* a lance; and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵And the *one* seeing has borne witness, and his witness is true; and that one knows that he speaks truly, that you may believe. ³⁶For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken." ³⁷And again, a different Scripture says, "They

shall look at *Him* whom they have pierced."

³⁸And after these things, Joseph from Arimathea — being a disciple of Jesus, but concealed because of fear of the Jews — asked Pilate that he might take the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave permission. Then he came and took the body of Jesus. ³⁹And Nicodemus also came, the *one* coming at first to Jesus by night, bearing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred Roman pounds. ⁴⁰Then they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linens, with the spices, as is usual with the Jews *in* burying. ⁴¹And there was a garden in the place where He was crucified, and a new tomb in the garden, in which no one yet ever had been placed. ⁴²There, then, because of the Preparation of the Jews, because the tomb was near, they put Jesus.

CHAPTER 20

¹But on the first of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, darkness yet being *on it*. And *she* saw the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, They took away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they laid Him. ³Then Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. ⁴And the two ran together, and the other disciple ran in front more quickly than Peter, and came first to the tomb. ⁵And stooping down, he saw the linens lying; however, he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came following him, and went into the tomb, and saw the linens lying. ⁷And the gravecloth which was on His head *was* not lying with the linens, but *was* wrapped up in one place by itself. ⁸Therefore, then the other disciple also entered, having come first to the tomb. And he saw and believed. ⁹For they did not yet know the Scripture, that it *was* necessary for Him to rise from *the* dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went away again to themselves.

¹¹But Mary stood outside at the tomb, weeping. Then as she wept, she stooped down into the tomb. ¹²And *she* saw two angels in white, sitting one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of

Jesus had lain. ¹³And they said to her, Woman, why do you weep? She said to them, Because they took away my Lord, and I do not know where they put Him. ¹⁴And saying these things, she turned backward, and saw Jesus standing, and did not know that it *was* Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek? Thinking that it *was* the gardener, she said to Him, Sir, if you carried Him away, tell me where you put Him, and I will take Him away. ¹⁶Jesus said to her, Mary! Turning around, she said to Him, Rabboni!—that is to say, Teacher. ¹⁷Jesus said to her, Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brothers and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God, and your God. ¹⁸Mary Magdalene came bringing word to the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He told her these things.

¹⁹Then it being evening on that day, the first of the sabbaths, and the doors having been locked where the disciples were assembled, because of fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, Peace to you. ²⁰And saying this, He showed them His hands and side. Then seeing the Lord, the disciples rejoiced. ²¹Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you. As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. ²²And saying this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, Receive *the* Holy Spirit. ²³Of whomever you forgive the sins, they are forgiven to them. Or whomever you may retain, they are retained.

²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, the *one* called Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵Then the other disciples said to him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and thrust my finger into the mark of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, in no way will I believe.

²⁶And after eight days His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. The door having been locked, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said, Peace to you. ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, Bring your finger here and see My hands; and bring your hand and thrust into My

side, and be not unbelieving, but believing. ²⁸And Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God! ²⁹Jesus said to him, Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed *are* the ones not seeing, and believing.

³⁰Then truly Jesus did many other miracles in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

CHAPTER 21

¹After these things Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. And He revealed *Himself* this way: ²Simon Peter, and Thomas, being called *The Twin*, and Nathanael from Cana of Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, I am going out to fish. They said to him, We also are coming with you. They went and entered into the boat at once. And in that night they caught nothing. ⁴And *it* now becoming early morning, Jesus stood on the shore. However, the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Then Jesus said to them, Children, Do you not have anything to eat? They answered Him, No. ⁶And he said to them, Cast the net into the right side of the boat, and you will find. Then they cast, and they no longer had *the* strength to draw, from the multitude of the fish. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord. Then hearing that it is the Lord, Simon Peter girded on *his* coat—for he was naked—and threw himself into the sea. ⁸And the other disciples came in the little boat; for they were not far from the land, only about two hundred cubits, dragging the net of the fish. ⁹Then when they went up on the land, they saw a coal fire lying, and a fish lying on *it*, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, Bring from the little fish which you caught now. ¹¹Simon Peter went up and dragged the net onto the land, full of big fish, a hundred and fifty-three. And *though* being so many, the net was not torn.

¹²Jesus said to them, Come, break fast. And no one of the disciples dared to ask Him, Who are You? knowing that it is the Lord. ¹³Then Jesus came and took the bread, and gave to them; and in the same way the little fish. ¹⁴This now *is* the three times *that* Jesus was revealed to His disciples, *He* being raised from *the* dead.

¹⁵Then when they broke fast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs! ¹⁶Again He says to him, secondly, Simon *son* of Jonah, do you love Me? He says to Him, Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep! ¹⁷Thirdly, He said to him, Simon *son* of Jonah, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him *a third time*, Do you love Me? And he said to him, Lord, You perceive all things; You know that I love You! Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep! ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, When you were younger, you girded yourself, and you walked where you desired. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you, and will carry *you* where you do not desire. ¹⁹But He said this signifying by what death he would glorify God. And having said this, He told him, Follow Me. ²⁰But turning, Peter saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*, who also leaned on His breast at the Supper, and said, Lord, who is *the one* betraying You? ²¹Seeing him, Peter said to Jesus, Lord, and what *of* this one? ²²Jesus said to him, If I desire him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me. ²³Therefore, the word went out to the brothers that that disciple does not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he does not die, but, If I desire him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? ²⁴This is the disciple witnessing about these other things, writing these things, and we know that his witness is true.

²⁵And there are also many things, whatever Jesus did, which if they were written singly, I suppose the world itself *could* not contain the books having been written. Amen.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

CHAPTER 1

¹Indeed, O Theophilus, I made the first report concerning all things which Jesus began both to do and to teach, ²until the day He was taken up, having given directions to the apostles whom He chose, through *the* Holy Spirit; ³to whom also He presented Himself living after His suffering, by many infallible proofs, being seen by them through forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God. ⁴And having met with them, He charged them not to leave Jerusalem, but to await the promise of the Father, "which you heard of Me; ⁵for John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in *the* Holy Spirit not many days after."

⁶Then, indeed, coming together they questioned Him, saying, Lord, do You restore the kingdom to Israel at this time? ⁷And He said to them, It is not yours to know times or seasons, which the Father placed in His own authority; ⁸but you will receive power, the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you will be witnesses of Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to *the* end of the earth. ⁹And saying these things, as they looked on, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him from their eyes.

¹⁰And as they were intently looking into the heaven, He having gone, even behold, two men in white clothing stood by them, ¹¹who also said, Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking up to the heaven? This Jesus, the *One* being taken from you into Heaven, will come in the way you saw Him going into Heaven.

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from *the* mount being called Of Olive Grove, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath's journey away. ¹³And when they went in, they went up to the upper room where they were waiting: both Peter and James, and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas *the brother* of James. ¹⁴These all were continuing steadfastly in prayer and in supplication with one mind,

with *the* women, and with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

¹⁵And in these days, standing up in *the* middle of the disciples—and *the* number of names together *being* about a hundred and twenty — Peter said, ¹⁶Men, brothers, it was necessary *for* this Scripture to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke before by David's mouth concerning Judas, the *one* having become guide to those seizing Jesus; ¹⁷for he was numbered with us, and obtained a portion of this ministry. ¹⁸Indeed, then, this one bought a field out of the reward of unrighteousness, and falling headlong, he burst in *the* middle, and poured out all his bowels. ¹⁹And it became known to all those living in Jerusalem, so as that field to be called in their own dialect, Akeldama; that is, Field of Blood. ²⁰For it has been written in the scroll of Psalms, "Let his estate become forsaken, and he not be living in it." And, "Let another take his office." ²¹Therefore, it is right that one of these men being with us all *the* time in which the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken from us, one of these to become a witness of His resurrection with us. ²³And they set out two: Joseph, he being called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus; and Matthias. ²⁴And having prayed, they said, You, Lord, knower of all hearts, show which one You chose from these two, ²⁵to take the share of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas fell, to go to *his* own place. ²⁶And they gave their lots. And the lot fell on Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

CHAPTER 2

¹And in the fulfilling of the day of Pentecost, they were all with one mind in the same place. ²And suddenly a sound came out of the heaven, as being borne along by a violent wind! And it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And tongues as of fire appeared to them, being distributed; and it sat on each one of

them. ⁴And they were all filled of *the* Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave *ability* to them to speak.

⁵And Jews were living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation of those under the heaven. ⁶But this sound occurring, the multitude came together and were confounded, because they each heard them speaking in his own dialect. ⁷And all were amazed and marveled, saying to one another, Behold, are not all these, those speaking, Galileans? ⁸And how do we hear each in our own dialect in which we were born, ⁹Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and those living in Mesopotamia, both Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰both Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the regions of Libya over against Cyrene, and the temporarily residing Romans, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabians; in our own languages we hear them speaking the great deeds of God? ¹²And all were amazed and puzzled, saying to one another, What would this wish to be? ¹³But ridiculing, others said, They are full of sweet wine.

¹⁴But standing up with the Eleven, Peter lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, Men, Jews, and all those living in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words: ¹⁵For these are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is *the* third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is that which has been spoken by the prophet Joel, ¹⁷"And it shall be in the last days, God says, I will pour from My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; and your young men shall see visions; and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸and also I will pour out My Spirit on My slaves and slave-girls in those days, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will give wonders in the heaven above, and miracles on the earth below, blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and notable day of *the* Lord. ²¹And it shall be that everyone who shall call on the name of *the* Lord will be saved."

²²Men, Israelites, hear these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man from God,

having been approved among you by powerful deeds and wonders and miracles, which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know, ²³this One given to you by the before-determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you having taken Him by lawless hands, having crucified Him, you put Him to death. ²⁴But God raised Him up, loosing the throes of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. ²⁵For David said as to Him, "I always foresaw the Lord before Me, because He is at My right *hand*, that I not be moved. ²⁶For this reason My heart rejoiced, and My tongue was glad; and My flesh also will dwell on hope, ²⁷because You will not leave My soul in Hades, nor will You give Your Holy One to see corruption. ²⁸You revealed to Me paths of life; You will fill Me with joy with Your face."

²⁹Men, brothers, it is permitted to say to you with plainness as to the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is among us until this day. ³⁰Being a prophet, then, and knowing that God swore with an oath to him that of *the* fruit of his loins, as concerning flesh, to raise the Christ to sit on his throne; ³¹foreseeing, he spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, of which we all are witnesses. ³³Then being exalted to the right of God, and receiving the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He poured out this which you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend into Heaven, but he says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right ³⁵until I place Your enemies as a footstool for Your feet." ³⁶Then assuredly, let all *the* house of Israel acknowledge that God made Him both Lord and Christ, this same Jesus whom you crucified.

³⁷And hearing, they were stabbed in the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men, brothers, What shall we do?

³⁸And Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, each of you on the name of Jesus Christ to forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is to you and to your children,

and to all those afar off, as many as *the* Lord our God shall call. ⁴⁰And with many other words he earnestly testified and exhorted, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation. ⁴¹Then those who gladly welcomed his words were baptized. And about three thousand souls were added that day. ⁴²And they were continuing steadfastly in the teaching of the apostles, and in fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

⁴³And fear came to every soul, and many wonders and miracles took place through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all the believers were together, and had all things common. ⁴⁵And they sold possessions and goods, and distributed them to all, according as anyone had need. ⁴⁶And continuing steadfastly with one mind day by day in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they shared food in gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church those being saved from day to day.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Peter and John were going up on the same *day* into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth. ²And a certain man, being lame from his mother's womb, was being carried, whom day by day they put at the door of the temple, being called Beautiful, to ask alms from those going into the temple; ³who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked alms. ⁴And with John, looking intently toward him, Peter said, Look to us! ⁵And he paid heed to them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, There is no silver and gold to me, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean, rise up and walk! ⁷And taking him by the right hand, he raised *him* up. And immediately his feet and ankle-bones were made firm. ⁸And leaping up, he stood and walked, and went with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking, and praising God. ¹⁰And they recognized him, that it was the *one* who was sitting for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. And they were filled with amazement and

ecstasy at the thing that happened to him.

¹¹And the healed lame one *was* holding to Peter and John, *and* all the people ran together to them on the porch called Solomon's, greatly amazed. ¹²And seeing *this*, Peter answered to the people, Men, Israelites, why do you marvel at this one? Or why do you stare at us, as *if* by our own power or godliness *we* have made him to walk? ¹³The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His child Jesus, whom you delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, that one having decided to set *Him* free. ¹⁴But you denied the holy and righteous *One*, and asked for a man, a murderer, to be granted to you. ¹⁵And the Author of Life you killed, whom God raised up from *the* dead, of which we are witnesses. ¹⁶And on the faith of His name, this one whom you see and know, *was* made firm *by* His name; and the faith which came through Him gave to him this complete soundness before you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted according to ignorance, as also *did* your rulers. ¹⁸But what things God before announced through the mouth of all His prophets, *that* the Christ should suffer, He fulfilled in this manner. ¹⁹Therefore, Repent, and convert, for the blotting out of your sins, so that times of refreshing may come from *the* face of the Lord, ²⁰and that He may send forth the *One* before proclaimed to you, Jesus Christ, ²¹whom Heaven truly needs to receive until the times of restoration of all things, of which God spoke through *the* mouth of all His holy prophets from *the* age past. ²²For Moses indeed said to the fathers, "*The* Lord your God will raise up to you a Prophet from among your brothers, *One* like me; you shall hear Him according to all things, whatever He may speak to you. ²³And it shall be *that* of every soul, whoever should not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people. ²⁴And also all the prophets, from Samuel and those following after, as many as spoke, also before announced these days.

²⁵You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God appointed to our fathers, saying to Abraham, "Even in

your Seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ²⁶Having raised up His child Jesus, God sent Him first to you, blessing you in turning away each one from your iniquities.

CHAPTER 4

¹And *as* they were speaking to the people, the priests, and the temple commander, and the Sadducees stood near them, ²being distressed because they taught the people and announced in Jesus the resurrection from *the* dead. ³And *they* laid hands *on* them, and put *them* into custody until the morrow; for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those hearing the word believed; and the number of the men became about five thousand.

⁵And it happened on the morrow that the rulers and scribes gathered into Jerusalem; ⁶also Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of *the* high priestly family. ⁷And standing them in the midst, they were inquiring, By what sort of power, or by what sort of name did you do this? ⁸Then being filled of *the* Holy Spirit, Peter said to them, Rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, ⁹if we are being examined today on a good work of an infirm man, by what this one has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean, whom you crucified, whom God raised from *the* dead, in this, this one stands before you whole. ¹¹This *One* is the Stone counted worthless by you the builders which has become *placed* at the head of *the* corner; ¹²and there is salvation in no other One; for neither is there any other name under Heaven having been given among men by which we must be saved.

¹³But seeing the boldness of Peter and John, and having perceived that they are untaught and uneducated men, they marveled. And they recognized them, that they were with Jesus. ¹⁴But seeing the man standing with them, the one having been healed, they had nothing to say against *him*. ¹⁵But commanding them to go outside the sanhedrin, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶saying, What may we do to these men? For that a notable

miracle indeed has occurred through them is plain to all those living in Jerusalem, and we are not able to deny *it*. ¹⁷But that it may not be spread abroad further to the people, let us threaten them with a threat *that* they no longer speak on this name to any one of men.

¹⁸And calling them, they ordered them not to speak at all, nor to teach on the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But answering them Peter and John said, Whether it is right before God to listen to you rather than God, you judge. ²⁰For we are not able not to speak what we saw and heard. ²¹But having threatened them they released them, finding nothing *as to* how they might punish them, on account of the people — because all glorified God on the thing happening. ²²For the man on whom this miracle of healing had occurred was more than forty years of age.

²³And being let go they came to their own and reported to them what the chief priests and elders said. ²⁴And hearing *they* with one passion lifted voice to God and said, Master, You *are* the God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all things in them, ²⁵who through the mouth of Your servant David said, "Why did the nations rage, and the people meditated foolish things. ²⁶The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were assembled on the same *day* against the Lord, yea, against His Christ." ²⁷For truly both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the nations and *the* peoples of Israel were gathered together against Your holy child Jesus, whom You anointed, ²⁸to do whatever Your hand and Your counsel before-determined to be done. ²⁹And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings, and give to Your slaves to speak Your word with all boldness, ³⁰in the extending of Your hand for healing and miracles and wonders to happen through the name of Your holy child Jesus. ³¹And they having prayed, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with *the* Holy Spirit, and spoke the word of God with boldness.

³²And of the multitude of those who believed, the heart and the soul were one. And no one said any of the possessions to be his own, but all things were common to

them. ³³And with great power the apostles gave testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴For neither was anyone needy among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses, selling *them*, they bore the value of the *things* being sold, ³⁵and laid them at the feet of the apostles. And it was distributed to each according as any had need.

³⁶And Joses, the *one* surnamed Barnabas by the apostles, which being translated is Son of Consolation, a Levite, a Cypriot by race, ³⁷a field being his, selling *it*, he bore the proceeds and placed *them* at the feet of the apostles.

CHAPTER 5

¹But a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a property, ²and kept back from the price, his wife also aware of *it*; and bringing a certain part, *he* put *it* at the feet of the apostles. ³But Peter said, Ananias, why did Satan fill your heart *for* you to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to secretly keep back from the price of the land? ⁴Remaining, did it not remain yours? And being sold, was it *not* in your authority? Why *is it* that this action was put into your heart? You did not lie to men, but to God!

⁵And hearing these words, Ananias fell down and expired. And great fear came on all those hearing these things. ⁶And rising up the younger ones wrapped him; and carrying out, *they* buried *him*.

⁷And about three hours afterwards, his wife also entered, not knowing that happening. ⁸And Peter answered her, Tell me if you gave over the land *for* so much? And she said, Yes, *for* so much. ⁹And Peter said to her, Why *was it* that it was agreed with you to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those burying your husband at the door! Yea, they will carry you out. ¹⁰And she immediately fell at his feet, and expired. And entering, the younger ones found her dead; and carrying *her* out, *they* buried her beside her husband. ¹¹And great fear came on all the church, and on all those hearing these things.

¹²And many miracles and wonders

among the people took place through the hands of the apostles. And they were all with one passion in Solomon's Porch. ¹³And of the rest, no one dared to be joined to them, but the people greatly magnified them.

¹⁴And more believing ones were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and of women; ¹⁵so as to carry out the sick in the streets, and to place *them* on cots and mattresses, that at the coming of Peter, if even *his* shadow might overshadow some of them. ¹⁶And also the multitude came together *from* the cities around Jerusalem, bringing sick ones and those being tormented by unclean spirits; who were all healed.

¹⁷And rising up, the high priest and all those with him, which is *the* sect of the Sadducees, were filled with zeal, ¹⁸and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in public custody. ¹⁹But an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison during the night, and leading them out, *he* said, ²⁰Go! And standing in the temple, speak to the people all the words of this Life. ²¹And hearing, they went into the temple about dawn, and taught. But having come near, the high priest and those with him called together the sanhedrin and all the elderhood of the sons of Israel. And *they* sent to the jail to have them brought. ²²But having come near, the officers did not find them in the prison. And returning, they reported, ²³saying, Indeed we found the jail having been shut with all security, and the guards outside standing before the doors. But opening *it*, we found no one inside. ²⁴And when they heard these words, both the priest and the temple commander and the chief priests were in doubt concerning them, what this might be. ²⁵But having come, one reported to them, saying, Behold, the men whom you put in the prison are in the temple, standing and teaching the people. ²⁶Then the commander going with the officers, *they* brought them, not with force, for they feared the people, that they might not be stoned.

²⁷And bringing them, they stood in the sanhedrin. And the high priest asked them, ²⁸saying, Did we not command you by a command *that* you not teach in this

name? And, behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring on us the blood of this man. ²⁹But answering Peter and the apostles said, It is right to obey God rather than man.

³⁰The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you seized, hanging *Him* on a tree.

³¹This One God *has* exalted as a Ruler and Savior to His right *hand*, to give to Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.

³²And we are His witnesses of these things, and also the Holy Spirit, whom God gave to those obeying Him.

³³But those hearing were cut, and *they* took counsel to do away with them. ³⁴But one standing up in the sanhedrin, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law honored by all the people, commanded the apostles to be put outside a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, Men, Israelites, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do on these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming himself to be somebody, to whom was joined a number of men, about four hundred; who was done away, and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed and came to nothing.

³⁷After this, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the Registration. And *he* drew considerable people after him. Yet that one perished, and all were scattered, as many as obeyed him. ³⁸And now I say to you, draw away from these men, and permit them; because if this counsel is of men, or this work, it will be destroyed. ³⁹But if it is from God, you will not be able to destroy it, lest you be found even fighters against God. ⁴⁰And they obeyed him. And having called the apostles, beating *them*, they commanded not to speak on the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they indeed departed from *the* presence of the sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were deemed worthy to be dishonored on behalf of His name. ⁴²And every day they did not cease teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus the Christ in the temple, and house to house.

CHAPTER 6

¹But in those days, the disciples having multiplied, a murmuring of the Hellenists toward the Hebrews occurred, because their widows were being overlooked in the

daily serving. ²And the twelve, having called near the multitude of the disciples, said, It is not pleasing to us, having left the word of God, to serve tables! ³Then brothers, be looking for men among you receiving testimony—seven *men*, full of *the* Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint over this need. ⁴But we shall continue steadfast in prayer and the service of the word!

⁵And the saying was pleasing before all the multitude. And they chose out Stephen, a man full of faith and *the* Holy Spirit; and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch—*each of* whom they made stand before the apostles. And having prayed, they placed *their* hands on them.

⁷And the word of God was increasing, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem was multiplying exceedingly — even a great crowd of the priests were attending to the faith!

⁸And Stephen, full of faith and power, was doing wonders and great signs among the people. ⁹But some of those of the synagogue, called Libertines, rose up, also *some* Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and *some* of those from Cilicia and Asia *Minor*, disputing with Stephen. ¹⁰And they had no strength to stand against the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

¹¹Then they induced *some* men to be saying, We have heard him speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God!

¹²And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes. And coming on, they together seized him, and led *him* into the sanhedrin. ¹³And they stood up false witnesses, *who were* saying, This man does not cease speaking blasphemous words against this holy place and the Law; ¹⁴for we have heard him saying that this Jesus the Nazarene will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered over to us. ¹⁵And having looked intently at him, all those seating themselves in the sanhedrin saw his face as if *it were the* face of an angel.

CHAPTER 7

¹And the high priest said, *Tell me* then if you thus hold these things? ²And he said,

Men, brothers, and fathers, listen! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, being in Mesopotamia before he lived in Haran; ³and said to him, Go out from your land and from your kindred, and come into a land which I will show to you. ⁴Then going out from *the* land of the Chaldeans, he lived in Haran. And after his father died, God moved him from there into this land in which you now live. ⁵And He did not give to him an inheritance in it, not even a foot-breadth. And He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, there being no child to him. ⁶And God spoke thus, that his seed would be a sojourner in another land, and they would enslave it and oppress it four hundred years. ⁷And God said, "I will judge the nation to which you will be in bondage." And, "After these things they will come out and will serve Me in this place." ⁸And He gave to him a covenant of circumcision; and so he fathered Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day. And Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs. ⁹And being jealous of Joseph, the patriarchs sold him into Egypt. ¹⁰And God was with him, and plucked him out from all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom over against Pharaoh the king of Egypt. And he appointed him governor over Egypt and all his household. ¹¹But a famine came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction. And our fathers did not find food. ¹²But hearing grain was in Egypt, Jacob sent our fathers out first. ¹³And at the second time, Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's race became known to Pharaoh. ¹⁴And sending, Joseph called his father Jacob, and all his kindred, seventy-five souls in all. ¹⁵And Jacob went down into Egypt, and expired, he and our fathers. ¹⁶And they were moved into Shechem, and were put in the tomb which Abraham bought for a price of silver from the sons of Hamor of Shechem. ¹⁷But as the time of the promise drew near, which God swore to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt, ¹⁸until another king rose up, who did not know Joseph. ¹⁹Dealing slyly with our race, this one oppressed our fathers, causing their infants to be exposed so as not to be kept alive.

²⁰In which time Moses was born, and was beautiful to God; who was reared three months in his father's house. ²¹And he being exposed, Pharaoh's daughter took him up and reared him for a son to her. ²²And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of Egyptians; and was powerful in words and in works. ²³And when a period of forty years was fulfilled to him, it arose in his heart to look upon his brothers, the sons of Israel. ²⁴And seeing one being wronged, he defended him, and he avenged the one getting the worse, striking the Egyptian. ²⁵And he thought his brothers would understand that God would give them deliverance by his hand. But they did not understand. ²⁶And on the following day he appeared to them while fighting. And he urged them to peace, saying, Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong one another? ²⁷But the one wronging the neighbor thrust him away, saying, Who appointed you a ruler and a judge over us? ²⁸Do you not want to do away with me in the way you did away with the Egyptian yesterday? ²⁹And Moses fled at this word. And he became a temporary resident in Midian land, where he fathered two sons.

³⁰And forty years being fulfilled to him, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in the desert of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. ³¹And seeing, Moses marveled at the sight. And he coming up to look, a voice of the Lord came to him: ³²"I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." But becoming trembly, Moses did not dare to look. ³³And the Lord said to him, "Untie the sandal from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." ³⁴"I surely saw the affliction of My people in Egypt, and I have heard their groan; and I came down to pluck them out. And now, come, I will send you to Egypt."

³⁵This Moses, whom they denied, saying, Who appointed you a ruler and a judge, this one God has sent as ruler and redeemer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the Bush. ³⁶This one led them out, having worked wonders and miracles in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and forty years in the wilderness. ³⁷This is the Moses who said to the

sons of Israel, "*The Lord your God will raise up a Prophet to you from your brothers, One like me. You shall hear Him.*" ³⁸This is the *one* who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him in Mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers, who received living words to give to us; ³⁹to whom our fathers did not desire to be subject, but thrust *him* away, and turned their hearts back to Egypt, ⁴⁰saying to Aaron, "Make for us gods which will go before us; for this Moses who led us out of *the* land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him." ⁴¹And they made a calf in those days, and led a sacrifice up to the idol, and made merry in the works of their hands. ⁴²But God turned and gave them over to serve the host of the heaven; as it has been written in *the* book of the Prophets: "Did you bring slain beasts and sacrifices to Me forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? ⁴³And you took up the the tent of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, the figures which you made in order to worship them. And I will remove you beyond Babylon." ⁴⁴The tabernacle of the testimony was among our fathers in the wilderness, as He who spoke to Moses commanded to make it according to the pattern which he had seen; ⁴⁵which also *was* brought in, our fathers having inherited with Joshua, in the taking of possession of the nations; whom God drove out from the face of our fathers, until the days of David; ⁴⁶who found favor before God, and asked to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob; ⁴⁷but Solomon built Him a house. ⁴⁸But the Most High does not dwell in temples made by hand; as the prophet says, ⁴⁹"Heaven is My throne, and the earth a footstool of My feet; what house will you build Me, says *the* Lord; or what the place of My rest? ⁵⁰Did not My hands make all these things?"

⁵¹O stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and in the ears! You always fell against the Holy Spirit. As your fathers *did*, so you also *did*. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who before announced the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become betrayers and murderers; ⁵³who received the Law

by the disposition of angels, and did not keep *it*.

⁵⁴And hearing these things, they were cut to their hearts, and gnashed the teeth on him. ⁵⁵But being full of *the* Holy Spirit, looking intently into Heaven, he saw *the* glory of God, and Jesus standing at *the* right of God. ⁵⁶And *he* said, Behold, I see the heavens having been opened, and the Son of man standing at the right of God! ⁵⁷And crying out with a loud voice, they held their ears, and rushed on him with one passion. ⁵⁸And throwing *him* outside the city, they stoned *him*. And the witnesses put off their garments at the feet of a young man called Saul. ⁵⁹And they stoned Stephen, invoking and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. ⁶⁰And placing the knees, he cried out with a loud voice, Lord, do not make this sin stand to them. And saying this, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Saul was consenting to the doing away of him. And in that day a great persecution took place on the church which *was* in Jerusalem; and all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ²And devout men together carried Stephen, and made a great lamentation over him. ³But Saul ravaged the church, entering house by house, dragging both men and women, he delivered *them* to prison.

⁴Then, indeed, the ones who had been scattered passed through, preaching the gospel, the word. ⁵And going down to a city of Samaria, Philip proclaimed Christ to them. ⁶And with one passion the crowds heeded that being said by Philip, when they heard and saw the many miracles which he did. ⁷For out of those having unclean spirits, many came out, crying with a loud voice. And many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸And great joy was in that city.

⁹But a certain man named Simon had long been conjuring in the city, and amazing the nation of Samaria, claiming himself to be some great one. ¹⁰All were paying attention to *him*, from small to great, saying, This one is the power of

God, which *is* great. ¹¹And they were paying attention to him, because for a long time *he* had amazed them *with his* conjuring. ¹²But when they believed Philip preaching the gospel, the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³And Simon himself also believed, and being baptized was continuing steadfastly with Philip. And seeing miracles and mighty works happening, he was amazed.

¹⁴And the apostles in Jerusalem hearing that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵who going down prayed concerning them so that they may receive *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁶For He had not yet fallen on any one of them, but they were only being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid hands on them, and they received *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁸But Simon having seen that the Holy Spirit is given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, he offered them money, ¹⁹saying, Give to me also this authority that to whomever I may lay on the hands he may receive *the* Holy Spirit. ²⁰But Peter said to him, May your silver be with you into perdition, because you thought to get the gift of God through money. ²¹There is neither part nor lot to you in this matter, for your heart is not upright before the face of God. ²²Repent, then, from this wickedness of yours, and petition God if perhaps you will be forgiven the thought of your heart. ²³For I see you being in *the* gall of bitterness and a bundle of unrighteousness. ²⁴And answering Simon said, You petition to the Lord for me, so that nothing of which you have spoken may come on me.

²⁵Then having earnestly testified and speaking the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, even having announced the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶But an angel of *the* Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Rise up and go along south on the highway going down to Jerusalem to Gaza. This is desert. ²⁷And rising up he went. And, behold, an Ethiopian man, a eunuch, one in power *with* Candace the

queen of Ethiopians; who was over all her treasure; who had come to Jerusalem to worship. ²⁸And *he* was returning. And sitting on his chariot he read the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, Go near and join yourself to this chariot. ³⁰And running near Philip heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, Indeed, do you know what you are reading? ³¹But he said, How should I be able except someone shall guide me? And he called Philip near, to come up to sit with him. ³²And the content of the Scripture which he was reading was this: "He was led as a sheep to slaughter, and as a lamb voiceless before the *one* shearing it, so He does not open His mouth. ³³In His humiliation His judgment was taken away; and who will recount His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And answering the eunuch said to Philip, I ask you, about whom does the prophet say this? About himself, or about some other one? ³⁵And opening his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture, Philip announced the gospel to him, *of* Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the highway they came on some water. And the eunuch said, Behold, water! What prevents me *from* being baptized? ³⁷And Philip said, If you believe from all the heart, it is lawful. And answering he said, I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God. ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. ³⁹But when they came up out of the water, *the* Spirit of *the* Lord caught away Philip. And the eunuch did not see him any more; for he went his way rejoicing.

CHAPTER 9

¹But still breathing threats and murder toward the disciples of the Lord, coming to the high priest, ²Saul asked from him letters to Damascus, to the synagogues, so that if he found any being of the Way, both men and women, having bound them he might bring *them* to Jerusalem. ³But in the going it happened! He drew near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from Heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling on the earth he heard a voice saying to

him, Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute Me? ⁵And he said, Sir, who are you? And the Lord said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute; *it is* hard for you to kick against the prods. ⁶Both trembling and being astonished he said, Lord, what do you desire me to do? And the Lord *said* to him, Rise up and go into the city, and it will be told you what you must do. ⁷But the men traveling with him had been standing speechless; indeed hearing the voice, but seeing no one.

⁸And Saul was lifted up from the earth, but his eyes having been opened he saw no one. And leading him by the hand they brought *him* to Damascus. ⁹And he was three days not seeing, and did not eat or drink. ¹⁰And there was a certain disciple in Damascus named Ananias. And the Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias! And he said, Behold, Lord, I *am here*. ¹¹And the Lord *said* to him, Rising up pass along on the street being called Straight and seek a Tarsian in the house of Judas, by name Saul. For, behold, he is praying. ¹²And *he* has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting a hand on him, so that he may see again. ¹³And Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how many bad things he did to Your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all the *ones* calling on Your name. ¹⁵And the Lord said to him, Go, for this one is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before nations and kings and the sons of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My name.

¹⁷And Ananias went away and entered into the house. And putting hands on him *he* said, Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me, Jesus, the *One* who appeared to you in the highway *on* which you came, that you may see and be filled of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸And instantly *it was* as if scales fell away from his eyes. And rising up at the thing *happening*, *he* was baptized. ¹⁹And taking food *he* was strengthened. And Saul was with the disciples in Damascus some days. ²⁰And at once in the synagogues he proclaimed the Christ, that this *One* is the Son of God. ²¹And all those hearing were amazed and said, Is

this not the *one* destroying those who have called on this Name in Jerusalem, and he had come here for this, that binding them he might lead before the chief priests? ²²But Saul was more filled with power, and *he* confounded the Jews living in Damascus, proving that this *One* is the Christ.

²³And when many days were fulfilled the Jews plotted together to do away with him. ²⁴But their plot was known to Saul. And they carefully watched the gates both by day and by night so that they might do away with him. ²⁵But taking him by night the disciples let him down through the wall, lowering in a basket.

²⁶And Saul arriving in Jerusalem, he tried to be joined to the disciples. And all feared him, not believing that he is a disciple. ²⁷But taking hold of him Barnabas led *him* to the apostles, and told them how he saw the Lord in the highway, and that He spoke to him, and how in Damascus he spoke boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸And he was with them, going in and going out in Jerusalem, and speaking boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus. ²⁹And he spoke and disputed with the Hellenists, and they took him in hand to do away with *him*. ³⁰But knowing, the brothers led him down to Caesarea and sent him forth to Tarsus. ³¹Then, indeed, the churches throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria, had peace, being built up and going on in the fear of the Lord. And *they* were increased in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

³²And it happened, passing through all, Peter also came down to the saints dwelling in Lydda. ³³And he found there a certain man named Aeneas who had been lying on a mattress eight years, who was paralyzed. ³⁴And Peter said to him, Aeneas! Jesus the Christ heals you; rise up and spread for yourself. And instantly he rose up. ³⁵And all those dwelling in Lydda and the Sharon *Plain* saw him, who *then* turned to the Lord.

³⁶And in Joppa was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which translated is called Gazelle. She was full of good works and of alms which she did. ³⁷And it happened in those days, becoming ill, she died. And washing her, they put *her* in an upper

room. ³⁸And Lydda being near to Joppa, the disciples hearing that Peter is in it, they sent two men to him, begging *him* not to delay to come to them. ³⁹And rising up Peter went with them, and having arrived they led to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him, weeping and showing tunics and garments such as Dorcas made, *while* being with them. ⁴⁰And putting all out, placing the knees Peter prayed. And turning to the body he said, Tabitha, Arise! And she opened her eyes. And seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹And giving her a hand he raised her up. And calling the saints and the widows he presented her living. ⁴²And it became known through all Joppa. And many believed on the Lord. ⁴³And it was considerable days *that* he remained in Joppa with one Simon, a tanner.

CHAPTER 10

¹But a certain man named Cornelius was in Caesarea, a centurion of a cohort being called Italian; ²*one* devout and fearing God, with all his household, both doing many alms to the people, and praying continually to God. ³About *the* ninth hour of the day, he saw plainly in a vision an angel coming to him, and saying to him, Cornelius! ⁴And he was staring at him, and becoming terrified he said, What is it, Sir? And he said to him, Your prayers and your alms went up for a memorial before God. ⁵And now send men to Joppa, and call for Simon who is surnamed Peter. ⁶This one is lodged with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by *the* sea. He will tell you what you must do. ⁷And when the angel speaking to Cornelius went away, calling two of his servants, and a devout soldier of those continually waiting on him, ⁸and having explained all things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹And on the morrow, those passing along on *the* road, and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray, about *the* sixth hour. ¹⁰And he became hungry, and wished to taste *food*. But *as* they *were* preparing, an ecstasy fell on him. ¹¹And he saw the heaven being opened, and a certain vessel like a great sheet coming down on him, being bound

by four corners, and let down onto the earth; ¹²in which were all the four-footed animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping things, and the birds of the heaven. ¹³And a voice came to him, Rise up, Peter, slay and eat. ¹⁴But Peter said, Not at all, Lord, because I never did eat anything common or unclean. ¹⁵And again a voice *came* to him a second *time*, What things God made clean, you do not make common. ¹⁶And this happened three *times*, and the vessel was taken up into the heaven again.

¹⁷And as Peter was doubting within himself what the vision which he saw might be, even behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius stood on the porch asking out the house of Simon. ¹⁸And calling out, they inquired if Simon being surnamed Peter is lodged here. ¹⁹And *as* Peter pondered concerning the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold, three men are seeking you. ²⁰But rising up, go down and go with them, not discriminating, because I have sent them. ²¹And going down to the men, the ones sent from Cornelius to him, Peter said, Behold, I am *the one* you seek. What *is* the cause for which you are here? ²²And they said, Cornelius, a centurion, a just man and *one* fearing God, and being testified to by all the nation of the Jews, was divinely warned by a holy angel to call you to his house, and to hear words from you. ²³Then calling them in, he lodged *them*.

And on the morrow Peter went out with them. And some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴And on the morrow they entered Caesarea. And Cornelius was awaiting them, having called together his relatives and *his* intimate friends. ²⁵And as Peter was coming in, meeting him, Cornelius fell at *his feet* and worshiped. ²⁶But Peter lifted him up, saying, Stand up! I myself am also a man. ²⁷And talking with him, he went in and found many having come together. ²⁸And he said to them, You know how unlawful it is for a man, a Jew, to unite with or to come near to one of another race. Yet God showed to me not to call a man

common or unclean. ²⁹Therefore, I also came without complaint, being summoned. Then for what reason did you send for me? ³⁰And Cornelius said, From *the* fourth day until this hour I have been fasting, and the ninth hour *I* was praying in my house. And, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing. ³¹And *he* said, Cornelius, your prayer was heard, and your alms were remembered before God. ³²Therefore, send to Joppa and call for Simon who is surnamed Peter; this one is lodged in *the* house of Simon, a tanner, by *the* sea. Having come, *he* will speak to you. ³³Then at once I sent to you; and you did well *to* come. Now, then, we are all present before God to hear all the things having been commanded you by God.

³⁴And opening *his* mouth, Peter said, Truly I see that God is not an acceptor of persons, ³⁵but in every nation the *one* fearing Him and working righteousness is acceptable to Him. ³⁶The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ, this One is lord of all—³⁷you know the thing that happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed — ³⁸Jesus the *One* from Nazareth, how God anointed Him with *the* Holy Spirit and with power, who went through doing good, and healing all those having been oppressed by the Devil, because God was with Him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all things which He did, both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem—they did away with *Him*, hanging *Him* on a tree—⁴⁰God raised up this One the third day, and gave to Him to become visible; ⁴¹not to all the people, but to witnesses, the ones having been before hand-picked by God, to us who ate and drank with Him after His rising again from the dead. ⁴²And He commanded us to proclaim to the people, and to witness solemnly that it is He who has been marked out by God *to be* Judge of *the* living and *the* dead. ⁴³To this One all the prophets witness, *so that* through His name everyone believing into Him *will*

receive forgiveness of sins.

⁴⁴As Peter was yet speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those hearing the word. ⁴⁵And the faithful of *the* circumcision were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the nations also. ⁴⁶For they heard them speaking in languages, and magnifying God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷Can anyone forbid the water that these not be baptized, who the Holy Spirit received, even as we also? ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to remain some days.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the nations also received the word of God. ²And when Peter went up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, ³saying, You went in to uncircumcised men, and ate with them. ⁴But beginning, Peter set out to them in order, saying, ⁵I was being in *the* city of Joppa, praying. And in an ecstasy, I saw a vision: a certain vessel was coming down, like a huge sheet, being let down by four corners out of the heaven; and it came as far as me. ⁶Looking intently on *this*, I observed. And I saw the four-footed animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping things, and the birds of the heaven. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, Peter, rise up, slay and eat. ⁸But I said, Not at all, Lord, because never *has* anything common or unclean entered into my mouth. ⁹But a voice answered me the second *time* out of the heaven, What God has cleansed, you do not make common. ¹⁰And this took place three *times*; and all things were pulled up into the heaven again.

¹¹And, behold, at once three men stood at the house in which I was, having been sent from Caesarea to me. ¹²And the Spirit said to me to go with them, not discriminating. And these six brothers also *were* with me, and we went into the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he saw an angel in his house, standing and saying to him, Send men to Joppa, and send for

Simon who is surnamed Peter, ¹⁴who will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved. ¹⁵And in my beginning to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as also on us in the beginning. ¹⁶And I recalled the word of the Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷Then if God gave the same gift to them as also to us, believing on the Lord Jesus Christ,—and I, who was I to be able to prevent God? ¹⁸And hearing these things, they kept silent, and glorified God, saying, Then God also has granted to the nations repentance unto life.

¹⁹Then, indeed, they who were scattered by the oppression taking place over Stephen passed through to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except only to Jews. ²⁰But some men from them, Cypriots and Cyrenians, who had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, announcing the gospel of the Lord Jesus. ²¹And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believing, they turned to the Lord.

²²And the word was heard in the ears of the church in Jerusalem concerning them. And they sent out Barnabas to go through as far as Antioch; ²³who having come, and seeing the grace of God, rejoiced. And he exhorted all with purpose of heart to abide near the Lord. ²⁴For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit, and of faith. And a considerable crowd was added to the Lord. ²⁵And Barnabas went out to Tarsus to seek Saul. ²⁶And finding him, he brought him to Antioch. And it happened that many of them were gathered to them in the church a whole year. And they taught a considerable crowd. And the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

²⁷And in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸And one of them named Agabus rising up, he signified through the Spirit that a great famine was about to be over all the habitable earth—which also happened on Claudius Caesar's time. ²⁹And according as any prospered, the disciples, each of them determined to send to those brothers living in Judea to minister to the; brothers ³⁰which they also did, sending to

the elders through the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

CHAPTER 12

¹And at that time Herod the king threw on the hands to oppress some of the church. ²And he did away with James the brother of John, with a sword. ³And seeing that it was pleasing to the Jews, he added also to seize Peter—and they were the days of unleavened bread — ⁴also capturing him, he put him into prison, delivering him to four sets of four soldiers to guard him; intending to bring him up to the people after the Passover. ⁵Then Peter was indeed kept in the prison; but fervent prayer was made by the church to God on his behalf. ⁶But when Herod was about to bring him out, in that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, being bound with two chains, also guards were keeping the prison before the door. ⁷And, behold, an angel of the Lord stood by, and a light shone in the building. And striking Peter's side, he raised him up, saying, Rise up in haste! And the chains fell off from his hands. ⁸And the angel said to him, Gird yourself, and put on your sandals. And he did so. And he said to him, Throw around your garment, and follow me. ⁹And going out, he followed him, and did not know that this happening through the angel was real; but he thought he saw a vision. ¹⁰And going through a first and a second guard, they came on the iron gate carrying one into the city, which opened to them of itself. And going out, they went on one street; and instantly the angel withdrew from him. ¹¹And having come, Peter said within himself, Now I know truly that the Lord sent out His angel and plucked me out of Herod's hand, and out of all the expectation of the people of the Jews. ¹²And considering, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, the one being surnamed Mark, where many were gathered together, and praying. ¹³And Peter was knocking at the door of the porch, and a servant-girl named Rhoda came near to listen. ¹⁴And recognizing Peter's voice, from joy she did not open the porch, but running in she reported Peter was standing before the porch. ¹⁵But they said to her, You are

raving. But she insisted, holding *it* to be so. And they said, It is his angel. ¹⁶But Peter kept on knocking. And opening, they saw him, and were amazed. ¹⁷And signaling to them with the hand to be silent, he told them how the Lord led him out of the prison. And he said, Report these things to James and the brothers. And going out, he went to another place.

¹⁸And day having come, there was not a little disturbance among the soldiers, *saying*, What, then, became of Peter? ¹⁹And searching for him, and not finding *him*, examining the guards, Herod commanded *them* to be led away. And going down from Judea to Caesarea, *he* stayed.

²⁰And Herod was in bitter hostility with *the* Tyrians and Sidonians. But with one passion they came to him. And persuading Blastus, the *one* over the king's bedroom, they begged peace — because their country was fed from the royal *bounty*.

²¹And on a set day, having been clothed in a regal garment, and sitting on the tribunal, Herod made a speech to them. ²²And the mass of people cried out, *The voice of a god, and not of a man!* ²³And instantly an angel of *the* Lord struck him, because he did not give the glory to God. And having been eaten by worms, his soul went out.

²⁴But the word of God grew and increased.

²⁵And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, having fulfilled the service, and taking with *them*, the *one* sur-named Mark.

CHAPTER 13

¹And in Antioch some among the existing church were prophets and teachers: both Barnabas and Simeon, he being called Niger; and Lucius the Cyrenian; and Manaen *the* foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch; and Saul. ²And *while* they were doing service to the Lord, and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, So, then, separate both Barnabas and Saul to Me, for the work to which I have called them. ³Then, having fasted and prayed, and placing hands on them, they let *them* go.

⁴Then these indeed sent out by the Holy Spirit went down to Seleucia, and from there sailed away to Cyprus. ⁵And having been in Salamis, they announced

the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they also had John *as* a helper. ⁶And passing through the island as far as Paphos, they found a certain conjurer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Barjesus. ⁷*He* was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This one having called Barnabas and Saul to *him*, *he* sought to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas, the conjurer—for so his name is translated — withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹But Saul, who *is* also Paul, being filled with *the* Holy Spirit, and looking intently on him, ¹⁰*he* said, O son of the Devil, full of all guile and of all cunning, enemy of all righteousness, will you not stop perverting the right ways of *the* Lord? ¹¹And now, behold, *the* hand of the Lord *is* on you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun until a time. And instantly a mist and darkness fell on him; and going about he sought *some* to lead *him* by the hand. ¹²Then seeing the thing happening, the proconsul believed, being astounded at the teaching of the Lord.

¹³And putting out from Paphos *with* those around *him*, Paul came to Perga of Pamphylia. And separating from them, John returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁴But going through from Perga, they came to Antioch-Pisidia, and going into the synagogue on the day of the sabbaths, they sat down. ¹⁵And after the reading of the Law, and of the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent to them, saying, Men, brothers, if there is a word of exhortation to the people, speak.

¹⁶And rising up, and signaling with his hand, Paul said: Men, Israelites, and the ones fearing God, listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose out our fathers, and exalted the people in *their* stay in *the* land of Egypt. And with a high arm, He led them out of it. ¹⁸And as forty years time *passed*, He endured them in the wilderness. ¹⁹And *He* pulled down seven nations in Canaan land *and* gave their land to them as an inheritance.

²⁰And after these things, as four hundred and fifty years *passed*, He gave judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹And from there they asked *for* a king. And God gave Saul the son of Kish to them, a man of *the* tribe of Benjamin, *for* forty years. ²²And removing him, He raised up to them David

for a king, to whom He also said, witnessing, "I found David the *son* of Jesse to be a man according to My *own* heart, who will do all My will." ²³Of the seed of this one, according to promise, God raised up to Israel a Savior, Jesus; ²⁴John going before to proclaim before the face of His entrance a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John fulfilled the course, he said, Whom do you suppose me to be? I am not *He*, but, behold, He comes after me, of whom I am not worthy to loosen the sandal of *His* feet. ²⁶Men, brothers, sons of the race of Abraham, and the ones among you fearing God, to you the word of this salvation was sent. ²⁷For those dwelling in Jerusalem, and their rulers, not having known this One, and the voices of the prophets being read throughout every sabbath, judging *Him*, they fulfilled the *Scriptures*. ²⁸And finding not one cause of death, they asked Pilate to do away with Him. ²⁹And when they finished all the things having been written concerning Him, taking *Him* down from the tree, they laid *Him* in a tomb.

³⁰But God raised Him from *the* dead; ³¹who appeared for many days to those coming up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are witnesses of Him to the people. ³²And we preach the gospel to you, the promise made to the fathers, ³³that this God has fulfilled to us, their children, raising up Jesus; as also it has been written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You." ³⁴And that He raised Him from *the* dead, no more being about to return to corruption, so He has said, "I will give You the holy things of faithful David." ³⁵So He also said in another, "You will not give Your Holy One to see corruption." ³⁶For having served *his* own generation by the counsel of God, David truly fell asleep, and was added to his fathers, and saw corruption. ³⁷But *He* whom God raised up, this One did not see corruption. ³⁸Then let it be known to you, men, brothers, that through this One forgiveness of sin is announced to you. ³⁹And everyone believing in this One is justified from all things which you could not be justified by the Law of Moses. ⁴⁰Then watch *that* the thing spoken in the Prophets may not

come on you: ⁴¹"Behold, *you* despisers, and marvel, and perish, because I work a work in your days, a work which you would in no way believe if anyone declares *it* to you."

⁴²But the Jews having gone out of the synagogue, the nations begged that these words be spoken to them on the next sabbath. ⁴³And the synagogue being broken up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who speaking to them persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴And in the coming sabbath, almost all the city was gathered to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵And the Jews seeing the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things being spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. ⁴⁶But speaking boldly, Paul and Barnabas said, It was necessary *for* the word of God to be spoken first to you; but since you indeed thrust it away, and judge yourselves not worthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the nations. ⁴⁷For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have set You for a Light of nations, that You be for salvation to *the* end of the earth."

⁴⁸And hearing, the nations rejoiced, and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

⁴⁹And the word of the Lord was carried through all the country. ⁵⁰But the Jews excited the devout and honorable women, and the chief ones of the city, and raised up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and threw them out from their borders. ⁵¹But these shaking off the dust of their feet on them, they came into Iconium. ⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and *the* Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 14

¹And it happened in Iconium, they went in together into the synagogue of the Jews, and spoke so as for a huge multitude of both Jews and Greeks to believe. ²But the unbelieving Jews raised up and made malignant the souls of the nations against the brothers. ³Then, indeed, they stayed a considerable time, speaking boldly on the Lord, witnessing to the word of His

grace, and *He* giving miracles and wonders to occur through their hands.

⁴And the multitude of the city was divided; and some were with the Jews, but others with the apostles. ⁵And when a rush of the nations occurred, and both the Jews and their rulers *came* to insult and to stone them; ⁶perceiving *this*, they fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding country. ⁷And they were announcing the gospel there.

⁸And a certain man was sitting in Lystra, powerless in the feet, being lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked. ⁹This one heard Paul speaking, who looking intently at him, and seeing that he had faith to be cured, ¹⁰*he* said with a loud voice, Stand upright on your feet! And he leaped up and walked about ¹¹And seeing what Paul did, the crowd lifted up their voice in Lycaonian, saying, The gods have come down to us, becoming like men. ¹²And they called Barnabas, Zeus; and Paul, Hermes, because he was the leader in speaking.

¹³And the priest of Zeus being before their city, carrying bulls and garlands to the gates, *he* wished to sacrifice along with the crowds. ¹⁴But Paul and Barnabas, the apostles, hearing, tearing their garments, they sprang into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵and saying, Men, why do you do these things? We also are men of like feelings to you, announcing the gospel to you to turn *you* from these vanities to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all things in them; ¹⁶who in the generations which have passed allowed all the nations to go in their *own* ways, ¹⁷though indeed He did not leave Himself without witness, doing good, giving rain and fruitful seasons to us from Heaven, filling our hearts with food and gladness. ¹⁸And saying these things, they hardly stopped the crowds, *that they* not sacrifice to them.

¹⁹But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium, and persuading the crowds, and stoning Paul, they dragged *him* outside the city, supposing him to have died. ²⁰But the disciples surrounding him, arising he entered into the city. And on the morrow he went away with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹And having announced the

gospel to that city, and having made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch, ²²confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting to continue in the faith, and that through many afflictions we must enter into the kingdom of God. ²³And having hand-picked elders for them in every church, having prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord into whom they had believed.

²⁴And passing through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. ²⁵And speaking the word in Perga, they came down to Attalia, ²⁶and from there they sailed to Antioch, from where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. ²⁷And having arrived, and gathering the church, they reported what things God did with them, and that He opened a door of faith to the nations. ²⁸And they remained there not a little time with the disciples.

CHAPTER 15

¹And going down from Judea, some taught the brothers, *saying*, If you are not circumcised *according* to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved. ²Then dissension and not a little disputation with them having taken place by Paul and Barnabas, they appointed Paul and Barnabas and some others of them to go up into Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this question.

³Then, indeed, they, having been sent forward by the church, passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, fully narrating the conversion of the nations. And they were producing great joy *among* all the brothers. ⁴And having arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders. And they reported what things God did with them. ⁵But some of those from the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the Law of Moses.

⁶And the apostles and the elders were assembled to see about this matter. ⁷And much disputation having occurred, rising up Peter said to them: Men, brothers, you recognize that from ancient days, God chose among us *that* through my mouth the nations *should* hear the word of the

gospel, and to believe. ⁸And the heart-knowing God testified to them, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as also to us. ⁹And He made distinction in nothing between both us and them, having purified their hearts by faith.

¹⁰Now, then, why do you test God, *by* putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we had strength to bear? ¹¹But through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we believe *in order* to be saved, according to which manner they also *believed*.

¹²And all the multitude kept silent, and were hearing Barnabas and Paul recounting what things God did through them among the nations, *even* the signs and wonders.

¹³And after they were silent, James responded, saying, Men, brothers, hear me: ¹⁴Simon recounted *how* even as at first God oversaw to take a people out from *among* the nations for His name. ¹⁵And with this agree the words of the prophets, as it has been written, ¹⁶"After these things I will return and will build again the tabernacle of David *which* has fallen, and I will build again the things which have been demolished, and I will set it up, ¹⁷so as the rest of men may seek the Lord, even all the nations on whom My name has been called, says the Lord, who is doing all these things." ¹⁸All His works are known to God from eternity. ¹⁹For this reason I judge not to trouble those from the Gentiles turning to God; ²⁰but to write to them to hold back from the pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and that strangled, and blood. ²¹For in every city from ancient generations Moses has those proclaiming him, having been read in the synagogues on every sabbath.

²²Then it seemed *good* to the apostles and the elders, with all the church, to send chosen men from them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas having been surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, ²³writing by their hand these things: The apostles and the elders and the brothers, to those throughout Antioch, and Syria, and

Cilicia, brothers *from* the nations: Greeting. ²⁴Since we heard that some of us having gone out have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, Be circumcised and keep the Law; to whom we gave no command; ²⁵it seemed *good* to us, having become of one mind, to send chosen men to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶men who have given up their souls on behalf of the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. ²⁷Therefore, we have sent Judas and Silas, they by word also announcing the same things. ²⁸For it seemed *good* to the the Holy Spirit and to us to put not one greater burden on you than these necessary things: ²⁹To hold back from idol sacrifices, and blood, and that strangled, and *from* fornication; from which continually keeping yourselves, you will do well. Be prospered.

³⁰Then they indeed being let go, they went to Antioch. And gathering the multitude, *they* delivered the letter. ³¹And reading *it*, they rejoiced at the comfort. ³²And Judas and Silas, themselves also being prophets, exhorted the brothers through much speech, and confirmed *them*. ³³And continuing for a time, they were let go with peace from the brothers to the apostles.

³⁴But it seemed *good* to Silas to remain. ³⁵And Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and announcing the gospel, the word of the Lord, with many others also.

³⁶And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, Indeed, having turned back, let us look after our brothers throughout every city in which we announced the word of the Lord; how they are holding *it*. ³⁷But Barnabas purposed to take John with *them*, the *one* having been called Mark. ³⁸But Paul thought *it* well not to take that one with *them*, *he* having withdrawn from them from Pamphylia, and not going with them to the work. ³⁹Then there was sharp feeling, so as to separate them from each other. And taking Mark, Barnabas sailed away to Cyprus. ⁴⁰But having chosen Silas, Paul went out, being commended to the grace of God by the brothers ⁴¹And *he* went through Syria and Cilicia, making the churches strong.

CHAPTER 16

¹And he arrived in Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple named Timothy was there, *the son of a certain believing Jewish woman—but his father was a Greek.* ²*This one* was being testified of by the brothers in Lystra and Iconium. ³Paul desired this one to go forth with him, and taking *him* he circumcised him, because of the Jews being in those places—for they all knew his father, that he was a Greek. ⁴And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them *the need* to keep the decrees that had been determined by the apostles and the elders in Jerusalem. ⁵Then indeed the churches were being made stronger in the faith, and increased in number day by day.

⁶And passing through the Phrygian and the Galatian country — being forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia — ⁷coming against Mysia, they attempted to go along Bithynia; and the Spirit did not allow them. ⁸And passing by Mysia, they came down into Troas. ⁹And a vision appeared to Paul during the night : a certain man of Macedonia *was* standing, entreating him and saying, *Passing over into Macedonia, help us!* ¹⁰*And as soon* as he saw the vision, we immediately sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to announce the gospel *to* them.

¹¹Then having set sail from Troas, we ran a straight course into Samothrace, and on the morrow into Neapolis; ¹²and from there into Philippi, which is the first city of *that* part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were in this city, staying some days. ¹³And on the day of the sabbaths, we went outside the city beside a river, where it was customary *for* prayer to be *made*. And sitting down, we spoke to the women who came together *there*. ¹⁴And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, *one* reverencing God, listened, whose heart the Lord opened thoroughly to pay attention to the things being spoken by Paul. ¹⁵And as she and her household were baptized, she entreated *Paul*, saying, *If you have judged me to be believing in the Lord, entering into my house, remain a while.* And she strongly urged us.

¹⁶And it happened, *as* we went into a *place of* prayer, a certain slavegirl having a Pythonic spirit met us, whose divining brought much gain to her lords. ¹⁷Following after Paul and us, she cried out, saying, *These men are slaves of the Most High God, who are announcing to us a way of salvation!* ¹⁸And she did this over many days. But becoming distressed, and turning to the *demonic* spirit, Paul said, *In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out from her!* And it came out in that *same* hour. ¹⁹And seeing that the hope of their gain went out, having seized Paul and Silas, her lords dragged *them* to the market before the rulers. ²⁰And bringing them near to the magistrates, *they* said, *These men are very much troubling our city, being Jews,* ²¹and announce customs which it is not lawful for us to receive, nor to do, being Romans. ²²And the crowd rose up together against them. And tearing off their clothes, the magistrates commanded to flog *them*. ²³And laying on them many stripes, they threw *them* into prison, charging the jailer to keep them securely; ²⁴who, receiving such a charge, threw them into the inner prison, and locked their feet in the stocks.

²⁵And having prayed, toward midnight Paul and Silas praised God in a hymn. And the prisoners listened to them. ²⁶And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the jail were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and all of the bonds were loosened. ²⁷And having been awakened, and seeing that the doors of the prison had been opened, having drawn a sword, the jailer was about to do away with himself, supposing the prisoners to have escaped. ²⁸But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, *Do no harm to yourself!* For we are all here. ²⁹And asking for lights, he rushed in. And becoming trembly, he fell before Paul and Silas. ³⁰And leading them outside, *he* said, *Sirs, what must I do that I may be saved?* ³¹And they said, *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.* ³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all those in his household. ³³And taking them in that hour of the night, he washed from *their* stripes. And he and all

those belonging to him were baptized at once. ³⁴And bringing them up to the house, he set a table before *them*, and exulted with all his household, believing God.

³⁵And day having come, the magistrates sent the floggers, saying, Let those men go. ³⁶And the jailer announced these words to Paul, The magistrates have sent that you be let go. Now, then, going out, proceed in peace. ³⁷But Paul said to them, Having beaten us publicly, being Romans *and* uncondemned men, they threw *us* into prison. And now do they throw *us* out secretly? No, indeed! But coming themselves, let them bring *us* out. ³⁸And the floggers reported these words to the magistrates. And hearing that they were Romans, they were afraid. ³⁹And coming, *they* begged them. And bringing *them* out, *they* asked *them* to go out of the city. ⁴⁰And going out from the prison, *they* went into the *house of* Lydia. And seeing the brothers, they exhorted them, and went out.

CHAPTER 17

¹And traveling through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where a synagogue of the Jews was. ²And according to Paul's custom, he went in to them and reasoned with them from the Scriptures on three sabbaths, ³opening and setting forth that the Christ must have suffered, and to have risen from *the* dead; and that this is the Christ, Jesus, whom I announce to you. ⁴And some of them were persuaded, and joined themselves to Paul and Silas, both a great multitude of the worshipping Greeks, and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But becoming jealous, and having taken aside some wicked men of the market-loafers, and gathering a crowd, the disobeying Jews set the city into turmoil. And coming on the house of Jason, *they* sought to bring them on to the mob. ⁶But not finding them, they dragged Jason and some brothers before the city judges, crying, Those turning the habitable world upside down have come here, too; ⁷whom Jason has received. And these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king, Jesus. ⁸And hearing these things, they troubled the

crowd and the city judges. ⁹And taking security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰But the brothers at once sent both Paul and Silas to Berea during the night; who having arrived went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹And these were more noble than those in Thessalonica; *for they* received the word with all readiness, daily examining the Scriptures if these things *are* so. ¹²Then indeed many from among them believed, and not a few of the honorable Greek women and men. ¹³But when the Jews from Thessalonica knew that the word of God was also announced in Berea by Paul, they came there also, shaking up the crowd. ¹⁴And immediately, then, the brothers sent away Paul, to go as toward the sea. But both Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵But those conducting Paul brought him as far as Athens. And receiving a command to Silas and Timothy, that they come to him quickly, they departed.

¹⁶But awaiting them in Athens, Paul's spirit was pained within him, seeing the city full of images. ¹⁷Then, indeed, he addressed the Jews in the synagogue, and those worshipping; also in the market every day, to those happening to be *there*. ¹⁸And some of the Epicureans and of the Stoics, philosophers, fell in with him. And some said, What may this chatterer wish to say? And these *others*, He seems to be an announcer of foreign demons—because he announced Jesus and the resurrection to them. ¹⁹And taking hold of him, they led *him* to the Areopagus, saying, Are we able to know what this new teaching being spoken by you *is*? ²⁰For you bring startling things to our ears. We are minded, then, to know what these things wish to be. ²¹And all Athenians and the strangers living *there* have leisure for nothing else than to say and to hear newer *things*.

²²And standing in *the* middle of the Areopagus, Paul said, Men, Athenians, I see how you in everything *are* fearful of gods; ²³for passing through and looking up at the objects of your worship, I also found an altar on which had been written, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Not knowing, then, whom you worship, I make Him known to you.

²⁴The God who made the world and all things in it, this One being Lord of Heaven and of earth does not dwell in handmade temples, ²⁵nor is served by hands of men, *as* having need of anything. *For* He is giving life and breath and all things to all. ²⁶And He made every nation of men of one blood, to live on all the face of the earth, ordaining fore-appointed seasons and boundaries of their dwelling, ²⁷to seek the Lord, if perhaps they might feel after Him and might find Him, though indeed *He* not being far from each one of us. ²⁸For in Him we live and move and are; as also some of the poets among you have said, For we are also His offspring. ²⁹Then being offspring of God, we ought not to suppose that the Godhead is like gold or silver or stone, engraved by art and the imagination of man. ³⁰Truly, then, God overlooking the times of ignorance, now strictly charges all men everywhere to repent, ³¹because He set a day in which He is going to judge the habitable world in righteousness, by a Man whom He appointed; having given proof to all *by* raising Him from *the* dead. ³²And hearing *of* a resurrection of *the* dead, some indeed ridiculed, and said, We will hear you again concerning this. ³³And so Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴But some men believed, joining themselves to him, among whom also *were* both Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

CHAPTER 18

¹And after these things, departing from Athens, Paul came to Corinth. ²And finding a certain Jew named Aquila, of Pontus by race, having recently come from Italy *with* his wife Priscilla—because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome—he came to them. ³And because *he* was of the same trade, he lived and worked with them; for they were tent-makers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue on every sabbath persuading both Jews and Greeks.

⁵And when both Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was pressed by the Spirit, earnestly testifying to the Jews *that* Jesus *is* the Christ. ⁶But

they having resisted, and blaspheming, having shaken *his* garments, he said to them, Your blood *be* on your head. *I am pure from it*; from now on I will go to the nations. ⁷And moving from there, he went into *the* house of one named Justus, *one* worshiping God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸And Crispus, the synagogue ruler, believed the Lord along with all his household. And hearing, many of the Corinthians believed and were baptized. ⁹And the Lord said to Paul through a vision in *the* night, Do not fear, but speak, and do not keep silence; ¹⁰because I am with you, and no one shall set on you to oppress you; because there is much people to Me in this city. ¹¹And he remained a year and six months teaching the word of God among them.

¹²But Gallio *being* proconsul of Achaia, the Jews rushed against Paul with one passion, and led him to the tribunal, ¹³saying, This one persuades men to worship God contrary to the Law. ¹⁴But Paul being about to open *his* mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, If, indeed, then, it was some wrong or wicked criminality, O Jews, according to reason I would endure you. ¹⁵But if it is a question about a word, and names, and the law according to you, you will see to *it* yourselves; for I do not wish to be a judge of these things. ¹⁶And he drove them from the tribunal. ¹⁷And all the Greeks having seized Sosthenes the ruler of the synagogue, they beat *him* before the tribunal. And not one of these things mattered to Gallio.

¹⁸And having remained many days more, having taken leave of the brothers, Paul sailed to Syria—and Priscilla and Aquila *were* with him—having shaved *his* head in Cenchrea, for he had a vow. ¹⁹And he came to Ephesus, and he left those there. But he going into the synagogue, he reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰And they asking *him* to remain over a longer time with them, he did not agree; ²¹but took leave of them, saying, I must by all means keep the coming feast at Jerusalem; but I will come again to you, God willing. And he sailed from Ephesus. ²²And landing at Caesarea, having gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch. ²³And spending some time,

he went out, in order passing through the Galatian and Phrygian country, making strong all the disciples.

²⁴But a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus, being powerful in the Scriptures. ²⁵This one was taught by mouth in the way of the Lord; and *being* fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things about the Lord, having understood only the baptism of John. ²⁶And this one began to speak boldly in the synagogue. And hearing him Priscilla and Aquila took him and more accurately expounded the way of God to him. ²⁷And he having intended to go through into Achaia, having been encouraged the brothers wrote to the disciples to welcome him; who, having arrived much helped those who were believing through grace. ²⁸For he powerfully confuted the Jews publicly, proving through the Scriptures Jesus to be the Christ.

CHAPTER 19

¹And it happened, in the *time* Apollos was in Corinth, Paul *was* passing through the higher parts to come to Ephesus. And finding some disciples, ²he said to them, Believing, did you receive *the* Holy Spirit? And they said to him, We did not even hear whether *the* Holy Spirit is. ³And he said to them, Then to what were you baptized? And they said, To the baptism of John. ⁴And Paul said, John indeed baptized *with* a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe into the *One* coming after him; that is, into the Christ, Jesus. ⁵And hearing, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And Paul laying hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke in languages and prophesied. ⁷And all the men were about twelve.

⁸And going into the synagogue, he spoke boldly over three months, having reasoned with *them*, and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. ⁹But when some were hardened, and did not obey, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, departing from them He separated the disciples, conversing day by day in the school of a certain

Tyrannus. ¹⁰And this happened over two years, so as all those living in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. ¹¹And God did uncommon works of power through the hands of Paul, ¹²so as even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin to be brought onto those sick, and the diseases to be released from them; and the evil spirits to go out from them.

¹³But certain from the strolling Jews, exorcists, undertook to name the name of the Lord Jesus over those having evil spirits, saying, We exorcise you *by* Jesus whom Paul preaches. ¹⁴And there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, doing this. ¹⁵But answering the evil spirit said, I know Jesus, and I comprehend Paul, but who are you? ¹⁶And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them; and overcoming them, he was strong against them, so that they fled out of the house naked, and having been wounded.

¹⁷And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, those living in Ephesus. And fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. ¹⁸And many of those who had believed came confessing, and declaring their deeds. ¹⁹And many of the ones practicing the curious arts, bringing together the books, burned *them* before all. And they counted the prices of them, and found *it to be* five ten thousands of silver. ²⁰So with might, the word of the Lord increased and was strong.

²¹And when these things were fulfilled, passing through Macedonia and Achaia, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have come there, I must also see Rome. ²²And sending into Macedonia two who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, he stayed a time in Asia.

²³And about that time there was no little disturbance about the Way. ²⁴For a certain silversmith named Demetrius *was* making silver shrines of Artemis, providing no little trade *for* the craftsmen. ²⁵And assembling the workmen about such things, he said, Men, you understand that from this trade is our wealth. ²⁶And you see and hear that not only Ephesus, but almost all of Asia persuading this Paul perverted a huge crowd,

saying that those being made by hands are not gods. ²⁷And not only is this dangerous to us, *lest our part come to be in contempt*, but also the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be counted nothing, and her majesty is also about to be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worships.

²⁸And hearing, and having become full of anger, they cried out, saying, *Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!* ²⁹And all the city was filled with confusion. And they rushed with one passion into the theater, keeping a firm grip on Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, traveling companions of Paul. ³⁰And Paul intending to go in to the mob, the disciples did not allow him. ³¹And also some of the Asiarchs, being his friends, sending to him begged *him* not to give himself into the theater. ³²Then others indeed cried out a different thing, for the assembly was confused; and the majority did not know on what account they came together.

³³But they dragged Alexander forward out of the crowd, the Jews pushing him in front. And waving *his* hand, Alexander desired to defend himself to the mob. ³⁴But knowing that he is a Jew, one voice was from all, as *they were* crying out over two hours, *Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!* ³⁵And quieting the crowd, the town clerk said, Men, Ephesians, for what man is there who does not know the city of the Ephesians to be temple-keepers of the great goddess Artemis, and of That Fallen From the Heaven? ³⁶Then these things being undeniable, it is necessary for you having been calmed to be *so*, and to do nothing rash. ³⁷For you brought these men, neither temple-robbers nor blaspheming your goddess. ³⁸If then, indeed, Demetrius and those craftsmen with him have a matter against anyone, courts are being *held*, and there are proconsuls. Let them accuse one another. ³⁹But if you seek concerning other things, it will be settled in a lawful assembly. ⁴⁰For we are in danger to be accused of insurrection concerning today; there being no cause about which we will be able to give account of this crowding together. ⁴¹And saying these things, he dismissed the assembly.

CHAPTER 20

¹And after the ceasing of the tumult, having called the disciples, and having greeted *them*, Paul went away to go into Macedonia. ²And passing through those parts, and exhorting them with much speech, he came into Greece. ³And spending three months there, a plot by the Jews being *against* him, being about to sail into Syria, he was of a mind to return through Macedonia. ⁴And Sopater, a Berean; and Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians; and Gaius of Derbe; and Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia accompanied him as far as Asia. ⁵Going forward, these awaited us in Troas. ⁶But we sailed along after the days of unleavened *bread* from Philippi, and came to them at Troas *in* five days, where we stayed seven days.

⁷And on the first of the week, the disciples having been assembled to break bread, being about to depart on the morrow, Paul reasoned to them. And he continued his speech until midnight. ⁸And many lamps were in the upper room where they were gathered. ⁹And a certain young man named Eutychus *was* sitting on the window sill, being overcome by deep sleep, Paul reasoning for a longer time, being overcome by the sleep, he fell from the third floor down, and was taken up dead. ¹⁰But going down Paul fell on him, and embracing *him*, *he* said, Do not be terrified; for his soul is in him. ¹¹And going up, and breaking bread, and tasting, and conversing over a long *time*, until daybreak, he went out thus. ¹²And they brought the boy alive, and were comforted not a little.

¹³But going before onto the ship, we set sail for Assos, being about to take Paul in there; for so it had been arranged, he being about to go on foot. ¹⁴And when he met us in Assos, taking him up we came to Mitylene. ¹⁵And sailing away from there, on the next *day* we arrived off Chios, and on the next we crossed to Samos. And remaining at Trogyllium, the next *day* we came to Miletus. ¹⁶For Paul had decided to sail by Ephesus, so as it might not happen to him to spend time in Asia; for

he hastened if it were possible for him to be in Jerusalem *on* the day of Pentecost.

¹⁷And sending to Ephesus from Miletus, he called for the elders of the church.

¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

You understand, from *the* first day *on* which I set foot in Asia, how I was with you all the time, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility, and many tears and trials happening to me by the plots of the Jews; ²⁰as I kept nothing back of what is profitable, *so as* not to tell you; and to teach you publicly, and from house to house, ²¹earnestly testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I being bound by the Spirit go to Jerusalem, not knowing the things going to meet me in it, ²³but that the Holy Spirit testifies city by city saying that bonds and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I make no account, nor do I hold my soul precious to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus Christ, fully to testify the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that you all will see my face no more, among whom I went about proclaiming the kingdom of God. ²⁶Because of this I testify to you on this day that I am pure from the blood of all. ²⁷For I did not keep back from declaring to you all the counsel of God. ²⁸Then take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit placed you *as* overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which He purchased through *His* own blood. ²⁹For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will rise up men speaking perverted things, in order to draw away the disciples after themselves.

³¹Because of this watch, remembering that I did not cease admonishing each one with tears night and day *for* three years.

³²And now, brothers, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build up and to give you inheritance among all those having been sanctified. ³³I have desired *the* silver, or gold, or clothing of no one. ³⁴But you

yourselves know that these hands ministered to my needs, and to those who were with me. ³⁵I showed you all things, that working in this way we ought to help those being weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. ³⁶And saying these things, placing his knees, he prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping of all, and falling on the neck of Paul, they ardently kissed him, ³⁸most of all grieving for the word which he said, that they were going to see his face no more. And they went with him to the ship.

CHAPTER 21

¹And when it was *time* to sail, we having been torn away from them, running direct we came to Coos; and on the next *day* to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. ²And finding a ship crossing over to Phoenice, going on board we set sail, and sighting Cyprus, and leaving it on the left, we sailed to Syria, and came down to Tyre; for the ship was unloading the cargo there. ⁴And finding disciples, we remained there seven days; who told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. ⁵But when it was *time for* us to complete the days, going out we traveled. *And they*, with all *the* women and children went with us as far as outside the city. And placing the knees on the shore, we prayed. ⁶And giving parting greetings to one another, we went up into the ship; and those went back to their own.

⁷And completing the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais. And having greeted the brothers, we remained one day with them. ⁸And on the morrow, those around *him* going out, Paul came to Caesarea. And going into the house of Philip the evangelist, *he* being of the Seven, we stayed with him. ⁹And there were four virgin daughters to this one, who prophesied. ¹⁰And we remaining more days, a certain prophet from Judea named Agabus came down. ¹¹And coming to us, and taking Paul's girdle, and binding his hands and feet, he said, The Holy Spirit says these *things*: In Jerusalem the Jews will bind in this way the man whose girdle this is, and will deliver *him* up into *the*

hands of *the* Gentiles. ¹²And when we heard these things, both we and those of *the* place begged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³But Paul answered, What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I not only am ready to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁴And he not being persuaded, we were silent, saying, The will of the Lord be *done*.

¹⁵And after these days, having made ready, we went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶And also *some* of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing Mnason, a certain Cypriot, an ancient disciple, with whom we might lodge. ¹⁷And we being in Jerusalem, the brothers joyfully received us. ¹⁸And on the next *day*, Paul went in with us to James. And all the elders came. ¹⁹And having greeted them, he related one by one what things God had worked among the nations through his ministry. ²⁰And hearing, they glorified the Lord, and said to him, You see, brother, how many myriads there are of Jews that have believed, and all are zealous ones of the Law. ²¹And they were informed about you, that you teach falling away from Moses, telling all the Jews throughout the nations not to circumcise their children, nor to walk in the customs. ²²What then is it? At all events, a multitude must come together; for they will hear that you have come. ²³Then do this, what we say to you: There are four men who have a vow on themselves; ²⁴taking these, be purified with them, and be at expense on them, that they may shave the head. And all shall know that all what they have been told about you is nothing, but you yourself walk orderly, keeping the Law. ²⁵And as to the believing nations, we joined in writing, judging them to observe no such thing, except to keep themselves from both idol sacrifice, and the blood, and a thing strangled, and *from* fornication. ²⁶Then taking the men on the next day, being purified with them, Paul went into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of the purification, until the offering should be offered for each one of them.

²⁷But when the seven days were about to be completed, having seen him in the temple, the Jews from Asia stirred up all

the crowd, and laid hands on him, ²⁸crying out, Men, Israelites, help! This is the man who teaches all everywhere against the people and the Law and this place. And even more, *he* also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place. ²⁹For they had before seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, whom they supposed that Paul brought into the temple. ³⁰And the whole city was moved, and there was a running together of people. And having laid hold of Paul, they drew him outside of the temple, and at once the doors were shut. ³¹But as they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the chiliarch of the cohort, that all Jerusalem is in a tumult. ³²*He* at once ran down to them, taking soldiers and centurions. And seeing the chiliarch and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. ³³Then going near, the chiliarch laid hold of him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains. And *he* asked who he might be, and what he is doing. ³⁴But others cried something else in the crowd, and not being able to know the certainty because of the uproar, he commanded him brought into the fortress.

³⁵But when he came on the stairs, it happened he was borne by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd. ³⁶For the multitude of the people followed, crying out, Take him away! ³⁷But being about to be brought into the fortress, Paul said to the chiliarch, Is it lawful for me to say a thing to you? And he said, Do you know *to speak* in Greek? ³⁸Then are you not the Egyptian who before these days caused a riot, and led four thousand men of the assassins out into the desert? ³⁹But Paul said, Indeed I am a man, a Jew of Tarsus, of Cilicia, a citizen *of* no mean city. And I beg you, allow me to speak to the people. ⁴⁰And he allowing him, standing on the stairs Paul signaled with *his* hand to the people. And much silence taking place, he spoke in the Hebrew dialect, saying,

CHAPTER 22

¹Men, brothers, and fathers, hear my defense now to you.

²And hearing that he spoke in the

Hebrew dialect to them, they showed more quietness. And he said:

³Indeed I am a man, a Jew having been born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but having been brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel; having been trained according to the exactness of the ancestral law, being a zealous one of God, even as you all are today. ⁴I persecuted this Way as far as death, binding and delivering up both men and women to prisons; ⁵as also the high priest and all the elderhood witnesses to me. And having received letters from *them* to the brothers, I traveled into Damascus even to lead those to Jerusalem being bound there in order that they might be punished. ⁶And it happened to me, traveling and drawing near to Damascus: suddenly, about midday, a great light out of the heaven shone around me. ⁷And I fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? ⁸And I answered, Who are you, Sir? And He said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene whom you persecute. ⁹But those being with me indeed saw the light, and were alarmed, but did not hear His voice speaking to me. ¹⁰And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Rising up, go into Damascus, and there you will be told about all things which are appointed to you to do. ¹¹And as I did not see, from the glory of that light, being led by the hand by those being with me, I went into Damascus.

¹²And a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the Law, testified *to* by all the Jews living *there*, ¹³coming to me and standing by, *he* said to me, Brother Saul, look up. And in the same hour I looked up on him. ¹⁴And he said, The God of our fathers appointed you to know His will, and to see the Just One, and to hear a voice out of His mouth; ¹⁵for you shall be a witness for Him to all men, of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶And now what do you intend? Rising up, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord. ¹⁷And it happened to me, *I* returning to Jerusalem and praying in the temple: I became in an ecstasy, ¹⁸and I saw Him saying to me, Hurry and go out quickly from Jerusalem, because they will not receive your testimony con-

cerning Me. ¹⁹And I said, Lord, they understand that I was imprisoning and beating the ones believing on You throughout the synagogues. ²⁰And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was poured out, I myself also was standing by and consenting to his execution, and holding the garments of those killing him. ²¹And He said to me, Go, for I will send you to the nations afar off.

²²And they heard him until this word, and lifted up their voice, saying, Take such a one from the earth, for it is not fitting that he should live! ²³And they shouting, and tearing the garments, and throwing dust into the air, ²⁴the chiliarch ordered to bring him into the fortress, saying for him to be examined with scourges, that he may know for what crime they cried out so against him.

²⁵But as they stretched him with the thongs, Paul said to the centurion standing by, Is it lawful for you to flog a man, even a Roman not found guilty? ²⁶And hearing, coming near the centurion reported to the chiliarch, saying, Watch what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman. ²⁷And coming up, the chiliarch said to him, Tell me, are you a Roman? And he said, Yes. ²⁸And the chiliarch answered, I bought this citizenship with a great sum. And Paul said, But I even was born *free*. ²⁹Then at once those being about to examine him stood away from him. And the chiliarch also feared, fully knowing that he was a Roman, and that he had bound him.

³⁰And on the morrow, desiring to know the certainty *as to* why he was accused by the Jews, he freed him from the bonds. And *he* commanded the chief priests and all their sanhedrin to come. And bringing Paul down, *he* set *him* among them.

CHAPTER 23

¹And looking on the sanhedrin, Paul said, Men, brothers, I in all good conscience have conducted myself toward God to this day. ²But Ananias the high priest ordered those standing by him to strike his mouth. ³Then Paul said to him, God is going to strike you, whitened wall! And do you sit judging me according to

the Law, and contrary to the Law command me to be stricken? ⁴And those standing by said, Do you revile the high priest of God? ⁵And Paul said, Brothers, I did not know that he is high priest; for it has been written, "You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people." ⁶But knowing that the one part consisted of Sadducees, and the other of Pharisees, Paul cried out in the sanhedrin, Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am being judged concerning hope and resurrection of *the dead*! ⁷And *he* having spoken this, there was a discord between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the multitude was divided. ⁸For the Sadducees indeed say there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit. But Pharisees confess both. ⁹And there was a great cry. And the scribes of the part of the Pharisees rising up, they were contending, saying, We find nothing evil in this man. And, If a spirit spoke to him, or an angel, let us not fight against God. ¹⁰And discord having arisen, fearing lest Paul should be torn by them, the chiliarch commanded the soldiery to go down to snatch him out of their midst, and to bring *him* into the fortress.

¹¹And coming to him in the following night the Lord said, Be cheered, Paul, for as you fully testified the things concerning Me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify at Rome.

¹²And day having come about, some of the Jews making a conspiracy cursed themselves, saying neither to eat nor to drink until they should kill Paul. ¹³And those making this plot were more than forty; ¹⁴who coming near to the chief priests and to the elders said, With a curse we have cursed ourselves to taste of nothing until we may kill Paul. ¹⁵Now, then, you with the sanhedrin inform the chiliarch, so that tomorrow he may bring him down to you, as intending more accurately to find out about him. And before his drawing near, we are ready to kill him.

¹⁶But the son of Paul's sister hearing of the ambush, having come near and entering into the fortress, reported to Paul.

¹⁷And calling near one of the centurions,

Paul said, Bring this young man to the chiliarch, for he has something to report to him. ¹⁸Then indeed taking him, he brought *him* to the chiliarch, and said, Paul the prisoner having called me near asked me to bring this young man to you, having a thing to tell you. ¹⁹And laying hold of his hand, and drawing aside privately, the chiliarch asked, What is *it* that you have to report to me? ²⁰And he said, The Jews agreed to ask you that tomorrow you bring down Paul into the sanhedrin, as being about to inquire more accurately concerning him. ²¹Therefore, you *must* not be not persuaded by them, for more than forty men of them lie in wait for him, who put themselves under a curse neither to eat nor to drink until they kill him. And now they are ready, awaiting the promise from you. ²²Then the chiliarch sent away the young man, charging *him*, Tell no one that you reported these things to me.

²³And having called near a certain two of the centurions, he said, Get two hundred soldiers ready, so that they may go to Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, from the third hour of the night; ²⁴and animals to stand by, so that setting Paul on, they may bring *him* to Felix the governor. ²⁵For *he* was writing a letter, having this form:

²⁶Claudius Lysias to the most excellent governor, Felix, greeting: ²⁷This man being seized by the Jews, and being about to be killed by them, coming on with the soldiers I rescued him, learning that he was a Roman. ²⁸And being minded to know the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their sanhedrin; ²⁹I found *him* to be accused concerning questions of their law, and having no charge worthy of death or of bonds. ³⁰And it being revealed to me that a plot against the man was about to be *executed* by the Jews, I at once sent to you, also commanding the accusers to say the things against him before you. Farewell.

³¹Then indeed taking up Paul according to the thing appointed to them, the soldiers brought *him* through the night to Antipatris. ³²And on the morrow, allowing

the horsemen to go with him, they returned to the fortress. ³³Entering into Caesarea, and giving the letter to the governor, *they* also presented Paul to him. ³⁴And reading *it*, the governor asked from what province he is. And having learned that *he was* from Cilicia, ³⁵he said, I will hear you fully when your accusers arrive. And *he* commanded him to be kept in the praetorium of Herod.

CHAPTER 24

¹And after five days Ananias the high priest came down with the elders, and a certain orator, Tertullus, who made a statement to the governor against Paul. ²And Tertullus being called, he began to accuse, saying, ³Obtaining much peace through you, and excellent accomplishments having come to this nation due to your forethought, in everything and everywhere we accept with all thankfulness, most excellent Felix. ⁴But that I not hinder you more, I beseech you to hear us briefly in your fairness. ⁵For finding this man pestilent, and moving insurrection among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the Nazarene sect; ⁶who also attempted to profane the temple; whom we also seized and wished to judge according to our law; ⁷but Lysias the chiliarch coming up with much force took him away out of our hands, commanding his accusers to come to you; ⁸from whom you will be able yourself to know, having examined as to all these things of which we accuse him. ⁹And the Jews also joined in, alleging these things to be so. ¹⁰But the governor signaling to him to speak, Paul answered:

Understanding you as being a judge to this nation many years, I cheerfully defend myself *as to* the things concerning myself. ¹¹You *are* able to know that not more than twelve days are to me since I went worshiping in Jerusalem; ¹²and neither did they find me reasoning with anyone in the temple, or making a gathering of a crowd; neither in the synagogues, nor throughout the city; ¹³nor are they able to prove that concerning which they now accuse me. ¹⁴But I confess this to you, that according to the Way, which they say is a sect, so I worship the ancestral God,

believing all things according to that having been written *in* the Law and the Prophets, ¹⁵having hope toward God, which these themselves also admit, *of* a resurrection being about to be *of the* dead, both of just and unjust ones. ¹⁶And in this I exercise myself to have always a blameless conscience toward God and men. ¹⁷And after many years I arrived doing alms and offerings to my nation, ¹⁸among which they found me purified in the temple, not with a crowd, nor with tumult, *but by* some Jews from Asia, ¹⁹who ought to be present before you and to accuse, if they have anything against me. ²⁰Or these themselves say if they found anything unjust in me, I standing before the sanhedrin, ²¹than concerning this one voice which I cried out standing among them, that I am being judged today before you concerning a resurrection of *the* dead.

²²And hearing these things, Felix put them off, knowing more accurately about the Way, saying, When Lysias the chiliarch comes down, I will examine the things as to you. ²³And having ordered the centurion to keep Paul, and to have ease, and not to forbid anyone of his own to minister or to come to him.

²⁴And after some days, Felix having arrived with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess, he sent for Paul. And *he* heard him concerning the faith in Christ. ²⁵And he having reasoned concerning righteousness and self-control, and the Judgment that is about to be, becoming afraid Felix answered, For the present, go; but taking time later, I will call for you; ²⁶and with it all also hoping that silver would be given to him by Paul, that he might free him. Because of this *he* also more frequently sent for him *and* conversed with him. ²⁷But two years being completed, Felix welcomed a successor, Porcius Festus. And wishing to show a favor to the Jews, Felix left Paul bound.

CHAPTER 25

¹Then entering the province, after three days Festus went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. ²And the high priest and the chief of the Jews made a statement before him against Paul, and they begged him,

³asking a favor against him, so as he might send for him to Jerusalem, making a plot to kill him on the way. ⁴Then indeed Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, he himself even being about to go shortly. ⁵Then he said, those having power among you may go down with *me*. If there is a thing amiss in this man, let them accuse him.

⁶And remaining among them more than ten days, going down to Caesarea, on the next day sitting on the tribunal, he ordered Paul to be brought. ⁷And he having arrived, the Jews coming down from Jerusalem stood around, also bringing many weighty charges against Paul, which they were not able to prove. ⁸Defending himself, *Paul* said, Neither against the Law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I sinned *in* anything. ⁹But desiring to show a favor to the Jews, answering Paul, Festus said, Do you desire to go up to Jerusalem to be judged before me there about these things? ¹⁰But Paul said, I am standing before the tribunal of Caesar where I ought to be judged. I did nothing to the Jews, as also you very well know. ¹¹For if I indeed do wrong and have done anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is nothing of which they accuse me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar. ¹²Then conferring with the sanhedrin, Festus answered, You have appealed to Caesar; you shall go before Caesar.

¹³And some days having passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea, greeting Festus. ¹⁴And when they stayed there more days, Festus set out to the king the things as to Paul, saying, A certain man has been left a prisoner by Felix, ¹⁵about whom, on my being in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews made a statement, asking judgment against him; ¹⁶to whom I answered, It is not a custom with Romans to give up any man to destruction before the *one* being accused may have the accusers face to face, and may receive place of defense concerning the charge. ¹⁷Then they coming together here, making no delay, sitting on the tribunal on the next *day*, I commanded the man to be

brought; ¹⁸about whom, standing up, the accusers brought no charge of which I suspected, ¹⁹but they had certain questions about *their* own demon-worship, and about a certain Jesus dying, whom Paul claimed to live.

²⁰And being puzzled as to this inquiry, I said, Did he desire to go to Jerusalem, and to be judged there concerning these things?

²¹But Paul having appealed for himself to be kept to the examination of Augustus, I commanded him to be held until I might send him to Caesar. ²²And Agrippa said to Festus, I also was myself minded to hear the man. And he said, Tomorrow you shall hear him.

²³Then on the next day, Agrippa and Bernice coming with much pomp and entering into the auditorium, with both the chiliarchs and the chief men, being of the city; also Festus commanding, Paul was led out. ²⁴And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all those men present with us, you see this one about whom all the multitude of the Jews pleaded with me both here and in Jerusalem, crying out that he ought to live no longer. ²⁵But I having perceived nothing he had done worthy of death, also this one himself having appealed to Augustus, I decided to send him; ²⁶about whom I have nothing certain to write to *my* lord. Because of this I brought him before you, and most of all before you, king Agrippa, so as the examination taking place, I may have somewhat to write. ²⁷For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner, and not also to signify the charges against him.

CHAPTER 26

¹And Agrippa said to Paul, It is allowed for you yourself to speak. Then Paul made a defense, stretching out the hand:

²Concerning all of which I am accused by Jews, king Agrippa, I count myself happy being about to make defense before you today, ³you being most of all expert, knowing of all the customs and questions also among the Jews. Because of this, I beg you patiently to hear me. ⁴Truly, then, all the Jews know my way of life from youth, which from *the* beginning had been in my nation in Jerusalem; ⁵who before knew me from the first, if they will

testify, that according to the most exact sect of our religion, I lived a Pharisee. ⁶And now for *the* hope of the promise having been made by God to the fathers, I stand being judged; ⁷to which our twelve tribes hope to arrive, worshiping in earnestness night and day; concerning which hope I am accused by the Jews, king Agrippa. ⁸Why is it judged unbelievable by you if God raises *the* dead? ⁹Indeed, I then thought to myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus the Nazarene. ¹⁰Which I also did in Jerusalem; I also shut up many of the saints in prisons, receiving authority from the chief priests; and they being put to death, I cast a vote. ¹¹And often punishing them through all the synagogues, I compelled *them* to blaspheme. And being exceedingly furious against them, I even persecuted as far as the outside cities.

¹²In which also traveling to Damascus with authority and decision-power from the chief priests, ¹³at midday along the highway, *O* king, I and those with me saw a light from heaven shining around me, above the brightness of the sun. ¹⁴And all of us falling to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew dialect, Saul, Saul why do you persecute Me? *It is* hard for you to kick against the prods. ¹⁵And I said, Who are you, Sir? And He said, I am Jesus whom you persecute; ¹⁶but rise up and stand on your feet, for *it is* for this reason I appeared to you, to appoint you a servant and a witness both of what you saw, and in what I shall appear to you, ¹⁷having delivered you from the people and the nations, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸to open their eyes, and to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the authority of Satan to God; in order that they *may* receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among those being sanctified by faith in Me. ¹⁹Upon this, king Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision; ²⁰but to those first in Damascus, and Jerusalem, and to all the country of Judea, and to the nations, I announced *the command* to repent and to turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance. ²¹Because of these things, having seized *me* in the Temple, the Jews tried to kill *me*. ²²Then obtain-

ing help from God, I stand until this day, witnessing both to small and to great, saying nothing else than what the prophets and Moses also said was going to happen: ²³*that* Christ *was* to suffer, *that* by a resurrection of *the* dead He was first going to proclaim light to the people and to the nations.

²⁴And he defending himself *with* these things, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, You rave! Your many letters turned *you* into madness. ²⁵But he said, Not to madness, most excellent Festus, but I speak words of truth and sanity. ²⁶For the king understands about these things, to whom I speak, even being bold of speech. For I am persuaded not any of these things are hidden *from* him, nothing. For *the* doing of this is not in a corner. ²⁷Do you believe the prophets, king Agrippa? I know that you believe. ²⁸And Agrippa said to Paul, Do you persuade me to become a Christian in *but* a little?

²⁹And Paul said, I would pray to God, both in a little and in much, not only you, but also these hearing me today to become as I also am, except for these bonds. ³⁰And he saying these things, the king and the governor and Bernice rose up, and those who sat with them. ³¹And withdrawing, they spoke to one another saying, This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds. ³²And Agrippa said to Festus, This man was able to have been let go, if he had not appealed to Caesar.

CHAPTER 27

¹And when it was decided for us to sail to Italy, they delivered up both Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of a cohort of Augustus. ²And boarding a ship of Adramyttium which was about to sail alongside Asian places, we set sail; Aristarchus a Macedonian of Thessalonica being with us. ³And on the next *day* we landed at Sidon. And treating Paul kindly, Julius allowed *him* to go to *his* friends to receive care. ⁴And setting sail from there, we sailed close to Cyprus, because of the winds being contrary.

⁵And sailing over the sea against Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra of Lycia. ⁶And the centurion finding there

an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, he put us into it. ⁷And in many days, sailing slowly and with difficulty, hardly coming against Cnidus, the wind not allowing us, we sailed close to Crete against Salmone. ⁸And coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a certain place named Fair Havens, near to which was a city, Lasea.

⁹And much time having passed, and the voyage already being dangerous, because the Fast already had gone by, Paul warned them, ¹⁰saying, Men, I see that the voyage is about to be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and of the ship, but also of our souls.

¹¹But the centurion was rather persuaded by the helmsman and the shipmaster, than by the things spoken by Paul. ¹²And the port not being fit for wintering, the most gave counsel to set sail from there, if somehow they may be able to pass the winter, arriving at Phoenixe, a port of Crete looking toward *the* southwest and toward *the* northwest. ¹³And a south wind blowing gently, thinking to have gained the purpose, raising *anchor* they sailed along close by Crete.

¹⁴And not much after, a stormy wind being called Euroclydon beat down *on* it. ¹⁵And the ship being seized, and not being able to beat against the wind, giving way we were borne along. ¹⁶But running under an islet being called Clauda, we were hardly able to get mastery of the boat; ¹⁷which taking, they used helps, undergirding the ship. And fearing lest they fall into Syrtis, lowering the tackle, so they were borne along.

¹⁸But we having been exceedingly storm-tossed, they made a casting on the next day. ¹⁹And on the third *day* they threw out the ship's tackle with their hands. ²⁰And neither sun nor stars appearing over many days, and no small tempest pressing hard, now all hope of our being saved was taken away. ²¹And there being much fasting, then standing up in their midst, Paul said, Truly, O men, being obedient to me *you* ought not to have set sail from Crete, and to have come by this injury and loss. ²²And now I exhort you to be cheered, for there will be no casting away of soul from among you, only of the ship. ²³For tonight stood by me an angel

of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, ²⁴saying, Do not fear, Paul, You must stand before Caesar. And, behold, God has granted to you all those sailing with you. ²⁵Therefore, be cheered, men, for I believe God, that it will be so, according to the way it was spoken to me. ²⁶But we must fall on a certain island.

²⁷And when *the* fourteenth night came, we being carried about in the Adriatic *Sea*, toward the middle of the night the sailors supposed *us* to come near some country. ²⁸And sounding, they found twenty fathoms; and moving a little and sounding again, they found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹And fearing lest they should fall on rock places, and casting four anchors out of *the* stern, they wished day to come. ³⁰But the sailors seeking to flee out of the ship, and lowering the boat into the sea, pretending to be about to cast out anchors from *the* prow, ³¹Paul said to the centurion, and to the soldiers, Unless these remain in the ship, you cannot be saved. ³²Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let it fall.

³³And until day was about to come, Paul begged all to partake of food, saying, Today *is* *the* fourteenth day you continued waiting without food, not having taken anything. ³⁴Because of this I beg you to take of food, for this is to your deliverance; for not a hair of your head shall perish. ³⁵And saying these things, and taking bread, he gave thanks to God before all; and breaking, he began to eat.

³⁶And all having become cheered, they took food. ³⁷And we were, all the souls in the ship, two hundred seventy-six. ³⁸And being filled *with* food, they lightened the ship, throwing the wheat out into the sea.

³⁹And when day came, they did not recognize the land, but they noted a certain bay having a shore, into which they purposed, if they were able, to drive the ship. ⁴⁰And casting off the anchors, they left *them* in the sea, at the same time loosening the bands of the rudders, and raising the foresail to the breeze, they held to the shore. ⁴¹And coming on a place between two seas, they drove the vessel. And indeed the prow having stuck firmly, *it* remained. But the stern was broken by the violence of the waves. ⁴²And the

mind of the soldiers was that they should kill the prisoners, lest any swimming out should escape. ⁴³But being minded to save Paul, the centurion kept them back *from their purpose*, and commanded those able to swim, first casting *themselves* overboard, to go out on the land. ⁴⁴And the rest *went*, some indeed on boards, and others on some of the things from the ship. And so it happened that all *were saved* on the land.

CHAPTER 28

¹And being saved, then they knew that the island is called Melita. ²And the foreigners *were* showing not the common kindness to us, for having kindled a fire because of the rain coming on, and because of the cold, they welcomed us all. ³And Paul gathering a bunch of sticks, and putting *them* on the fire, a snake coming out from the heat fastened on his hand. ⁴And when the foreigners saw the beast hanging from his hand, they said to one another, By all means this man is a murderer, whom being saved out of the sea, Justice did not permit to live. ⁵Then he indeed shaking the beast off into the fire, *he* suffered no harm. ⁶But they expected him to be about to become inflamed, or suddenly to fall down dead. But over much *time*, they expecting and seeing nothing amiss happening to him, changing their minds, they said him to be a god.

⁷And in the *parts* about that place were lands to the chief of the island, Publius by name. Welcoming us, *he* housed us three days in a friendly way. ⁸And it happened the father of Publius was lying down, suffering from fevers and dysentery; to whom Paul, entering and praying, laying on his hands, cured him. ⁹Then, this taking place, the rest who *were* having infirmities in the island also came up, and *they were healed*. ¹⁰*They* also honored us with many honors. And on *our* setting sail, they laid on *us* the things for *our* need.

¹¹And after three months we sailed in a ship which had wintered in the island, an Alexandrian with an ensign, *The Twin Brothers*. ¹²And landing at Syracuse, we remained three days. ¹³Going around

from there, we arrived at Rhegium. And after one day, a south wind having come on, on the second we came to Puteoli; ¹⁴where finding brothers, we were begged by them to remain seven days. And so we went toward Rome.

¹⁵And the brothers from there hearing about us, *they came* out to meet us, as far as *the market-place* of Appius, and Three Taverns; whom Paul seeing, thanking God, he took courage.

¹⁶And when we went into Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the camp commander. But Paul was allowed to remain by himself, with the soldier guarding him.

¹⁷And after three days, it happened that Paul called together those being chief of the Jews. And they coming together, he said to them, Men, brothers, I did nothing contrary to the people, or to the ancestral customs. I was delivered a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans; ¹⁸who examining me were of a mind to let me go, because no cause of death was in. But the Jews speaking against *it*, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not as having anything to accuse my nation. ²⁰On account of this, then, I called for you, to see and to speak to *you*. For I have this chain around *me* for the sake of the hope of Israel. ²¹And they said to him, We neither received letters concerning you from the Jews, nor having arrived has any one of the brothers reported or spoken anything evil concerning you. ²²But we think *it* fitting to hear from you *as to* what you think, for truly as concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere.

²³And having appointed him a day, more came to him in the lodging, to whom he expounded, earnestly testifying the kingdom of God, and persuading them the things concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning until evening. ²⁴And some indeed were persuaded by that being said; others disbelieved. ²⁵And disagreeing with one another, they were let go, Paul saying one word: Well did the Holy Spirit speak through the prophet Isaiah to our fathers, ²⁶saying, "Go to this people and say, You will surely hear, and not at all

understand; and you will surely see, and not at all perceive; ²⁷for the heart of this people was fattened, and they have heard with the ears heavily; and they closed their eyes lest at any time they see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.” ²⁸Then let it be known to you that the salvation of God was sent to the nations; and they will

hear. ²⁹And he saying these things, the Jews went away, having much discussion among themselves.

³⁰And Paul remained two whole years in *his* own rented place, and *he* welcomed all those coming in to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, with all freedom, *and* without hindrance.

THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, a slave of Jesus Christ, a called apostle, separated to the gospel of God, ²which He promised before through His prophets in holy Scriptures, ³concerning His Son who came of the seed of David according to flesh, ⁴who was marked out Son of God in power, according to *the* Spirit of holiness, by resurrection of *the* dead, Jesus Christ our Lord; ⁵by whom we received grace and apostleship to obedience of faith among all the nations, for His name's sake, ⁶among whom are you also, called-out ones of Jesus Christ; ⁷to all those who are in Rome, beloved of God, called-out saints, grace and peace to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of in all the world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His Son, how without ceasing I make mention of you ¹⁰always at my prayers, beseeching if by any means now at length I shall be blessed by the will of God to come to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, for the establishing of you; ¹²and this is, to be comforted together among you, through the faith in one another, both yours and mine.

¹³But I do not wish you to be ignorant, brothers, that often I purposed to come to you, and was kept back until the present; that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among the other nations. ¹⁴I am a debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners, both to wise, and to foolish, ¹⁵so as far as in me *lies*, I am eager to preach the gospel to you in Rome also. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is *the* power of God to salvation to everyone believing, both to Jew first, and to Greek; ¹⁷for in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; even as it has been written, "But the just shall live by faith."

¹⁸For God's wrath is revealed from Heaven on all ungodliness and un-

righteousness of men, holding the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because the thing known of God is clearly known within them, for God revealed *it* to them—²⁰for the unseen things of Him from *the* creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things made, both His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse. ²¹Because knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful; but became vain in their reasonings, and their undiscerning heart was darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became foolish, ²³and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into a likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things. ²⁴Because of this, God gave them up to uncleanness in the lusts of their hearts, their bodies to be dishonored among themselves; ²⁵who changed the truth of God into the lie, and worshiped and served the created thing more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶Because of this, God gave them up to dishonorable passions, for even their females changed the natural use to that contrary to nature. ²⁷And likewise, the males also forsaking the natural use of the female burned in their lust toward one another, males with males working out shamefulfulness, and receiving back within themselves the reward which was fitting for their error. ²⁸And even as they did not think fit to have God in *their* knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do the things not right, ²⁹having been filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, iniquity, covetousness, malice; *being* full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, evil habits; *becoming* whisperers, ³⁰slanders, God-haters, insolent, proud, braggarts, devisers of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹without discernment, perfidious, without natural affection, unfor-giving, unmerciful—³²who knowing the righteous order of God, that those practicing such things are worthy of death, not only do them, but also applaud those practicing *them*.

CHAPTER 2

¹Therefore, O man, you are without excuse, everyone who judges, for in that in which you judge the other, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ²But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth on those that practice such things. ³And, O man, the *one* judging those practicing such things, and doing them, do you think that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, and the forbearance and the long-suffering, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵But according to your hardness and *your* impenitent heart, do you treasure up to yourself wrath in a day of wrath, and revelation of a righteous judgment of God, ⁶who will give to each according to his works: ⁷everlasting life truly to those who with patience *in* good work *are* seeking glory and honor and incorruptibility; ⁸but to those even disobeying the truth, out of self-interest, and obeying unrighteousness, *will be* anger and wrath, ⁹trouble and pain on every soul of man that works out evil, both of Jew first, and of Greek. ¹⁰But glory and honor and peace *will be* to everyone that works out good, both to *the* Jew first, and to *the* Greek. ¹¹For there is no respect of persons with God. ¹²For as many as sinned without Law will also perish without Law. And as many as sinned within Law will be judged through Law. ¹³For not the hearers of the law are just with God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. ¹⁴For when nations not having Law do by nature the things of the Law, they not having Law are a law to themselves; ¹⁵who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience witnessing with *them*; and the thoughts between one another accusing or excusing, ¹⁶in a day when God judges the hidden things of men, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ. ¹⁷Behold, you are called a Jew, and rest in the Law, and boast in God, ¹⁸and know the will, and approve the things excelling, being instructed out of the Law; ¹⁹and persuading yourself to be a guide of blind ones, a light to those in darkness, ²⁰an instructor of foolish ones, a teacher of

infants, having the form of knowledge and of the truth in the Law — ²¹then the *one* teaching another, do you not teach yourself? The *one* preaching not to steal, do you steal? ²²The *one* saying not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? The *one* detesting the idols, do you rob temples? ²³*You* who boast in Law, do you dishonor God through transgression of the Law? ²⁴For the name of God is blasphemed among the nations through you, even as it has been written: ²⁵“For indeed circumcision profits if you practice *the* Law, but if you are a transgressor of Law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. ²⁶If, then, the uncircumcision keeps the demands of the Law, *will* not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? ²⁷And will *not* the uncircumcision by nature *by* keeping the Law judge you, the *one who* through letter and circumcision *becomes* transgressor of Law? ²⁸For he is not a Jew that *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that outwardly in flesh; ²⁹but he *is* a Jew that *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is* of heart, in spirit, not in letter; of whom the praise *is* not from men, but from God.

CHAPTER 3

¹What then *is* the superiority of the Jew? Or what the profit of circumcision? ²Much every way. For first, indeed, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief destroy the faith of God? ⁴Let it not be! But let God be true, and every man a liar; even as it has been written, “That You should be justified in Your words, and will overcome in Your being judged.”

⁵But if our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous who lays on wrath? I speak according to man. ⁶Let it not be! Otherwise, how will God judge the world? ⁷For if in my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I yet judged as a sinner? ⁸And not—as we are wrongly accused, and as some report us to say — Let us do bad things so that good things may come, *the* judgment of whom *is* just.

⁹What, then? Do we excel? Not at all!

For we before have charged both Jews and Greeks all *with* being under sin; ¹⁰according as it has been written, "There is none righteous, not one! ¹¹There is none that understands, there is not one that seeks after God. ¹²All turned away; *they* became worthless together; *not one* is doing kindness, not so much as one! ¹³Their throat *is* an opened grave; they used deceit with their tongues; *the* poison of asps *is* under their lips; ¹⁴whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. ¹⁵Their feet *are* swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ruin and misery *are* in their way; ¹⁷and they did not know a way of peace; ¹⁸there is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹But we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those within the Law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world be under judgment to God. ²⁰Because by works of law not one of all flesh will be justified before Him—for through law *is* full knowledge of sin.

²¹But now a righteousness of God has been revealed apart from Law, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²²even the righteousness of God through faith, of Jesus Christ toward all and upon all those believing; for there is no difference, ²³for all sinned and come short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus; ²⁵whom God set forth *as* a propitiation through faith in His blood, for a showing forth of His righteousness through the passing by of the sins that had taken place before, in the forbearance of God; ²⁶for *the* showing forth of His righteousness in the present time, for His being just and justifying the *one* that *is* of *the* faith of Jesus. ²⁷Then where *is* the boasting? It was excluded. Through what law? Of works? No, but through a law of faith. ²⁸Then we conclude a man to be justified by faith without works of Law. ²⁹Or *is* He the God of Jews only, and not also of *the* nations? ³⁰Yes, also of nations, since *it is* one God who will justify circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. ³¹Then do we make Law of no effect through faith? Let it not be! But we establish Law.

CHAPTER 4

¹What then shall we say our father Abraham to have found according to flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has a boast—but not with God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness." ⁴Now *to one* working, the reward is not counted according to grace, but according to debt. ⁵But to the *one* not working, but believing on Him justifying the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. ⁶Even as also David says of the blessedness of the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed *are* those whose lawlessnesses are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed *the* man to whom *the* Lord will in no way charge sin."

⁹*Is* this blessedness then on the circumcision, or also on the uncircumcision? For we say the faith was counted to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰How then was it counted? Being in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision! ¹¹And he received a sign of circumcision *as* a seal of the righteousness of faith *while* in uncircumcision, for him to be a father of those believing through uncircumcision, for righteousness to be counted to them also; ¹²and a father of circumcision to those not of circumcision only, but also to those walking in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham during uncircumcision.

¹³For the promise *was* not through law to Abraham, or to his seed, *for* him to be the heir of the world, but through a righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if those of Law *are* heirs, faith has been made of no effect, and the promise has been destroyed. ¹⁵For the law works out wrath; for where no law is, neither *is* transgression. ¹⁶On account of this, *it is* of faith, that *it be* according to grace, for the promise to be made sure to all the seed—not to that of the Law only, but also to that of *the* faith of Abraham, who is father of us all—¹⁷according as it has been written, "I have appointed you a father of many nations;" — before God, whom he believed, the *One* making the dead live, and

calling the things that are not as *if* they were. ¹⁸*He* against hope believed in hope, for him to become a father of many nations, according to what has been said, "So shall your seed be."

¹⁹And being about a hundred years *old*, not weakening in faith, he did not consider his body to have died already, nor yet the death of Sarah's womb, ²⁰and did not stagger by unbelief at the promise of God, but was empowered by faith, giving glory to God, ²¹and being fully persuaded that what He has promised, He is also able to do. ²²Because of this, it was also counted to him for righteousness. ²³But it was not written for him only, that it was counted to him, ²⁴but also on account of us, to whom it is about to be counted, to the ones believing on Him who has raised our Lord Jesus from *the* dead; ²⁵who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised for our justification.

CHAPTER 5

¹Then being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; ²through whom also we have had access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we glory on the hope of the glory of God. ³And not only so, but we glory also in afflictions, knowing that affliction works out patience, ⁴and patience *works out* proven character; and proven character, hope. ⁵And the hope does not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through *the* Holy Spirit given to us; ⁶for we yet being without strength, in due time Christ died for ungodly ones. ⁷For with difficulty one will die for a just one—for perhaps one even dares to die for the sake of the good one — ⁸but God commends His love to us in *this*, that we being yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more, then, being justified now by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰For if *while* being enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more being reconciled we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹And not only so, but also glorying in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we now received the reconciliation.

¹²Because of this, even as sin entered

the world through one man, and death through sin, so also death passed to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—¹³for sin was in *the* world until Law, but sin is not charged *where* there is no law; ¹⁴but death reigned from Adam until Moses, even on those who had not sinned in the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of the coming *One*. ¹⁵But the free gift *shall* not *be* also like the offense. For if by the offense of the one the many died, much more the grace of God, and the gift in grace, which is of the one Man, Jesus Christ, did abound to the many. ¹⁶And the gift *shall* not *be* as by one having sinned; for indeed the judgment *was* of one to condemnation; but the free gift *is* of many offenses to justification. ¹⁷For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who are receiving the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall rule in life by the One, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸So, then, as through one offense *it was* toward all men to condemnation, so also by one accomplished righteousness toward all men to justification of life. ¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were constituted sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many shall be constituted righteous. ²⁰But Law came in beside, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace much more abounded, ²¹that as sin ruled in death, so also grace might rule through righteousness to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAPTER 6

¹What then shall we say? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ²Let it not be! We who died to sin, how shall we still live in it? ³Or are you ignorant that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that as Christ was raised up from *the* dead by the glory of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been joined together in the likeness of His death, so also shall we be in the resurrection; ⁶knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin

might be nullified, so that we no longer serve sin. ⁷For the *one* that died has been justified from sin. ⁸But if we died with Christ, we believe that also we shall live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ being raised from *the* dead dies no more; death no longer lords it over Him. ¹⁰For in that He died, He died to sin once for all; but in that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹So also you count yourselves to be truly dead to sin, but alive to God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹²Then do not let sin rule in your mortal body, to obey it in its lusts. ¹³Neither yield your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin; but yield yourselves to God as living from *the* dead, and your members instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴For your sin shall not lord it over *you*, for you are not under law, but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law, but under grace? Let it not be! ¹⁶Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves slaves for obedience, you are slaves to whom you obey, whether of sin to death, or obedience to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks *be* to God that you were slaves of sin, but you obeyed from *the* heart the form of teaching to which you were delivered. ¹⁸And having been set free from sin, you were enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I speak as a man on account of the weakness of your flesh. For as you yielded your members *as* slaves to uncleanness and to lawless act unto lawless act, so now yield your members *as* slaves to righteousness unto sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free as to righteousness. ²¹Then what fruit did you have then in the *things* over which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²²But now being set free from sin, and being enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end everlasting life. ²³For the wages of sin *is* death; but the free gift of God *is* everlasting life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 7

¹Or are you ignorant, brothers—for I speak to those knowing law—that the law lords it over the man for as long a time as

he lives? ²For the married woman was bound by law to the living husband; but if the husband dies, she is set free from the law of the husband. ³So, then, *if* the husband *is* living, she will be called an adulteress if she becomes another man's. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, *so as for* her not to be an adulteress *by* becoming another man's *wife*. ⁴So that, my brothers, you also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ, for you to become Another's, to *One* raised from *the* dead, so that we may bear fruit to God. ⁵For when we were in the flesh, the passions of sin was working in our members through the law for the bearing of fruit unto death. ⁶But now we have been set free from the law, having died *to that* in which we were held, so *as for* us to serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* oldness of letter.

⁷What, then, shall we say? *Is* the law sin? Let it not be! But I did not know sin except through law; for also I did not know lust except the law said, You shall not lust. ⁸But sin taking occasion through the commandment worked every lust in me; for apart from law, sin *is* dead. ⁹And I was alive apart from law once, but the commandment came, and sin came alive, and I died. ¹⁰And the commandment which *was* to life, this was found *to be* death to me; ¹¹for sin taking occasion through the commandment deceived me, and through it killed *me*. ¹²So indeed the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. ¹³Then that *which is* good, *has it* become death to me?—let it not be!—but sin, that it might appear *to be* sin, having worked out death to me through the good, in order that sin might become excessively sinful through the commandment. ¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, and I am fleshly, having been sold under sin. ¹⁵For what I work out, I do not know. For what I do not will, this I do. But what I hate, this I do. ¹⁶But if I do what I do not will, I agree with the law, that *it is* good. ¹⁷But now I no longer work it out, but the sin dwelling in me. ¹⁸For I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwells no good. For to will is present to me, but to work out the good I do not find. ¹⁹For what good I desire, I

do not do. But the evil I do not desire, this I do. ²⁰But if I do what I do not desire, *it is* no longer I working it out, but sin dwelling in me. ²¹I find then the law, *when* I desire to do the right, that evil is present with me. ²²For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man; ²³but I see another law in my members having warred against the law of my mind, and taking me captive by the law of sin being in my members. ²⁴O wretched man *that* I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then I myself with the mind truly serve *the* law of God, and *with* the flesh *the* law of sin.

CHAPTER 8

¹*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to flesh, but according to Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set me free from the law of sin and of death. ³For the law *being* powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in *the* likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the righteous demand of the law might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit. ⁵For the ones that are according to flesh mind the things of the flesh. And the ones according to Spirit *mind* the things of the Spirit. ⁶For the mind of the flesh *is* death; but the mind of the Spirit *is* life and peace; ⁷because the mind of the flesh *is* enmity towards God; for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither can *it be*. ⁸And those being in the flesh are not able to please God. ⁹But you are not in flesh, but in Spirit, since *the* Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone has not *the* Spirit of Christ, this one is not His. ¹⁰But if Christ *is* in you, the body indeed *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹But if the Spirit of the *One* having raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the *One* having raised the Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you.

¹²So, then, brothers, we are debtors, not

to the flesh, to live according to flesh; ¹³for if you live according to flesh, you are going to die. But if by *the* Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by *the* Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption by which we cry, Abba! Father! ¹⁶The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. ¹⁷And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of God, and joint-heirs of Christ; if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together.

¹⁸For I calculate that the sufferings of the present time *are* not worthy *to compare* to the coming glory to be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was not willingly subjected to vanity, but through Him subjecting *it*, on hope; ²¹that also the creation will be freed from the slavery of corruption to the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that all the creation groans together and travails together until now. ²³And not only *so*, but also we ourselves having the firstfruit of the Spirit, also we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly expecting adoption, the redemption of our body; ²⁴for we were saved by hope; but hope being seen is not hope; for what anyone sees, why does he also hope? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, through patience we wait eagerly.

²⁶And likewise the Spirit also joins in to help our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray *for* as we ought, but the Spirit Himself pleads our case for us with groanings that cannot be uttered. ²⁷But the *One* searching the hearts knows what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because He intercedes for the saints according to God. ²⁸But we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to purpose; ²⁹because whom He foreknew, He also predestinated *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, for Him to be *the* Firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰But whom He predestinated, these He also called; and whom He called, these He

also justified; but whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? ³²Truly *He* who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not freely give us all things with Him? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? God *is* the *One* justifying! ³⁴Who *is he* condemning? *It is* Christ who has died, but rather also *is* raised, who also is at the right *hand* of God; who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶Even as it has been written, "For Your sake we are killed all the day; we are counted as sheep of slaughter."

³⁷But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who has loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

CHAPTER 9

¹I tell *the* truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience bearing witness with me in *the* Holy Spirit, ²that my grief is great, and a never-ceasing pain *is* in my heart, ³for I myself was wishing to be a curse from Christ on behalf of my brothers, my kinsmen according to flesh; ⁴who are Israelites; whose *are* the adoption and the glory, and the covenants, and the Law-giving, and the service, and the promises; ⁵whose *are* the fathers; and from whom *is* the Christ according to flesh, He being God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶Not, however, that God's word has failed. For not all those of Israel *are* Israel; ⁷nor because they are Abraham's seed *are* all children, but "In Isaac a Seed shall be called to you." ⁸That is: Not the children of flesh *are* children of God, but the children of the promise *are* counted for a seed. ⁹For the word of promise is this, "According to this time I will come, and a son will be to Sarah." ¹⁰And not

only *so*, but also Rebekah conceiving of one, our father Isaac; ¹¹for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of the *One* calling, ¹²it was said to her, "The greater shall serve the lesser;" ¹³even as it has been written, "I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau."

¹⁴What then shall we say? *Is there* not unrighteousness with God? Let it not be!

¹⁵For He said to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I have mercy, and I will pity whomever I will pity." ¹⁶So, then, *it is* not of the *one* willing, nor of the *one* running, but of the *One* showing mercy, of God.

¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very thing I raised you up, so that I might show forth My power in you, and so that My name might be publicized in all the earth." ¹⁸So, then, to whom He desires, He shows mercy. And whom He desires, He hardens.

¹⁹You will then say to me, Why does He yet find fault? For who has resisted His will? ²⁰Yes, rather, O man, who are you answering against God? Shall the thing formed say to the *One* forming *it*, Why did You make me like this? ²¹Or does not the potter have authority over the clay, out of the one lump to make one vessel to honor, and one to dishonor?

²²But if God, desiring to show forth wrath, and to make His power known, endured in much long-suffering vessels of wrath having been fitted out for destruction; ²³and that He make known the riches of His glory on vessels of mercy which He before prepared for glory—²⁴whom He also called, not only us, of Jews,

but also out of nations. ²⁵As also He says in Hosea, "I will call those not My people, My people! And those not beloved, Beloved!"

²⁶And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them, You are not My people — there they will be called, Sons of the living God."

²⁷But Isaiah cries on behalf of Israel, "If the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved."

²⁸For *He is* bringing *the* matter to an end, and cutting short in righteousness, because *the* Lord will do a thing cut short on the earth."

²⁹And as Isaiah has said before, "Except *the* Lord of hosts left a seed to us, we would have become as Sodom, and we would have become as Gomorrah."

³⁰What then shall we say? That *the* nations not following after righteousness have taken on righteousness, but a righteousness of faith; ³¹but Israel following after a law of righteousness did not arrive at a law of righteousness? ³²Why? Because *it was* not of faith, but as of works of Law. For they stumbled at the Stone-of-stumbling, ³³as it has been written, "Behold, I place in Zion a Stone-of-stumbling, and a Rock-of-offense; and everyone believing on Him will not be put to shame."

CHAPTER 10

¹Brothers, truly my heart's pleasure and request to God on behalf of Israel is for *it* to be saved. ²For I testify to them that they have zeal to God, but not according to knowledge. ³For being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is the end of law for righteousness to everyone that believes. ⁵For Moses writes of the righteousness *which is* of the law: "The man doing these things shall live by them." ⁶But the righteousness of faith says this: "Do not say in your heart, Who will go up into Heaven?"—that is, to bring down Christ; or, ⁷"Who will go down into the abyss?"—that is, to bring Christ up from *the* dead. ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we proclaim. ⁹Because if you confess *the* Lord Jesus with your mouth, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from *the* dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with *the* heart *one* believes unto righteousness, and with *the* mouth *one* confesses unto salvation. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone believing on Him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference both of Jew and of Greek, for the same Lord of all is rich toward all the ones calling on Him. ¹³For everyone, whoever may call on the name of *the* Lord, will be saved. ¹⁴How then may they call on *One* in whom they have not believed? And how may they believe *One* of whom they have not heard? And how may they hear without preaching? ¹⁵And how may they preach if

they are not sent? Even as it has been written, "How beautiful the feet of those announcing the gospel of peace, of those announcing the gospel of good things."

¹⁶But not all obeyed the gospel, for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" ¹⁷Then faith *is* of hearing, and hearing through the word of God. ¹⁸But I say, Did they not hear? Yes, rather, into all the earth their voice went out, and to the ends of the world their words. ¹⁹But I say, Did not Israel know? First, Moses says, "I will provoke you to jealousy by a not-nation; by an unwise nation I will anger you." ²⁰But Isaiah *is* very bold and says, "I was found by those not seeking Me; I became known to those not inquiring after Me." ²¹But to Israel He says, "All the day I stretched out My hands to a disobeying and contradicting people."

CHAPTER 11

¹I say, then, Did not God thrust away His people? Let it not be! For I also am an Israelite, out of Abraham's seed, of *the* tribe of Benjamin. ²God did not thrust away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture said in Elijah, how he pleaded with God against Israel, saying, ³"Lord, they killed Your prophets, and they dug down Your altars; and only I am left; and they seek my soul." ⁴But what does the Divine answer say to him, "I reserved to Myself seven thousand men who did not bow a knee to Baal." ⁵So then, also in the present time a remnant according to election of grace has come into being. ⁶But if by grace, no longer *is* it of works; else grace no longer becomes grace. But if of works, it is no longer grace; else work is no longer work. ⁷What then? What Israel seeks, this he did not obtain, but the election obtained *it*, and the rest were hardened; ⁸even as it has been written, "God gave to them a spirit of slumber, eyes not seeing and ears not hearing" until this day. ⁹And David said, "Let their table become for a snare and a trap, and for a stumbling-block, and a repayment to them; ¹⁰let their eyes be darkened, not to see, and their back always bowing."

¹¹I say, then, Did not they stumble that they fall? Let it not be! But by their slipping

away *came* salvation to the nations, to provoke them to jealousy. ¹²But if their slipping away *is* the riches of the world, and their default *the* riches of the nations, how much more their fullness? ¹³For I speak to you, the nations, since I am an apostle of the nations — I glorify my ministry, ¹⁴if somehow I may provoke to jealousy my flesh, and may save some of them. ¹⁵For if their casting away *is* the reconciliation of the world, what the reception, except life from the dead? ¹⁶Now if the firstfruit *is* holy, also the lump. And if the root *is* holy, also the branches. ¹⁷But if some of the branches were broken off, and you being a wild olive tree were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive-tree, ¹⁸do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *it is* not you *that* bears the root, but the root bears you. ¹⁹You will then say, The branches were broken off that I might be grafted in. ²⁰Well! For unbelief they were broken off. And you stand by faith. Do not *be* high-minded, but fear. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, *fear* that it may be He will not spare you either. ²²Behold, then, *the* kindness and severity of God: On those having fallen, severity. But on you, kindness—if you continue in the kindness. Otherwise, you will also be cut off. ²³And those also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut out of the natural wild olive tree, and against nature were grafted into a good olive tree, how much more these *being* according to nature will be grafted into *their* own olive tree?

²⁵For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers—so that you may not be wise within yourselves — that hardness *in* part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the nations comes in; ²⁶and so all Israel will be saved, even as it has been written, “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob. ²⁷And this *is* My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.” ²⁸Indeed, as regards the gospel, enemies for you; but as regards the election, beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹For the free gifts and the calling of God *are* without repentance. ³⁰For as you then also disobeyed

God, but now have obtained mercy by the disobedience of these; ³¹so also these now *have* disobeyed, so that they also may obtain mercy by your mercy. ³²For God shut up all in disobedience, that He may show mercy to all.

³³O *the* depth of the riches and of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments, and His ways past finding out! ³⁴For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who became His counselor? ³⁵Or who first gave to Him, and it will be repaid to him? ³⁶Because of Him, and through Him, and to Him *are* all things. To Him *be* the glory forever! Amen.

CHAPTER 12

¹Therefore, brothers, I call on you through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what *is* the good and pleasing and perfect will of God. ³For I say through the grace which is given to me, to everyone being among you, not to have high thoughts beyond what is right to think. But set your mind to be right-minded, even as God divided a measure of faith to each. ⁴For even as we have many members in one body, but all members do not have the same function; ⁵so we the many are one body in Christ, and each one members of one another. ⁶But having different gifts according to the grace given to us, whether prophecy, according to the proportion of faith; ⁷or ministry, in the ministry; or the *one* teaching, in the teaching; ⁸or the *one* exhorting, in the encouragement; the *one* sharing, in simplicity; the *one* taking the lead, in diligence; the *one* showing mercy, in cheerfulness.

⁹Let love *be* without dissimulation, shrinking from evil, cleaving to the good; ¹⁰in brotherly love to one another loving fervently, having gone before one another in honor. ¹¹As to diligence, not slothful; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²in hope, rejoicing; in affliction, enduring; in

prayer, steadfastly continuing; ¹³imparting to the needs of the saints; pursuing hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those persecuting you; bless, and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with rejoicing ones, and weep with weeping ones; ¹⁶minding the same thing toward one another, not minding high things, but yielding to the lowly. Do not become wise within yourselves. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil; having provided right things before all men. ¹⁸If possible, as far as *is* in you, seeking peace with all men; ¹⁹not avenging yourselves, beloved, but giving place to wrath—for it has been written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says *the Lord*." ²⁰Then if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink; for doing this you will heap coals of fire on his head. ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome the evil with good.

CHAPTER 13

¹Let every soul be subject to higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God; but the existing authorities have been ordained by God. ²So that the *one* resisting authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and the ones opposing will receive judgment to themselves. ³For the rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the bad. And do you desire not to fear the authority? Do the good, and you will have praise from it; ⁴for it is a servant of God to you for the good. But if you practice evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath to the *one* practicing evil. ⁵Because of this, *it is* necessary to be subject, not only on account of wrath, but also on account of conscience. ⁶For on this account you also pay taxes; for they are ministers of God, always giving attention to this very thing. ⁷Then give to all *their* dues: to the *one due* tax, the tax; to the *one due* tribute, the tribute; to the *one due* fear, the fear; to the *one due* honor, the honor.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another. For the *one* loving the other has fulfilled the law. ⁹For, "Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not lust," and if *there is* any other command-

ment, it is summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does not work evil to the neighbor. Then love *is* the fulfillment of law.

¹¹Also this, knowing the time, that *it is* now the hour for you to be aroused from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. ¹²The night *is* far gone, and the day has drawn near; then let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of the light. ¹³Let us walk becomingly, as in *the* day; not in carousings and drinking; not in cohabitation and lustful acts; not in fighting and envy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and do not take thought beforehand for the lusts of the flesh.

CHAPTER 14

¹And receive the *one* who is weak in the faith, not to judgments of *your* thoughts. ²One indeed believes to eat all things; but being weak, *another* one eats vegetables. ³The *one* eating, do not despise the *one* not eating. And the *one* not eating, do not judge the *one* eating—for God received him. ⁴Who are you judging another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. But he will stand, for God is able to make him stand. ⁵One indeed judges a day above *another* day; and *another* one judges every day *alike*. Let each one be fully assured in his own mind. ⁶The *one* minding the day, *he* minds *it* to the Lord. And the *one* not minding the day, he does not mind *it* to the Lord. The *one* eating, he eats to *the* Lord; for he gives thanks to God. And the *one* not eating, he does not eat to *the* Lord, and gives thanks to God. ⁷For no one of us lives to himself; and no one dies to himself. ⁸For both if we live, we live to *the* Lord; and if we die, we die to *the* Lord. Then both if we live, and if we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For this Christ both died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord over both *the* dead and the living. ¹⁰But why do you judge your brother? Or why also do you despise your brother? For all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹For it has been written, "I live, says the Lord, that every knee will bow to Me, and every tongue confess to God." ¹²So then each

one of us will give account concerning himself to God.

¹³Then let us no longer judge one another, but rather judge this, not to put a stumbling-block or an offense toward a brother. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in *the* Lord Jesus that nothing by itself *is* common; except to the *one* counting anything to be common, *it is* common.

¹⁵But if your brother is grieved because of *your* food, you no longer walk according to love. Do not by your food destroy that one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶Then do not let your good be spoken evil of. ¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁸For the *one* serving Christ in these things *is* well-pleasing to God, and approved by men.

¹⁹So then let us pursue the things of peace, and the things for building up one another. ²⁰Do not by your food undo the work of God. Truly, all things *are* clean, but *it is* bad to the man who eats through a stumbling-block. ²¹*It is* good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any* by which your brother stumbles, or is offended, or is weak.

²²Do you have faith? Have *it* to yourself before God. Blessed *is* the *one* not condemning himself in what he approves. ²³But the *one* doubting, if he eats, *he* has been condemned, because it is not of faith—and whatever *is* not of faith is sin.

CHAPTER 15

¹But we, the strong ones, ought to bear the weaknesses of those not strong, and not to please ourselves. ²For let each one of us please *his* neighbor for good, to building up. ³For also Christ did not please Himself, but even as it has been written, "The curses of those cursing You fell on Me." ⁴For whatever things were written before were written for our instruction, that through patience and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵And may the God of patience and encouragement give to you to mind the same thing among one another according to Christ Jesus, ⁶that with one accord *and* with one mouth you may glorify *the* God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Because of this, receive one another as

Christ also received us, to *the* glory of God.

⁸And I say, Jesus Christ has become a minister of circumcision for *the* truth of God, to confirm the promises of the fathers, ⁹and for the nations to glorify God for mercy, even as it has been written, "Because of this I will confess to You in the nations, and I will give praise to Your name." ¹⁰And again He says, "Rejoice, nations, with His people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all the nations, and praise Him all the peoples." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse shall be, and He rising up to rule the nations; on Him nations will hope." ¹³And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, for you to abound in hope, in power of *the* Holy Spirit.

¹⁴But, my brothers, I myself also am persuaded concerning you, that you yourselves also are full of goodness, being filled with all knowledge, being able to warn one another. ¹⁵But I wrote to you more boldly, brothers, as reminding you in part, because of the grace given to me by God, ¹⁶for me to be a minister of Jesus Christ to the nations, sacredly ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the nations might be acceptable, sanctified by *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁷Then I have boasting in Christ Jesus *as to* the things pertaining to God. ¹⁸For I will not dare to speak of anything which Christ did not work out through me for *the* obedience of the nations in word and work, ¹⁹in power of miracles and wonders, in power of *the* Spirit of God, so *as for* me to have fulfilled the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem and in a circle as far as Illyricum. ²⁰And so eagerly striving to preach the gospel where Christ was not named, so that I should not build on another's foundation; ²¹but even as it has been written, "They shall see, to whom nothing was announced concerning Him; and the ones that have not heard shall understand."

²²Because of this I also was much hindered from coming to you, ²³but now having no more place in these regions, and having a longing to come to you for many years, ²⁴whenever I may go into Spain, I will come to you; for I hope *in* traveling through to see you, and to be set

forward there by you, if first I may be filled of you in part. ²⁵But now I am going to Jerusalem, doing service to the saints. ²⁶For Macedonia and Achaia thought it good to make certain gifts to the poor of the saints in Jerusalem. ²⁷For they thought it good, also being debtors of them; for if the nations shared in their spiritual things, they ought also to minister to them in the fleshly things. ²⁸Then completing and having sealed this fruit to them, I will go through you into Spain. ²⁹And I know that I will come to you in the fullness of *the* blessing of the gospel of Christ *when* I come.

³⁰But I exhort you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in *your* prayers to God on my behalf, ³¹that I be delivered from the disobedient ones in Judea, and that my ministry, which is to Jerusalem, may be acceptable to the saints; ³²that *I may* come to you in joy through *the* will of God, and that I may be refreshed with you. ³³And the God of peace *be* with all of you. Amen.

CHAPTER 16

¹But I commend our sister Phoebe to you, being a servant of the church in Cenchrea; ²that you may receive her in *the* Lord, *as is* worthy of the saints, and may assist her in whatever thing she may need of you. For she also became a helper of many, and of myself.

³Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who laid down their neck for my soul; to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the nations. ⁵And greet the church at their house, and my beloved Epenetus, who is a firstfruit of Achaia for Christ. ⁶Greet Mary, who did much labor for us. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and fellow-prisoners, noted among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. ⁸Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our helper in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. ¹⁰Greet Apelles, the approved

in Christ; Greet those of Aristobulus. ¹¹Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of Narcissus, those being in *the* Lord. ¹²Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those laboring in *the* Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who *has* labored in many things in *the* Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, the chosen in *the* Lord, and his mother and mine. ¹⁴Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brothers with them. ¹⁵Greet Philologus and Julias, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints with them. ¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

¹⁷And brothers I exhort you to watch those making divisions and causes of stumbling contrary to the teaching which you learned; and turn away from them. ¹⁸For such ones do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by smooth speaking and flattering *they* deceive the hearts of those without guile. ¹⁹For your obedience reached to all; therefore, I rejoice over you. But I desire you to be truly wise *as* to good, but simple toward evil. ²⁰And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

²¹Timothy my fellow-worker, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsman, greet you. ²²I, Tertius, the *one* writing the epistle, greet you in *the* Lord. ²³Gaius, the host of all the church and me, greets you. Erastus, the steward of the city, and Quartus the brother, greet you. ²⁴The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

²⁵Now to Him *who is* able to establish you according to my gospel, and the proclaiming of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of *the* mystery having been kept unvoiced during eternal times, ²⁶but now has been made plain, and by prophetic Scriptures, according to the commandment of the eternal God, made known for obedience of faith to all the nations; ²⁷the only wise God through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, a called apostle of Jesus Christ, by *the* will of God, and Sosthenes the brother, ²to the church of God which is in Corinth, those having been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called-out saints, with all those calling on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and ours: ³Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always concerning you *for* the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all discourse and all knowledge, ⁶even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, ⁷so that you *are* not lacking in any gift, awaiting the revelation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, ⁸who also will confirm you until *the* end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God *is* faithful, through whom you were called into *the* fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

¹⁰Now I exhort you, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you all say the same thing, and there not be divisions among you; but you be united in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹For, my brothers, concerning you it was shown to me by those of Chloe that there are strifes among you. ¹²But I say this, that each of you says, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ. ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul? ¹⁴I give thanks to God that I did not baptize one of you, except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵that not anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶And I also baptized the household of Stephanas. For the rest, I do not know if I baptized any other. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to announce the gospel; not in wisdom of words, that the cross of Christ not be made of no effect.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is foolishness to those being lost; but to us being saved, *it is the* power of God. ¹⁹For it has been written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the

understanding of the understanding ones."

²⁰Where *is the* wise? Where *the* scribe? Where *the* lawyer of this world? Did God not make the wisdom of this world foolish? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world *by* wisdom did not know God, God was pleased through the foolishness of preaching to save the ones believing. ²²And since Jews ask for a sign, and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified — truly an offense to Jews, and foolishness to Greeks—²⁴but to the called-out ones, both to Jews and to Greeks, Christ *is* the power of God and *the* wisdom of God; ²⁵because the foolish thing of God is wiser *than* men; and the weak thing of God is stronger *than* men.

²⁶For you see your calling, brothers, that *there are* not many wise according to flesh, nor many powerful, nor many well-born. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world that the wise might be put to shame, and God chose the weak things of the world so that He might put to shame the strong things. ²⁸And God chose the lowborn of the world, and the despised, and the things that are not, so that He might bring to nothing the things that are; ²⁹so that no flesh might glory in His presence. ³⁰But of Him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, both righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that even as it has been written, "He that glories, let him glory in *the* Lord."

CHAPTER 2

¹And when I came to you, brothers, I did not come with excellency of word or wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God. ²For I decided not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and Him having been crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴And my word and my preaching *was* not in moving words of human wisdom, but in proof of *the* Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not be in the wisdom of men, but in *the* power of God.

⁶But we speak wisdom among the perfect; but not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, those being brought to nothing. ⁷But we speak *the* wisdom of God in a mystery, having been hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory; ⁸which none of the rulers of this age has known. For if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; ⁹according as it has been written, "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard," nor has it risen up into the heart of man, "the things which God has prepared for those that love Him." ¹⁰But God revealed *them* to us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of a man within him? So also no one has known the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from God; ¹³which things we also speak, not in words taught in human wisdom, but in *words* taught of the Holy Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual *things*. ¹⁴But a natural man does not receive the things of *the* Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵But the spiritual one discerns all things, but he is discerned by no one. ¹⁶For who knew *the* mind of *the* Lord? Who will teach Him? But we have *the* mind of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

¹And, brothers, I was not able to speak to you as to spiritual ones, but as to fleshly ones, as to babes in Christ. ²I gave you milk to drink, and not food, for you were not then able; but neither now are you yet able. ³For you are yet fleshly. For where among you *is* jealousy, and strife, and divisions, are you not fleshly and walk according to man? ⁴For when one may say, Truly I am of Paul; and another, I of Apollos; are you not fleshly? ⁵What then is Paul? And what Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, and to each as the Lord gave? ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God made to grow. ⁷So as neither he planting is anything, nor he watering, but God making to grow. ⁸So

he planting and he watering are one, and each one will receive *his* own reward according to *his* own labor. ⁹For we are fellow-workers of God, a field of God; *and* you are a building of God. ¹⁰According to God's grace given to me, as a wise master-builder, I laid a foundation; but another builds on *it*. But let each one be careful how he builds. ¹¹For no one is able to lay *any* other foundation beside the *One* having been laid, who is Jesus Christ. ¹²And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, straw, ¹³the work of each will be revealed; for the Day will make *it* known, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will prove the work of each, what sort it is. ¹⁴If the work of anyone which he built remains, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If the work of anyone shall be consumed, he shall suffer loss; but he will be saved, but so as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will bring that one to corruption; for the temple of God is holy, which you are. ¹⁸Let no one deceive himself, if anyone thinks to be wise among you in this age, let him become foolish, that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God; for it has been written, "He takes the wise in their own craftiness." ²⁰And again, "*The* Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are worthless." ²¹So let no one glory in men; for all things are yours, ²²whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or *the* world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come — all are yours, ²³and you are Christ's, and Christ *is* God's.

CHAPTER 4

¹Let a man think of us as ministers of Christ, and stewards of *the* mysteries of God. ²And the rest, it is sought among stewards that one be found faithful. ³But to me it is a small thing that I should be judged by you, or by a man's day. But neither do I judge myself. ⁴For I know nothing of myself, but I have not been justified by this; but He judging me is *the* Lord. ⁵Then do not judge anything before

time, until the Lord comes, who will both shed light on the hidden things of darkness, and will reveal the counsels of the hearts. And then praise will be to each one from God.

⁶And, brothers, I transferred these things to myself and Apollos because of you, that in us you may learn not to think above what has been written, that you not *be* puffed up one over the other. ⁷For who makes you to differ? And what do you have that you did not receive? And if you received *it*, why do you boast as *if you* did not receive? ⁸You are already satisfied; you already became rich; you reigned without us—and oh that you really did reign, so that we also might reign with you! ⁹For I think that God set us out last, the apostles, as appointed to death, because we became a spectacle to the world, even to angels and to men. ¹⁰*We are* fools for the sake of Christ, but you *are* wise in Christ. *We are* weak, but you *are* strong. You *are* honored, but we not honored. ¹¹Until the present hour we also hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and wander homeless, ¹²and labor, working with our own hands. Being cursed, we bless; persecuted, we bear; ¹³defamed, we entreat — we have become as filth of the world, dirt wiped off by all until now. ¹⁴I do not write these things shaming you, but warning you as my beloved children. ¹⁵For if you should have myriads of teachers in Christ, yet not many fathers; for I fathered you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶Then I urge you, be imitators of me.

¹⁷Because of this I sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved child, and faithful in *the* Lord, who will remind you *of* my ways in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church. ¹⁸As to my not coming to you now, some were puffed up. ¹⁹But if the Lord wills, I will come to you shortly. And I will not know the word of those who have been puffed up, but the power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power. ²¹What do you desire? *Shall* I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of meekness?

CHAPTER 5

¹Everywhere *it* is heard that fornication *is* among you, and such fornication which *is* not named among the heathen, so as one to have *his* father's wife. ²And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that did this deed might be taken from your midst. ³For as being absent in body, but being present in spirit, I have already judged the *one* who has worked out this thing, as *if I were* present: ⁴In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ— you being gathered together with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ— ⁵to deliver such a one to Satan for destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. ⁶Your boast *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens all the lump? ⁷Then purge out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For also Christ our Pass-over was sacrificed for us. ⁸So let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of malice and of evil, but with unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

⁹I wrote to you in the letter not to associate with fornicators; ¹⁰and not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or with plunderers, or with idolaters, since then you must go out of the world. ¹¹But now I wrote to you not to associate intimately; if anyone is called a brother *and is* either a fornicator, or a covetous one, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a plunderer, with such a one not to eat. ¹²For what *is it* to me also to judge the ones outside? Do you not judge those inside? ¹³But God will judge the ones outside. And you shall put out the evil one from you.

CHAPTER 6

¹Does anyone of you having a matter against another dare to be judged before the unjust, and not before the saints? ²Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy of small judgments? ³Or do you not know that we shall judge angels, not to speak of this life? ⁴If, then,

you truly have judgments of this life, those being least esteemed in the church, you sit these. ⁵For I speak shame to you. So, is there not a wise one among you, not even one who will be able to give judgment on his brother in your midst? ⁶But brother is judged with brother, and this before unbelievers! ⁷Indeed, then, there is already a failure with you all, that you have lawsuits with yourselves. Why not instead be wronged? Why not instead be defrauded? ⁸But you do wrong, and defraud; and these things *to* brothers!

⁹Or do you not know that unjust ones will not inherit *the* kingdom of God? Do not be led astray, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor abusers, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor covetous ones, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor plunderers shall inherit *the* kingdom of God. ¹¹And some were these things, but you were washed; but you were sanctified; but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God.

¹²All things are lawful to me, but not all things profit. All things are lawful to me, but I will not be ruled by any. ¹³Foods for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both this and these. But the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God both raised up the Lord, and will raise us up through His power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Then taking the members of Christ, shall I make *them* members of a harlot? Let it not be! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he being joined to a harlot is one body? For He says, "*The two shall be into one flesh.*" ¹⁷But he being joined to the Lord is one spirit. ¹⁸Flee fornication. Every sin which a man may do is outside the body, but he doing fornication sins against *his* own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of *the* Holy Spirit in you, which you have from God; and you are not of yourselves? ²⁰You were bought with a price; then glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are of God.

CHAPTER 7

¹But concerning what you wrote to me, *it is* good for a man not to touch a

woman; ²but because of fornication, let each have his *own* wife, and let each have *her* own husband. ³Let the husband give due kindness to the wife; and likewise the wife also to the husband. ⁴The wife does not have authority of *her* own body, but the husband. And likewise also the husband does not have authority *over his* own body, but the wife. ⁵Do not deprive one another, unless by agreement for a time, that you may be free for fasting and prayer. And come together again on the same *place*, that Satan may not tempt you through your incontinence. ⁶But I say this by permission, not by command. ⁷But I desire all men also to be as myself. But each has his own gift from God, one this way, and one that way.

⁸But I say to the unmarried men, and to the widows, it is good for them if they also remain as I. ⁹But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to be inflamed. ¹⁰But I command the ones being married—not I, but the Lord — a woman not to be separated from *her* husband; ¹¹but if indeed she is separated, remain unmarried; or be reconciled to the husband; and a husband not to leave *his* wife. ¹²But to the rest I say, not the Lord, if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she consents to live with him, let him not leave her. ¹³And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not leave him. ¹⁴For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified by the wife; and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified by the husband; else, then, your children are unclean; but now they are holy. ¹⁵But if the unbelieving one separates, let *them* be separated; the brother or the sister is not in bondage in such matters; but God has called us in peace. ¹⁶For what do you know, wife, whether you will save the husband; or what do you know, husband, whether you will save the wife? ¹⁷Only as God has divided to each, each as the Lord has called, so let him walk. So I command in the churches.

¹⁸*Was* anyone called having been circumcised? Do not be uncircumcised. *Was* anyone called in uncircumcision? Do not be circumcised. ¹⁹Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing;

but the keeping of God's commands. ²⁰Each one in the calling in which he was called, in this remain.

²¹Were you called as a slave? It does not matter to you. But if you are able to be free, rather use *it*. ²²For the *one* called a slave in *the* Lord is a freed man of *the* Lord. And likewise, the *one* called a free man is a slave of Christ. ²³You were redeemed with a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴Each in whatever *state* called, brothers, in this remain with God.

²⁵But about virgins, I have no command of *the* Lord. But I give judgment, as having received mercy by *the* Lord to be faithful. ²⁶Then I think this to be good, because of the present necessity: that *it* is good for a man to be thus. ²⁷Have you been bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Have you been released from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸But if you also marry, you do not sin. And if the virgin marries, she does not sin. But such will have trouble in the flesh. But I am sparing you. ²⁹But I say this, brothers, that the time has been cut short. For the rest is that even the *ones* having wives should be as not having; ³⁰and those weeping as not weeping; and those rejoicing as not rejoicing; and those buying as not possessing; ³¹and those using this world as not abusing *it*; for the mode of this world is passing away.

³²But I desire you to be without care. The unmarried one cares for the things of *the* Lord, how to please the Lord; ³³but the *one* marrying cares for the things of the world, how to please the wife. ³⁴The wife and the virgin *are* different. The unmarried one cares for the things of *the* Lord, that she be holy in both body and spirit. But the married one cares for the things of the world, how to please the husband. ³⁵And I say this for your advantage, not that I put a snare *before* you; but for the fitting thing, and waiting on the Lord without distraction.

³⁶But if anyone thinks *it* behaving indecently toward his virginity — if he is beyond *his* prime, and so it ought to be — let him do what he desires; he does not sin; let them marry. ³⁷But *he* who stands firm in heart, not having necessity, but has authority as to *his* own will, and has

judged this in his heart, to keep his virginity; he does well.

³⁸So that he that gives in marriage does well; and he that does not give in marriage does better.

³⁹A wife is bound by law for as long a time as her husband lives; but if her husband sleeps, she is free to be married to whomever she desires, only in *the* Lord. ⁴⁰But she is happier if she remains so, according to my judgment. And I think I also have *the* Spirit of God.

CHAPTER 8

¹But concerning the sacrifices to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²But if anyone thinks to know anything, he still has known nothing as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he has been known by Him. ⁴Then concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in *the* world, and that *there is* no other God except one. ⁵For even if *some* are called gods, either in Heaven or on the earth; even as there are many gods, and many lords; ⁶but to us *is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and we by Him. ⁷But the knowledge *is* not in all; but some being aware of the idol eat as an idolatrous sacrifice until now; and their conscience being weak is defiled. ⁸But food will not commend us to God. For neither if we eat do we excel, nor if we do not eat are we behind. ⁹But be careful lest this authority of yours become a cause of stumbling to the weak ones. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you, he having knowledge, sitting in an idol-temple, will not the weak one's conscience be lifted up so as to eat things sacrificed to idols? ¹¹And on your knowledge the weak brother will fall, *he* for whom Christ died. ¹²And sinning in this way against *your* brothers, and wounding their conscience, being weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³On account of this, if food offends my brother, I will not at all eat flesh forever, so that I do not offend my brother.

CHAPTER 9

¹Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen our Lord Jesus Christ?

Are you not my work in *the* Lord? ²If I am not an apostle to others, yet I am indeed to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in *the* Lord. ³My defense to those examining me is this: ⁴Have we not authority to eat and to drink? ⁵Have we not authority to lead about a sister, a wife, as the rest of the apostles also, and Cephas, and the Lord's brothers *do*? ⁶Or *is it* only Barnabas and I *who* have no authority to quit work? ⁷Who serves as a soldier at *his* own wages at any time? Who plants a vineyard, and does not eat of its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock, and does not eat of the milk of the flock? ⁸Do I speak these things according to man, or does not the Law say these things also? ⁹For it has been written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox treading out grain." Is it *that* it matters to God *as to* oxen? ¹⁰Or does He say *it* altogether because of us? It is written because of us, so that the *one* plowing ought to plow *in* hope; and the *one* threshing *in* hope to partake of hope.

¹¹If we have sowed spiritual things to you, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap of your fleshly things? ¹²If others have a share of the authority *over* you, *should* not rather we? But we did not use this authority, but we endured all things, so that we might not give a hindrance to the gospel of Christ. ¹³Do you not know that those who have labored eat of the holy things of the temple? Those attending on the altar partake with the altar. ¹⁴So also the Lord ordained those announcing the gospel to live from the gospel.

¹⁵But I have not used one of these. And I do not write these things that it be so with me. For *it* is good to me rather to die than that anyone nullify my glorying. ¹⁶For if I announce the gospel, no glory is to me; for necessity is laid on me, and it is woe to me if I do not announce the gospel. ¹⁷For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if unwillingly, I am entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That announcing the gospel I may make the gospel of Christ free, so as not to use fully my authority in the gospel. ¹⁹For being free of all, I enslaved myself to all, that I might gain the more. ²⁰And I became as a Jew to the Jews, that I might gain Jews; to those under Law as under Law, that I

might gain those under Law; ²¹to those without Law as without Law—not being without law of God, but under *the* law of Christ — that I might gain *those* without Law. ²²I became to the weak as weak, that I might gain the weak. To all I have become all things, that in any and every way I might save some. ²³And I do this for the gospel, that I might become a fellow-partaker of it.

²⁴Do you not know that those running in a stadium indeed all run, but one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain. ²⁵But everyone striving *in* all things controls himself. Then those truly that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. ²⁶So I run accordingly, as not uncertainly; so I fight, as not beating air; ²⁷but I buffet my body and lead it captive, lest proclaiming to others I myself might be rejected.

CHAPTER 10

¹And I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud; and all passed through the Sea. ²And all were baptized to Moses in the cloud, and in the Sea; ³and all ate the same spiritual food. ⁴And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of the spiritual rock following—and that Rock was Christ. ⁵Yet God was not pleased with most of them; for they were scattered in the desert. ⁶But these things became examples for us, so that we may not be lusters after evil, even as those indeed lusted. ⁷Neither be idolaters, even as some of them, as it has been written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play." ⁸Nor should we commit fornication, as some of them fornicated, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. ⁹Neither overtempt Christ, as some of them tempted, and perished by serpents. ¹⁰Neither should you murmur, as also some of them murmured, and perished by the destroyer. ¹¹And all these things happened to those *as* examples, and *it* was written for our warning, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So that he that thinks to stand, let him be careful that he not fall. ¹³No temptation has taken you except *what is* human; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted

above what you are able. But with the temptation, *He* will also make the way out, so that you may be able to bear *it*.

¹⁴On account of this, flee from idolatry, my beloved.

¹⁵I speak as to prudent ones; you judge what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a partaking of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a partaking of the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because we, the many, are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸Look at Israel according to flesh; are not those eating the sacrifices partakers of the altar? ¹⁹What then do I say, that an idol is anything, or that an idolatrous sacrifice is anything? ²⁰But the things the nations sacrifice, *they* sacrifice to demons, and not to God. But I do not want you to become sharers of demons; ²¹you cannot drink *the* cup of the Lord and a cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of *the* Lord, and a table of demons. ²²Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than *He*?

²³All things are lawful to me, but not all things profit. All things are lawful to me, but not all things build up. ²⁴Let no one seek the things of himself, but each one that of the other. ²⁵Eat everything being sold in a meat market, examining nothing because of conscience, ²⁶for "the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fullness of it." ²⁷And if any of the unbelievers invite you, and you desire to go, eat everything set before you, examining nothing because of conscience. ²⁸But if anyone tells you, This is slain in sacrifice to idols; do not eat, because of that one pointing *it* out, and the conscience; for "the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fullness of it." ²⁹But I say conscience, not that of himself, but that of the other. For why is my freedom judged by another's conscience? ³⁰But if I partake by grace, why am I evil spoken of because of what I give thanks *for*? ³¹Then whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things to the glory of God. ³²Be without offense both to Jews and Greeks, and to the church of God. ³³Even as I also please all *in* all things, not seeking my own advantage, but that of the many, that they may be saved.

CHAPTER 11

¹Be imitators of me, as I also of Christ.

²But I praise you, brothers, that in all things you have remembered me; and even as I delivered to you, you hold fast the traditions. ³But I want you to know that Christ is the Head of every man, and the man *is* the head of a woman, and God *is* the head of Christ. ⁴Every man praying or prophesying, having *anything* down over *his* head shames his Head. ⁵And every woman praying or prophesying with the head uncovered shames her head; for it is the same *as* being shaved. ⁶For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if *it is* shameful for a woman to be shorn, or to be shaved, let her be covered. ⁷For truly a man ought not to have the head covered, being *the* image and glory of God. But woman *is* the glory of man— ⁸for man is not of the woman, but woman of man; ⁹for also man was not created for the sake of the woman, but woman for the sake of the man; ¹⁰because of this, the woman ought to have authority on the head, because of the angels— ¹¹however, man *is* not apart from woman, nor woman apart from man, in *the* Lord. ¹²For as the woman *is* out of the man, so also the man through the woman; but all things from God. ¹³You judge among yourselves: is it fitting *for* a woman to pray to God uncovered? ¹⁴Or does not nature herself teach you that if a man indeed adorns the hair, it is a dishonor to him? ¹⁵But if a woman adorns the hair, it is a glory to her; because the beautified hair has been given to her instead of a veil. ¹⁶But if anyone thinks to be contentious, we do not have such a custom, nor the churches of God.

¹⁷But enjoining this, I do not praise *you*, because you come together not for the better, but for the worse. ¹⁸Indeed, first, I hear divisions to be among you *when* you come together in the church. And I believe some part. ¹⁹For there must also be heresies among you, so that the approved ones may become revealed among you. ²⁰Then you coming together into one place, it is not to eat *the* Lord's supper. ²¹For each one takes his own supper first in the eating; and one is hungry, and another

drunken. ²²For do you not have houses to eat and to drink? Or do you despise the church of God, and shame those who have not? What do I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? I do not praise.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and giving thanks He broke and said, Take, eat; this is My body which is broken on behalf of you; this do in remembrance of Me. ²⁵In the same way take the cup also, after supping, saying, This cup is the New Covenant in My blood; as often as you drink, do this in remembrance of Me. ²⁶For as often as you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly proclaim the death of the Lord, until He shall come. ²⁷So that whoever should eat this bread, or drink the cup of the Lord, unworthily, *that one* will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and let him drink of the cup; ²⁹for he eating and drinking unworthily eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord. ³⁰For this reason many among you *are* weak and feeble, and many sleep. ³¹For if we discerned ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But being judged, we are corrected by *the* Lord, that we not be condemned with the world. ³³So that, my brothers, coming together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, that you may not come together for judgment. And the other things I will set in order whenever I come.

CHAPTER 12

¹But as to spiritual things, brothers, I do not wish you to be ignorant. ²You know that being led away you Gentiles were led to dumb idols. ³Because of this I make known to you that no one speaking by *the* Spirit of God says, Jesus is a curse. And no one is able to say Jesus is Lord, except by *the* Holy Spirit. ⁴But there are differences of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are differences of ministries, yet the same Lord. ⁶And there are differences of workings, but the same God is working all things in all. ⁷But to each one is given the showing forth of the Spirit to *our*

profit. ⁸For through the Spirit is given to one a word of wisdom; and to another a word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; ⁹and to another, faith by the same Spirit; and to another, gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰and to another, workings of powers; and to another, prophecy; and to another, discerning of spirits; and to another, kinds of languages; and to another, interpretation of languages. ¹¹But the one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing separately to each as He wills.

¹²Even as the body is one, and has many members, but all the members of the one body, being many, *is* one body; so also *is* Christ. ¹³For also we all were baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, even all were given to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴For also the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵If the foot says, Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body; on account of this, is it not of the body? ¹⁶And if the ear says, Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body; on account of this, is it not of the body? ¹⁷If all the body *was* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If all hearing, where the smelling? ¹⁸But now God set the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He desired. ¹⁹But if all was one member, where *would* the body *be*? ²⁰But now, indeed, many *are* the members, but one body. ²¹And the eye is not able to say to the hand, I have no need of you; or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. ²²But much rather the members of the body seeming to be weaker are necessary. ²³And those of the body we think to be less honorable, to these we put more abundant honor around *them*. And our unrepresentable *members* have more abundant propriety. ²⁴But our representable *members* have no need. But God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to the *member* having need, ²⁵that there not be division in the body, but that the members might have the same care for one another. ²⁶And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*. If one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with *it*.

²⁷And you are a body of Christ, and

members in part. ²⁸And God placed some in the church: firstly apostles; secondly, prophets; thirdly, teachers; then works of power; then gifts of healing, helps, governings, kinds of languages. ²⁹*Are* all apostles? All prophets? All teachers? All workers of power? ³⁰Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak languages? Do all interpret? ³¹But zealously strive after the better gifts. And yet I show you a way according to excellence:

CHAPTER 13

¹If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but I do not have love, I have become *as* sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophecies, and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³And if I give out all my goods, and if I deliver my body that I be burned, but I do not have love, I am not profited anything. ⁴Love has patience, is kind; love is not envious; love is not vain, is not puffed up; ⁵does not behave indecently; does not pursue its own things; is not easily provoked; thinks no evil; ⁶does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷quietly covers all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things; ⁸love never fails. But if *there are* prophecies, they will be caused to cease; if tongues, they shall cease; if knowledge, it will be caused to cease. ⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; ¹⁰but when the perfect thing comes, then that *which is* in part will be caused to cease.

¹¹When I was an infant, I spoke as an infant, I thought as an infant, I reasoned as an infant. But when I became a man, I caused to cease the things of the infant. ¹²For now we see through a mirror in dimness, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will fully know even as I also was fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love, these three things remain; but the greatest of these *is* love.

CHAPTER 14

¹Pursue love, and seek eagerly the spiritual things, but rather that you may

prophesy. ²For the *one* speaking in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one hears, but in spirit he speaks mysteries. ³But the *one* prophesying to men speaks *for* building up, and encouragement, and comfort. ⁴The *one* speaking in a tongue builds himself up; but he prophesying builds up a church. ⁵And I wish all of you to speak in languages, but rather that you may prophesy — for greater is the *one* prophesying than the *one* speaking in tongues, unless he interpret that the church may receive building up. ⁶But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you, except I speak to you either in revelation, or in knowledge, or in prophecy, or in teaching? ⁷Yet lifeless things giving a sound, whether pipe or harp, if they do not give a distinction in the sound, how will it be known what *is* being piped or harped? ⁸For also if a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will get himself ready for war?

⁹So also you, if you do not give a clear word through the language, how will it be known what *is* being said? For you will be speaking into air. ¹⁰So it may be many kinds of sounds are *in* the world, and not one is without *distinct* sound. ¹¹If, then, I do not know the power of the sound, I will be a foreigner to him speaking, and he speaking in me a foreigner. ¹²So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual things, seek to build up the church that you may abound. ¹³So then, the *one* speaking in a language, let him pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What then is it? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the mind; I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the mind. ¹⁶Else, if you bless in the spirit, the *one* occupying the place of the unlearned, how will he say the amen at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you say? ¹⁷For you truly give thanks well, but the other is not built up. ¹⁸I thank my God *that* I speak more languages than all of you. ¹⁹But in a church I desire to speak five words with my mind, that I may also instruct others, than myriads of words in a foreign language.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your

minds, but in malice be like infants, and in your minds be mature. ²¹It has been written in the Law, "By other tongues and by other lips I will speak to this people, and even so they will not hear Me, says *the Lord*." ²²So that tongues are not a sign to those believing, but to those not believing. But prophecy *is* not to those not believing, but to those believing. ²³Then if the whole church comes together, and all speak in languages, and uninstructed ones or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you rave? ²⁴But if all prophesy, and some unbeliever or one not instructed comes in, he is convicted by all, he is judged by all. ²⁵And so the secrets of his heart become revealed; and so, falling on *his* face, he will worship God, declaring that God is truly among you.

²⁶Then what is it, brothers? When you come together, each one of you has a psalm; he has a teaching; he has a language; he has a revelation; he has an interpretation. Let all things be for building up. ²⁷If one speaks in a language, *let it be* by two or three *at* the most; and in turn, also let one interpret. ²⁸And if there is no interpreter, let him be silent in church; and let him speak to himself and to God. ²⁹And *if there are* two or three prophets, let them speak, and let the others discern. ³⁰But if a revelation *occurs* to another sitting by, let the first be silent. ³¹For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be encouraged. ³²And the spirits of prophets *are* subject to prophets. ³³For God is not *God* of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

³⁴Let your women be silent in the churches, for it is not allowed to them to speak, but to be in subjection, as also the Law says. ³⁵But if they desire to learn anything, let them question their husbands at home; for it is a shame for a woman to speak in a church. ³⁶Or did the word of God go out from you? Or did it reach only to you?

³⁷If anyone thinks to be a prophet, or a spiritual one, let him recognize what I write to you, that they are a command of the Lord.

³⁸But if any be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

³⁹So then, brothers, seek eagerly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in languages. ⁴⁰And let all things be done decently and in order.

CHAPTER 15

¹But, brothers, I reveal to you the gospel which I preached to you, which you also received, in which you also stand, ²by which you also are being saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you; unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you in the first place what I also received, that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried; and that He was raised the third day, according to the Scriptures; and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the twelve. ⁴Then He appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, of whom the most remain until now; but some also fell asleep. ⁵Then He was seen by James; then by all the apostles; ⁶and last of all, even as if to *one* born out of time, He was also seen by me. ⁷For I am the least of the apostles, who am not sufficient to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ⁸But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which *was* toward me has not been without fruit, but I labored more abundantly than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God with me. ⁹Then whether they or I, so we preach, and so you believed.

¹²But if Christ is proclaimed, that He was raised from *the* dead, how do some among you say that there is not a resurrection of *the* dead? ¹³But if there is not a resurrection of *the* dead, neither has Christ been raised. ¹⁴But if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is worthless, and your faith is also worthless. ¹⁵And also we are found to *be* false witnesses of God, because we witnessed as to God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, then, if *the* dead are not raised.

¹⁶For if *the* dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷But if Christ has not been raised, your faith *is* foolish; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸And then those that fell asleep in Christ were lost. ¹⁹If we

only have hope in Christ in this life, we are of all men most miserable.

²⁰But now Christ has been raised from the dead; He became the firstfruit of those having fallen asleep. ²¹For since death is through man, also through a Man is a resurrection of the dead; ²²for in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in *his* own order: Christ, the firstfruit; afterward those of Christ at His coming. ²⁴Then is the end—when He delivers the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He makes to cease all rule and all authority and power—²⁵for it is right for Him to reign until He puts all the enemies under His feet; ²⁶*the* last enemy made to cease is death. ²⁷For He subjected all things under His feet; but when He says that all things have been subjected, *it is* plain that *it* excepts Him who has subjected all things to Him. ²⁸But when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the *One* who has subjected all things to Him, that God may be all things in all.

²⁹Otherwise, what will they do, those being baptized on behalf of the dead? If *the* dead are not at all raised, why indeed are they baptized on behalf of the dead? ³⁰Why are we also in danger every hour? ³¹Day by day I die, by your boasting, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³²If according to man I fought with beasts in Ephesus, what the profit to me if *the* dead are not raised?—"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be led astray; bad companionships ruin good habits. ³⁴Be righteously awake, and do not sin; for some have ignorance of God. I speak to your shame.

³⁵But someone will say, How are the dead raised? And with what body do they come?

³⁶Foolish one! What you sow is not made alive unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow, you do not sow the body that *is* going to be, but a bare grain—it may be of wheat, or of some of the rest—³⁸and God gives it a body according as He willed, and to each of the seeds its own body.

³⁹Not every flesh *is* the same flesh, but one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another of fish, and another of birds. ⁴⁰And *there are* heavenly bodies,

and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly *is* truly different, and that of the earthly different; ⁴¹one glory of *the* sun, and another glory of *the* moon, and another glory of *the* stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So also the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body; there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ⁴⁵So also it has been written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul;" the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit. ⁴⁶But not the spiritual first, but the natural; afterward the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man *was* out of earth, earthy. The second Man *was* the Lord out of Heaven. ⁴⁸Such the earthy *man*, such also the earthy ones. And such the heavenly *Man*, such also the heavenly ones. ⁴⁹And as we bore the image of the earthy *man*, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

⁵⁰And I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood is not able to inherit *the* kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹Behold, I speak a mystery to you: we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed. ⁵²In a moment, in a glance of an eye, at the last trumpet; for a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴But when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality, then will take place the word that has been written, "Death was swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where *is* your sting? Hades, where *is* your victory?" ⁵⁶Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin *is* the law; ⁵⁷but thanks *be* to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ⁵⁸So that, my beloved brothers, *you* be firm, unmoveable, abounding in the work of the Lord always, knowing that your labor is not without fruit in *the* Lord.

CHAPTER 16

¹And about the collection for the saints, as I charged the churches of Galatia, so

also you do. ²On the first of a week, let each of you put by himself, storing up whatever he has prospered, that there not be collections then when I come. ³And when I arrive, whomever you approve, through these epistles, I will send to carry your grace to Jerusalem. ⁴And if it is suitable for me to go also, they shall go with me. ⁵But I will come to you when I go through Macedonia. For I am going through Macedonia. ⁶And possibly I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may set me forward wherever I may go. ⁷For I do not desire to see you now in passage, but I am hoping to remain some time with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost. ⁹For a door opened to me, great and effective; and many *are* opposing.

¹⁰But if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear; for he works the work of the Lord, even as I. ¹¹Then do not let any despise him, but set him forward in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brothers. ¹²And concerning the brother Apollos, I much urged him that he come to you with the brothers; but it was not altogether *his* will

that he come now. But he will come when he has opportunity.

¹³Watch! Stand fast in the faith! Be men! Be strong! ¹⁴Let all your things be in love.

¹⁵But I exhort you, brothers. You know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruit of Achaia, and they appointed themselves to ministry to the saints. ¹⁶See that you also may submit to such ones, and to everyone working and laboring with *me*. ¹⁷And I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, and of Fortunatus and Achaicus, because these supplied your lack. ¹⁸For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Then recognize such ones.

¹⁹The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla much greet you in *the* Lord, with the church in their house. ²⁰The brothers all greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹The greeting with my hand, Paul. ²²If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be a curse. The Lord comes!

²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. ²⁴My love *be* with all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE TO *THE* CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, through the will of God, and Timothy the brother, to the church of God being in Corinth, with all the saints being in all Achaia, ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassions and God of all comfort, ⁴the *One* comforting us on all our affliction, through the comfort by which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵Because the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶But if we are afflicted, *it is* for your comfort and salvation, being worked out in *the* endurance of the same sufferings which we also suffer. If we are comforted, *it is* for your comfort and salvation; ⁷and our hope for you *is* certain, knowing that even as you are sharers of the sufferings, so also of the comfort.

⁸For, brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant as to our affliction having happened to us in Asia, that we were excessively pressed down beyond *our* power, so as for us even to despair of living. ⁹But we ourselves have the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust on ourselves, but on God, the *One* rising the dead; ¹⁰who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver; in whom we have hope that He will still deliver *us*, ¹¹you also laboring together for us in prayer, that the gracious gift by many persons be *the cause of* thanksgiving through many for us.

¹²For our glorying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we had our conduct in the world in simplicity and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you. ¹³For we do not write other things to you than what you read, or even recognize; and I hope that you will recognize even *to the end*, ¹⁴even as you also in part recognized us, that we are your glorying, even as also you *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁵And in this confidence, I purposed to come to you before now, that you might have a second benefit, ¹⁶and to go through you into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you; and to be set forward by you to Judea. ¹⁷Then purposing this, did I indeed use lightness? Or what I purposed, did I purpose according to flesh, that may be with me yes, yes, and no, no? ¹⁸But God *is* faithful, that our word to you did not become Yes and No. ¹⁹For Jesus Christ the Son of God, the *One* proclaimed among you by us, through me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not Yes and No, but has been Yes in Him. ²⁰For as many promises as *are of* God, in Him *they are* Yes, and in Him *are* Amen, for glory to God through us. ²¹But He confirming us and anointing us with you in Christ *is* God. ²²And He having sealed us, and giving the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

²³And I call God *as* witness to my soul that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. ²⁴Not that we rule over your faith, but we are fellow-workers of your joy. For by faith you stand.

CHAPTER 2

¹But I decided this within myself, not to come to you again in grief. ²For if I grieved you, who yet will be making me glad, if not the *one* being grieved by me? ³And I wrote this same thing to you, lest coming I might have grief from *those of* whom I ought to rejoice; trusting in you all that my joy is *the joy of* all of you. ⁴For out of much affliction and agony of heart I wrote to you, through many tears, not that you be grieved, but that you know the love which I have more abundantly toward you.

⁵But if anyone has grieved, he has not grieved me, but in part, that I not overbear all of you. ⁶This censure by the majority *is* enough for such a one. ⁷So that on the contrary, you should rather forgive and comfort such a one, that *he* not be swallowed up *by* the overflowing grief. ⁸So I beseech you to confirm *your* love to

him. ⁹For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, if you are obedient in all things. ¹⁰But to whom you forgive anything, I also. For also if I have forgiven anything, of whom I have forgiven *it*, *it is* for you, in Christ's person; ¹¹so that we should not be overreached by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his devices.

¹²And coming to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and a door having been opened to me in *the* Lord, ¹³I had no ease in my spirit at my not finding my brother Titus; but saying farewell to them, I went out to Macedonia. ¹⁴But thanks *be* to God, He always leading us in triumph in Christ, and *the One* revealing through us the odor of the knowledge of Him in every place. ¹⁵For we are a sweet smell to God because of Christ in those being saved, and in those being lost—¹⁶to the one, an odor of death unto death; and to the other an odor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷For we are not as the many, hawking the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as of God. We speak in Christ, in the sight of God.

CHAPTER 3

¹Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we, as some, need commendatory letters to you, or commendatory *ones* from you? ²You are our letter, having been inscribed in our hearts, being known and being read by all men, ³*it* having been made plain that you are Christ's letter, served by us; not having been inscribed by ink, but by *the* Spirit of *the* living God; not in tablets of stone, but in fleshly tablets of *the* heart.

⁴And we have such confidence through Christ toward God; ⁵not that we are sufficient of ourselves to reason out anything as out of ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* of God, ⁶who also made us able ministers of a new covenant; not of letter, but of Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit makes alive. ⁷But if the ministry of death having been engraved in letters in stone was with glory, so as the sons of Israel could not gaze into the face of Moses because of the glory of his face; which was to cease, ⁸how much rather the ministry of the Spirit will be in glory! ⁹For if the ministry of

condemnation *was* glory, much rather the ministry of righteousness abounds in glory. ¹⁰For even that which has been made glorious has not been made glorious in this respect, because of the surpassing glory. ¹¹For if the thing done away *was* through glory, much rather the thing remaining in glory *is*.

¹²Then having such hope, we use much boldness. ¹³And not as Moses *who* put a veil over his face, for the sons of Israel not to gaze at the end of the *thing* being done away. ¹⁴But their thoughts were hardened; for until the present the same veil remains on the reading of the Old Covenant, not being unveiled that it is being done away in Christ. ¹⁵But until today, when Moses is being read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶But whenever it turns to *the* Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of *the* Lord *is*, there *is* freedom. ¹⁸But we all with *our* face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of *the* Lord in a mirror, are being changed *into* the same image from glory to glory, as from *the* Lord Spirit.

CHAPTER 4

¹Therefore, having this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we do not faint. ²But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor adulterating the word of God, but *by* the revelation of the truth commending ourselves to every conscience of men before God. ³But also if our gospel is being hidden, it has been hidden in those being lost; ⁴in whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelieving, so that the brightness of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn on them. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Christ Jesus *as* Lord, and ourselves your slaves for the sake of Jesus. ⁶Because *it is* God who said, "Out of darkness Light shall shine;" who shone in our hearts to *give the* brightness of the knowledge of the glory of God in *the* face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the power may be of God, and not from us; ⁸in every *way* being troubled, but not

being hemmed in; being perplexed, but not utterly at a loss; ⁹being persecuted, but not having been forsaken; being thrown down, but not having been destroyed; ¹⁰always bearing about the dying of the Lord Jesus in the body, that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who live are always being delivered up to death on account of Jesus, that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh; ¹²so that death indeed works in us, and life in you. ¹³But having the same spirit of faith, according to what has been written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak; ¹⁴knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will present *us* with you. ¹⁵For all things *are* for your sake, that the superabounding grace may be made to abound through the thanksgiving of the greater number, to the glory of God.

¹⁶Because of this we do not faint, but if indeed our outward man is being decayed, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For the lightness of our present affliction works out for us an eternal weight of glory surpassing *moment* by surpassing *moment*; ¹⁸we not considering the things seen, but the things not being seen; for the things seen *are* not lasting, but the things not seen *are* everlasting.

CHAPTER 5

¹For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle is taken down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in Heaven. ²For indeed in this we groan, greatly desiring to be clothed with our dwelling place out of Heaven; ³if indeed *in* being clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴For indeed being in the tabernacle, we groan, having been weighted down, inasmuch as we do not wish to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that the mortal may be swallowed up by the life. ⁵And He having worked in us for this same thing *is* God, who also *is* giving us the earnest of the Spirit. ⁶Then always being fully assured, and knowing that being at home in the body we are away from home from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight

— ⁸we are fully assured, then, and are pleased rather to go away from home out of the body, and to come home to the Lord. ⁹Because of this, we also are striving to be well-pleasing to Him, whether being at home, or being away from home. ¹⁰For we all must appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, so that each one may receive the things *done* through the body, according to what he did, whether good or bad.

¹¹Then knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, and we have been manifest to God, and I also hope to have been manifest in your consciences. ¹²For we do not again commend ourselves to you, but are giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that you may have *it* toward those boasting in appearance, and not in heart. ¹³For if we are insane, *it is* to God; or *if* we are in our senses, *it is* for you.

¹⁴For the love of Christ constrains us, having judged this, that if One died for all, then the all died; ¹⁵and He died for all, that the living ones may live no more to themselves, but to the *One* having died for them, and having been raised. ¹⁶So as we now know no one according to flesh, but even if we have known Christ according to flesh, yet now we no longer know. ¹⁷So that if anyone *is* in Christ, *that one* is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new! ¹⁸And all things *are* of God, who reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and giving to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹whereas God was in Christ reconciling *the* world to Himself, not charging their trespasses to them, and putting the word of reconciliation in us.

²⁰Then on behalf of Christ, we are ambassadors, as God *is* exhorting through us, we beseech on behalf of Christ, Be reconciled to God. ²¹For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become *the* righteousness of God in Him.

CHAPTER 6

¹But working together, we also call on you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says, "In an acceptable time I heard you, and in a day of salvation I helped you;" Behold, now *is* the

acceptable time! Behold, now *is* the day of salvation! ³*Let us* not give a cause of stumbling in anything, that the ministry may not be blamed, ⁴but in everything commending ourselves as God's servants, in much patience, in afflictions, in emergencies, in difficulties, ⁵in stripes, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, ⁶in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unfeigned love, ⁷in the word of truth, in the power of God, through the weapons of righteousness on the right *hand* and on the left, ⁸through glory and dishonor; through evil report and good report — as deceivers, and yet true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well-known; as dying, and yet, look, we live!; as flogged, and yet not put to death; ¹⁰as sorrowful, but yet always rejoicing; as poor, but yet enriching many; as having nothing, yet possessing all things.

¹¹Our mouth is opened to you, Corinthians, our heart has been made larger. ¹²You are not restrained in us, but you are restrained in your *own* bowels. ¹³But for the same reward — I speak as to children — you also be made larger.

¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked *with* unbelievers. For what partnership does righteousness *have* with lawlessness? And what fellowship does light *have* with darkness? ¹⁵And what agreement does Christ *have* with Belial? Or what part does a believer *have* with an unbeliever? ¹⁶And what agreement does a temple of God *have* with idols? For you are a temple of the living God, even as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." ¹⁷Because of this, come out from among them, and be separated, says the Lord, and do not touch the unclean thing; and I will receive you. ¹⁸And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to Me, says the Lord Almighty.

CHAPTER 7

¹Then having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilements of flesh and of spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. ²Make room for us. We wronged no one; we corrupted

no one; we overreached no one. ³I do not speak to condemnation, for I have said before that you are in our hearts, for *us* to die together, and to live together. ⁴My boldness toward you *is* great. My boasting on your behalf *is* much. I have been filled with comfort; I overflow with joy on all our trouble.

⁵For, indeed, we coming into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but being troubled in every way, *with* fightings *on the* outside, and fears *on the* inside. ⁶But He who comforts the lowly comforted us by the presence of Titus. ⁷And not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted over you, telling us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so as for me to rejoice more. ⁸For even if I grieved you in the letter, I do not regret; if indeed I did regret; for I see that that letter grieved you for an hour. ⁹Now I rejoice, not that you were grieved, but that you were grieved to repentance. For you were grieved according to God, that you might suffer loss in nothing by us. ¹⁰For the grief according to God works repentance to salvation, not to be regretted. But the grief of the world works out death. ¹¹For behold this same thing, you being grieved according to God, how much it worked out earnestness in you; but *also* defense; but *also* indignation; but *also* fear; but *also* desire; but *also* zeal; but *also* vengeance! In everything you commended yourselves to be clear in the matter. ¹²Then even if I wrote to you, *it was* not for the sake of him who did wrong, nor for the sake of him having suffered wrong, but for the sake of revealing our earnestness on your behalf, for you before God. ¹³For this reason we have been comforted in your comfort, and we rather rejoice more abundantly over the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you. ¹⁴Because if I have boasted anything to him about you, I was not ashamed. But as we spoke all things in truth to you, so also our boasting as to Titus became truth. ¹⁵And his tender feelings are abundant toward you, remembering the obedience of all of you, as you received him with fear and trembling. ¹⁶Therefore, I rejoice, that in everything I am fully assured in you.

CHAPTER 8

¹But we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God which has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²that in much testing of trouble, the overflowing of their joy, and the depth of their poverty, abounded to the riches of their generosity. ³For I testify *that* according to *their* ability, and beyond *their* ability, *they* willingly gave, ⁴with much entreating, begging us *that they might* receive of us the grace and the fellowship of the ministry to the saints. ⁵And not as we hoped, but *they* first gave themselves to the Lord, and to us, through *the* will of God, ⁶for us to call on Titus, that even as he began before, so also he might complete this grace to you also. ⁷But even as you abound in everything—in faith, and in word, and in knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in your love in us—that you also should abound in this grace. ⁸I do not speak according to command, but through the earnestness of others, and testing the truthness of your love.

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that being rich, He became poor for your sake, so that you might become rich by the poverty of that One. ¹⁰And I give judgment in this, for this is profitable for you, who began before not only to do, but also to be willing from last year. ¹¹But now also finish the doing *of it*, so that even as *there was* the eagerness *in* the willing, so also the finishing, *giving* out of *what* you have. ¹²For if the eagerness is present, it is acceptable according to *what* one has, not according to *what* one does not have. ¹³For *it is* not that *there may be* ease to others, but trouble to you; ¹⁴but by equality in the present time: your abundance for their need, so that their abundance may also be equality; ¹⁵even as it has been written, “He *taking* much, he had nothing left over; and he *taking* little had no less.

¹⁶But thanks *be* to God, who gives the same earnestness for you in the heart of Titus. ¹⁷For truly he received the entreating; but being more earnest, he went out to you of his own accord. ¹⁸But we sent with him the brother whose praise *is* in the

gospel throughout all the churches; ¹⁹and not only *so*, but also he having been chosen by the churches *as* a traveling companion to us with this gift being ministered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself, and your eagerness; ²⁰avoiding this, lest anyone should blame us in this bounty being ministered by us; ²¹providing right things not only before *the* Lord, but also before men. ²²And we sent with them our brother whom we often proved in many things to be earnest, and now much more earnest by the great assurance which *I have* toward you. ²³If *any asks* as to Titus, *he is* my partner, and a fellow-worker for you; or *about* our brothers, *they are* messengers of the churches, *the* glory of Christ. ²⁴Then show them a proof of your love and of our boastings toward you, even in the sight of the churches.

CHAPTER 9

¹For indeed concerning the ministry to the saints, it is unnecessary for me to write to you. ²For I know your eagerness, *of* which I boast to Macedonia on your behalf, that Achaia has made ready from last year; and your zeal arouses the greater number. ³But I sent the brothers that our boasting which *is* on your behalf should not be in vain in this respect, that as I said, you were ready; ⁴lest if Macedonians come with me, and find you not ready, that we—we do not say you—should be ashamed in this assurance of boasting. ⁵Therefore, I thought *it* necessary to exhort the brothers, that they go forward to you, and arrange beforehand your promised blessing; this to be ready, thus as a blessing, and not as greediness.

⁶And this: the *one* sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the *one* sowing on *hope of* blessing will also reap on blessing. ⁷Each one as he purposes in his heart, not of grief or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace to abound toward you, that in everything, always having all self-sufficiency, you may abound to every good work; ⁹even as it has been written, “He scattered; he gave to the poor; his righteousness abides forever.”

¹⁰Now He that supplies seed to the sower, and bread for eating, may He

supply and multiply your seed, and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹in everything *you* being enriched to all generosity, which works out thanksgiving to God through us. ¹²Because the ministry of this service is not only making up the things lacking of the saints, but also multiplying through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³through the proof of this service, *they* glorifying God by your freely expressed submission to the gospel of Christ, and *the* generosity of the fellowship toward them and toward all; ¹⁴and *in* their prayer for you, a longing after you, because of the overflowing grace of God on you. ¹⁵But thanks *be* to God for His unspeakable free gift.

CHAPTER 10

¹And I myself, Paul, call on you through the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I, who indeed to look upon am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you; ²but I ask, not being present, that I may be bold with the confidence which I think to be daring against some, those having thought of us as walking according to flesh; ³for walking about in flesh, we do not war according to flesh; ⁴for the weapons of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful to God in order to pull down strongholds; ⁵pulling down imaginations and every high thing lifting up *itself* against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ; ⁶and having readiness to avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience is fulfilled. ⁷Do you look at things according to appearance? If anyone has persuaded himself to be of Christ, let him think this again as to himself, that as he *is* of Christ, so also we *are* of Christ. ⁸For even if I also somewhat more fully should boast about our authority—which the Lord gave us for building up, and not for pulling you down — I will not be put to shame; ⁹so that I may not seem to frighten you by letters—¹⁰because, they say, the letters *are* weighty and strong, but the bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech being despised — ¹¹let such a one think this, that such as we are in word through letters, being absent, such *we are* also being present in deed. ¹²For we dare not

rank or compare ourselves with some of those commending themselves—but they measuring themselves among themselves, and comparing themselves to themselves, *are* not perceptive. ¹³But we will not boast beyond measure, but according to measure of the rule which the God of measure distributed to us, to reach even to you. ¹⁴For we do not overstretch ourselves as *if* not reaching to you; for we also came to you in the gospel of Christ; ¹⁵not boasting beyond measure in the labors of others, but having hope that the growing faith among you will be made larger according to our rule, to overflowing, ¹⁶in order to preach the gospel to that beyond you, not to boast in another's rule in things ready. ¹⁷But the *one* glorying, let him glory in *the* Lord. ¹⁸For not the *one* commending himself is the one approved, but *the one* whom the Lord commends.

CHAPTER 11

¹I would that you were bearing with me a little in foolishness; but, indeed, bear with me. ²For I am jealous *over* you with a jealousy of God. For I have promised you to one Man, to present *you* a pure virgin to Christ. ³But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your thoughts should be corrupted from the purity which *is due* to Christ. ⁴For if, indeed, the *one* coming proclaims another Jesus, whom we have not proclaimed, or *if* you receive another spirit which you have not received, or another gospel which you never accepted, you might well endure *these*. ⁵For I judge *myself* to have come behind the highest apostles *in* nothing. ⁶But even if *I am* unskilled in speech, yet not in knowledge. But in every way *I* have been clearly revealed to you in all things. ⁷Or did I commit sin, humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without charge? ⁸I stripped other churches, receiving wages for the serving of you. ⁹And being present with you, and lacking, I was not a burden to anyone. The brothers coming from Macedonia completely made up for my lack. And in every way I kept myself without burden *to you*; and I will keep *myself*.

¹⁰The truth of Christ is in me, that this boasting shall not be silenced in me in the regions of Achaia. ¹¹Why? Because I do not love you? God knows. ¹²But what I do, I also will do, that I may cut off the opportunity of those desiring an opportunity, so that in that which they boast, they be found also as we. ¹³For such ones *are* false apostles, deceitful workers transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴Did not Satan marvelously transform himself into an angel of light? ¹⁵*It is* not a great thing, then, if also his ministers transform themselves as ministers of righteousness; whose end will be according to their works.

¹⁶Again I say, let not anyone think me to be foolish. But if not, even if as foolish, receive me, that I also may boast a little. ¹⁷What I speak, I speak not according to *the* Lord, but as in foolishness, in this boldness of boasting. ¹⁸Since many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast. ¹⁹For you gladly endure fools, being wise. ²⁰For you endure if anyone enslaves you, if anyone devours, if anyone receives, if anyone exalts *self*, if anyone beats you in the face. ²¹I speak according to dishonor, as *if* we have been weak. But in whatever anyone dares — I say *it* in foolishness — I also dare. ²²Are they Hebrews? I also. Are they Israelites? I also. Are they Abraham's seed? I also. ²³Are they ministers of Christ? — I speak as beside myself—I *being* beyond *them*: in labors, more abundantly; in stripes, beyond measure; in prisons, much more; in deaths, many times. ²⁴Five times I received forty *stripes* minus one from the Jews. ²⁵I was flogged three times; I was stoned once; I was shipwrecked three times; I have spent a night and a day in the deep. ²⁶*I have been* in travels often, in dangers of rivers; in dangers of robbers; in dangers from *my* race; in dangers from *the* nations; in dangers in *the* city; in dangers in *the* desert; in dangers on *the* sea; in dangers among false brothers; ²⁷in hardship and toil; often in watchings; in hunger and thirst; often in fastings, in cold and nakedness. ²⁸Besides the things outside conspiring against me day by day, the care of all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is offended, and I do not

burn? ³⁰The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ knows, He who is blessed forever, that I am not lying. ³¹In Damascus, the governor of Aretas the king guarded the city of *the* Damascenes, desiring to seize me. ³²And I was let down through a window through the wall in a basket, and escaped their hands.

CHAPTER 12

¹Indeed, to boast *is* not profitable to me; for I will come to visions and revelations of *the* Lord. ²I am aware of a man in Christ fourteen years ago — whether in the body, I am not aware; or out of the body, I am not aware; God knows — that *one* was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not allowed a man to speak. ³On behalf of such a one I will boast. But I will not boast on my behalf, except in my weaknesses. ⁴For if I desire to boast, I shall not be foolish; for I speak the truth. But I spare, lest anyone reckons me *to be* beyond what he sees me, or hears of me. ⁵And by the surpassing revelations, that I not be made haughty, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, that I not be made haughty. ⁶As to this I entreated the Lord three times, that it depart from me. ⁷And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you; for My power is perfected in weakness. Therefore, I will rather gladly boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may overshadow me. ⁸Because of this, I am pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in dire needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for the sake of Christ. For when I may be weak, then I am powerful.

⁹Boasting, I have become foolish. You compelled me. For I ought to be commended by you, for I lacked nothing of the highest apostles, even though I am nothing. ¹⁰Truly the signs of the apostle were worked out among you in all patience, in miracles, and in wonders, and by works of power. ¹¹For what is it in which you were less than the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong.

¹²Behold, I am ready to come to you a third *time*. And I will not burden you, for I do not seek your things, but you. For the children ought not to lay up treasure for the

parents, but the parents for the children. ¹⁵But I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls, even if loving you more and more, I am loved *the* less. ¹⁶But let it be *so*, I did not burden you; but being crafty, I caught you with bait. ¹⁷By any whom I have sent to you, did I overreach you by him? ¹⁸I begged Titus, and sent the brother with *him*. Did Titus overreach you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not *walk* in the same steps?

¹⁹Again, do you think we are defending to you? We speak before God in Christ, but in all things for your building up, beloved. ²⁰For I fear lest somehow coming I not find you as I wish, and I be found by you such as you do not wish; lest somehow *there be* strifes, envyings, angers, rivalries, evil speakings, whisperings, proud thoughts, disturbances; ²¹that *in* my coming again my God may not humble me with you, and I shall mourn many of those previously sinning, and not repenting over the uncleanness, and fornication, and lustfulness which they have practiced.

CHAPTER 13

¹I am coming to you this third *time*. In *the* mouth of two or three witnesses every matter shall be established. ²I said before, and I say beforehand, as being present the second *time*, and being absent now. I

write to those previously sinning, and all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare. ³Since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me; who is not weak toward you, but is powerful in you—⁴for even if He was crucified out of weakness, yet He lives by *the* power of God toward you—⁵examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith; prove yourselves. Or do you not yourselves know that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are reprobates? ⁶And I hope you will know that we are not reprobates. ⁷But I pray to God *for* you not to do evil, none. *And* not that we may appear approved, but that you may do the good; but we *being deemed* to be reprobates. ⁸For we have no power against the truth, but for the truth. ⁹For we rejoice when we are weak, and you are powerful. But we pray for this also, your perfection. ¹⁰Because of this, I write these things while absent, that being present I may not deal sharply *with you* according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for pulling down.

¹¹For the rest, brothers, rejoice! Perfect yourselves; encourage yourselves; mind the same thing; be at peace; and the God of love and of peace will be with you.

¹²All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO *THE* GALATIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, an apostle, not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God *the* Father; the *One* raising Him from the dead; ²and all the brothers with me, to the churches of Galatia. ³Grace to you, and peace, from God *the* Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave Himself for our sins, so that He might deliver us out of the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶I wonder that you are so quickly being transferred from Him having called you by *the* grace of Christ to another gospel, ⁷which is not another; only some there are troubling you and desiring to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we, or an angel out of Heaven, should announce a gospel to you beside what we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, and now I say again, If anyone announces a gospel to you beside what you received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I would not have been a slave of Christ. ¹¹And, brothers, I make known to you the gospel preached by me, that it is not according to man. ¹²For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but by a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you heard my way of life when *I* was in Judaism, that with surpassing *zeal* I persecuted the church of God, and ravaged it. ¹⁴And *I* progressed in Judaism beyond many contemporaries in my race, being much more a zealot of the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God was pleased, He having separated me from my mother's womb, and having called through His grace, ¹⁶to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the nations; immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to the apostles before me; but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw *no* other of the apostles, except

James the brother of the Lord. ²⁰And what I write to you, behold, before God I do not lie. ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and of Cilicia; ²²but I was not known by face to the churches of Judea in Christ. ²³But only they were hearing that he who *was* persecuting us then now proclaims the faith which he then ravaged; ²⁴and they glorified God in me.

CHAPTER 2

¹Then through fourteen years I again went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas, also taking Titus with *me*. ²And I went up according to revelation. And I put before them the gospel which I proclaim in the nations, but privately to the ones seeming *to be pillars*, lest I run, or I ran, into vanity. ³But not even Titus, the *one* with me, a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. ⁴But *it was* because of those false brothers stealing in, who stole in to spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, they desiring to enslave us; ⁵to whom not even for an hour we yielded in subjection, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you; ⁶but from those seeming to be something — of what kind they were then does not matter to me; God does not accept the face of man — for those seeming *important* conferred nothing to me; ⁷but on the contrary, seeing that I have been entrusted *with* the gospel of the uncircumcision, even as Peter to the circumcision — ⁸for He working in Peter to an apostleship of the circumcision also worked in me to the nations — ⁹and knowing the grace given to me, James and Cephas and John, those seeming to be pillars, gave right *hands* of fellowship to Barnabas and to me, that we *go* to the nations, but they to the circumcision; ¹⁰only that we might remember the poor, which same thing I was eager to do.

¹¹But when Peter came to Antioch, I opposed *him* to his face, because he was to be blamed. ¹²For before some came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when they came, he drew back and separated himself, being afraid of those of the circumcision. ¹³And also the rest of the Jews dissembled with him, so as even Barnabas

was led away with their dissembling. ¹⁴But when I saw that they did not walk uprightly with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before all, If you being a Jew live *as* a Gentile, and not *as the* Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to Judaize? ¹⁵We Jews by nature, and not sinners of *the* Gentiles—¹⁶knowing that a man is not justified by works of law, but that *it is* through faith *in* Jesus Christ — we also believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith *in* Christ, and not by works of law, because all flesh will not be justified by works of law. ¹⁷But if seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found *to be* sinners, *is* Christ then a minister of sin? Let it not be! ¹⁸For if I build again these things which I destroyed, I confirm myself *as* a transgressor. ¹⁹For through law I died to law, that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ; and I live; *yet* no longer I, but Christ lives in me. And that *life* I now live in the flesh, I live by faith toward the Son of God, the *One* loving me and giving Himself over on my behalf. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness is through law, then Christ died without cause.

CHAPTER 3

¹O foolish Galatians, who bewitched you not to obey the truth, to whom before *your* eyes Jesus Christ was written among you crucified? ²This only I desire to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of law, or by hearing of faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun *in the* Spirit, do you now perfect *yourself* in *the* flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so much vainly? If indeed *it* also was vainly? ⁵Then He supplying the Spirit to you, and working works of power in you, *is it* by works of law, or by hearing of faith? ⁶Even as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness. ⁷Know, then, that those of faith, these are sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the nations by faith, preached the gospel before to Abraham: “All the nations will be blessed in you.” ⁹So that those of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.

¹⁰For as many as are out of works of law, *these* are under a curse. For it has

been written, “Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all the things having been written in the book of the Law, to do them.” ¹¹And that no one is justified by law before God *is* clear, because, “The just shall live by faith.”

¹²But the Law is not of faith, but, “The man doing these things shall live in them.”

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it has been written, “Cursed *is* everyone having been hung on a tree;” ¹⁴that the blessing of Abraham might be to the nations in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

¹⁵Brothers, I speak according to man, a covenant having been ratified, even *among* mankind, no one sets aside or adds to *it*. ¹⁶But the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his Seed—it does not say, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, “And to your Seed,” which is Christ. ¹⁷And I say this, A covenant having been ratified before to Christ by God, *the* Law coming into being four hundred and thirty years after does not annul the promise, so as to abolish *it*.

¹⁸For if the inheritance *is* of law, *it is* no more of promise; but God has given *it* to Abraham through promise. ¹⁹Why, then, the Law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Seed should come, to whom it had been promised, being ordained through angels in a mediator's hand. ²⁰But the Mediator is not of one, but God is one.

²¹Then *is* the Law against the promises of God? Let it not be! For if a law had been given which had been able to make alive, indeed righteousness would have been out of law. ²²But the Scripture locked up all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to the ones believing. ²³But before the coming of faith, we were guarded under law, having been locked up to the faith being about to be revealed.

²⁴So that the Law has become a trainer of us *until* Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But faith coming, we are no longer under a trainer; ²⁶for you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷For as many as were baptized into Christ,

you put on Christ. ²⁸There cannot be Jew nor Greek; there is no slave nor freeman; there is no male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you *are* of Christ, then you are a seed of Abraham, even heirs according to promise.

CHAPTER 4

¹But I say, Over so long a time the heir is an infant; he being lord of all does not differ *from* a slave, ²but is under guardians and housemasters until the *term* set before by the father. ³So we also, when we were infants, we were under the elements of the world, being enslaved. ⁴But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, having come out of a woman, having come under law, ⁵that He might redeem the ones under law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba! Father! ⁷So that you no more are a slave, but a son; and if a son, also an heir of God through Christ.

⁸But then, indeed, not knowing God, you served as slaves *to* the ones not by nature being gods. ⁹But now, knowing God, but rather being known by God, how do you turn again to the weak and poor elements, *to* which you desire again to slave anew? ¹⁰You observe days, and months, and seasons, and years. ¹¹I fear *for* you, lest somehow I have labored among you in vain.

¹²Brothers, I beg of you, be as *I am*, because *I am* as you. You wronged me *in* nothing. ¹³But you know that because of weakness of the flesh, I announced the gospel to you before; ¹⁴and you did not despise my temptation in my flesh, nor spurn *it*, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵What then was your blessedness? For I testify to you that if you were able, plucking out your eyes, *you* would have given *them* to me. ¹⁶So then did I become your enemy speaking truth to you? ¹⁷They are zealous for you, *but* not well; but they *only* desire to shut you out, that you be zealous *to* them. ¹⁸But *it* is good to be zealous always in a good thing, and not only in my being present with you. ¹⁹My children, *for* whom I again travail until Christ should

be formed in you, ²⁰even now I desired to be present with you, and to change my voice; for I am in doubt *as to* you.

²¹Tell me, those desiring to be under Law, do you not hear the Law? ²²For it has been written: Abraham had two sons, one out of the slave-woman, and one out of the free woman. ²³But, indeed, he of the slave-woman has been born according to flesh; and he out of the free woman through the promise; ²⁴which things are being allegorized; for these are two covenants, one, indeed, from Mount Sinai bringing forth to slavery—which is Hagar, ²⁵for Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, and she slaves with her children — ²⁶but the Jerusalem *from* above is free, who is the mother of us all; ²⁷for it has been written, “Be glad, barren *one* not bearing; break forth and shout, the *one* not travailing, for more *are* the children of the desolate rather than she having the husband.”

²⁸But, brothers, we are children of promise according to Isaac. ²⁹But then even as he born according to flesh persecuted the *one* according to Spirit, so also now. ³⁰But what says the Scripture? “Cast out the slave-woman and her son, for in no way shall the son of the slave-woman inherit with the son of the free-woman.” ³¹Then, brothers, we are not children of a slave-woman, but of the free-woman.

CHAPTER 5

¹Then stand firm in the freedom with which Christ made us free, and do not be held again with a yoke of slavery.

²Behold, I, Paul, say to you that if you are circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. ³And I testify again to every man being circumcised, that he is a debtor to do all the Law; ‘you who are justified by law are deprived of all effect from Christ—you fell from grace. ⁴For we through *the* Spirit eagerly wait for *the* hope of righteousness out of faith. ⁵For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but faith working through love. ⁶You were running well; who held you back *that* you do not obey the truth? ⁷The persuasion *is* not from Him calling you. ⁸A little leaven leavens all the lump. ¹⁰I trust

as to you in *the* Lord that you will think nothing else, but that the *one* troubling you shall bear the judgment, whoever he may be. ¹¹But I, brothers, if I proclaim circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the offense of the Cross has passed away. ¹²I would that the ones causing you to doubt will cut themselves off.

¹³For, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not *use* the freedom for gain to the flesh. But serve one another as slaves by love. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in *this*: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that you are not consumed.

¹⁶But I say, Walk in *the* Spirit, and you will not fulfill *the* lust of *the* flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another; lest whatever you may will, these things you do. ¹⁸But if you are led by *the* Spirit, you are not under law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are clearly revealed, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lustfulness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, fightings, jealousies, angers, rivalries, divisions, heresies, ²¹envyings, murders, drunkennesses, wild parties, and things like these; *of* which I tell you beforehand, as I also said before, that the ones practicing such things will not inherit *the* kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, ²³meekness, self-control — against such things there is not a law.

²⁴But the ones belonging to Christ crucified the flesh with *its* passions and lusts.

²⁵If we live in *the* Spirit, let us also walk in *the* Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become glory-seeking ones, provoking one another, envying one another.

CHAPTER 6

¹Brothers, if a man is taken in some fault, you, the spiritual ones, restore such

a one in the spirit of meekness, considering yourself, that you not also be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if any one thinks to be something, he deceives himself, being nothing. ⁴But let each one prove his work, and then he alone will have *a* boast in himself, and not as to another. ⁵For each one will bear *his* own load.

⁶But let the *one* being taught in the word share with the *one* teaching, in all good things. ⁷Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man may sow, that he also will reap. ⁸For the *one* sowing to his flesh will reap corruption of the flesh. But the *one* sowing to the Spirit will reap everlasting life from the Spirit. ⁹But we should not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap, if *we* do not faint. ¹⁰So, then, as we have time, let us work good toward all, and especially toward the household of the faith.

¹¹See in what large letters I write to you with my hand. ¹²As many as desire to look well in *the* flesh, these compel you to be circumcised; only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³For they themselves having been circumcised do not even keep *the* Law; but they desire you to be circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴But may it never be for me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision *has* any strength, nor uncircumcision; but a new creation. ¹⁶And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace and mercy *be* on them, and on the Israel of God.

¹⁷For the rest, let no one give troubles to me, for I bear in my body the brands of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO *THE* EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ through *the* will of God, to the saints being in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies with Christ; ⁴according as He chose us in Him before *the* foundation of *the* world, for us to be holy and without blemish before Him in love; ⁵predestinating us to adoption through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶to *the* praise of *His* glory of His grace, in which He favored us in the Beloved, ⁷in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; ⁸which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding, ⁹making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰for the administration of the fullness of time; to head up all things in Christ, both the things in Heaven, and the things on earth, in Him, ¹¹in whom we also have been chosen to an inheritance, being predestinated according to *the* purpose of the *One* working all things according to the counsel of His *own* will, ¹²for us to be to *the* praise of His glory, the ones first trusting in Christ; ¹³in whom also you, hearing the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is an earnest of our inheritance, to *the* redemption of the purchased possession, to *the* praise of His glory.

¹⁵Because of this, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love toward all the saints, I also ¹⁶do not cease giving thanks on your behalf, making mention of you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in *the* knowledge of Him, ¹⁸the eyes of your mind having been enlightened for you to know what is the hope of His

calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength ²⁰which He worked in Christ *in* raising Him from *the* dead — yea, *He* seated *Him* at His right *hand* in the heavenlies, ²¹far above all principality, and authority, and power, and lordship, and every name being named, not only in this age, but also in the coming *age*; ²²and He put all things under His feet, and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him filling all things in all;

CHAPTER 2

¹and *He* worked in you who were once dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you then walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit now working in the sons of disobedience; ³among whom we also all conducted ourselves in times past in the lusts of our flesh, doing the things willed of the flesh and of the understandings, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love *with* which He loved us, ⁵even we being dead in sins, *He* made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are being saved — ⁶and raised *us* up together, and seated *us* together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus, ⁷that He might show in the coming ages the exceeding great riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you are saved, through faith, and this not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God; ⁹not of works, that not anyone should boast; ¹⁰for we are *His* workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God before prepared that we should walk in them.

¹¹Because of this, remember that you, the nations, *were* then in *the* flesh, those having been called Uncircumcision by those having been called Circumcision in *the* flesh made by hand, ¹²that at that time

you were without Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers of the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who then were afar off came to be near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He is our peace, He making *us* both one, and breaking down the middle wall of partition, ¹⁵in His flesh causing to cease the enmity, the Law of the commandments in decrees, that He might in Himself create the two into one new man, making peace; ¹⁶and might reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, slaying the enmity in Himself. ¹⁷And coming, *He* proclaimed peace to you, the ones afar off, and to the ones near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So, then, you are no longer strangers and tenants, but *you are* fellow-citizens of the saints and *of the* household of God, ²⁰being built up on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being *the* cornerstone; ²¹in whom all the building fitted together grows into a holy temple in *the* Lord; ²²in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling-place of God in *the* Spirit.

CHAPTER 3

¹For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you, the nations, ²if, indeed, you heard of the stewardship of the grace of God given to me for you, ³that by revelation He made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief, ⁴by the reading of which you are able to realize my understanding in the mystery of Christ; ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as it now has been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in *the* Spirit, ⁶for the nations to be joint-heirs, and of the same body, and sharers of His promise in Christ, through the gospel; ⁷of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given to me, according to the working of His power.

⁸This grace was given to me, less than the least of all the saints, to proclaim the gospel of the unsearchable riches of Christ among the nations, ⁹and to bring all to light, what *is* the fellowship of the mystery

having been hidden from eternity in God, the *One* creating all things through Jesus Christ, ¹⁰so that now to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenlies might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through His faith. ¹³Therefore, I beg *you* not to faint at my troubles on your behalf, which is your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵of whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that He may give you according to the riches of His glory by *His* power to become mighty in the inward man through His Spirit, ¹⁷that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts, having been rooted and founded in love, ¹⁸that you may be given strength to grasp, with all the saints, what *is* the breadth and length and depth and height, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to Him being able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think, according to the power working in us, ²¹to Him *be* the glory in the church in Christ Jesus, to all the generations of the age forever. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then I, the prisoner in *the* Lord, exhort you to walk worthily of the calling in which you were called, ²with all humility and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love; ³being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is* one body and one Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, He above all and through all and in you all. ⁷But to each one of us was given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. ⁸Because of this, He says, "Having gone up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."—⁹but that He went up, what is it except that He also first came down into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that came down is the same who also went up above all the

heavens, that He might fill all things. ¹¹And He gave some *to be* apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; some, pastors, and teachers; ¹²with a view to the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³until we all may come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to *the* measure of *the* stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be infants, having been blown and carried to and fro by every wind of doctrine, in the underhandedness of men, in craftiness with a view to the trickery of error; ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the head, the Christ; ¹⁶from whom all the body having been fitted and compacted together through every assisting bond, according to *the* working of one measure in each part, producing the growth of the body to the building up of itself in love.

¹⁷Therefore, I say this, and testify in *the* Lord, that you no longer walk even as also the rest of *the* nations walk, in *the* vanity of their mind, ¹⁸having been darkened in the understanding, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance which is in them because of the hardness of their heart, ¹⁹who having cast off all feeling gave themselves up to lust, for *the* working of all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹if indeed you heard Him, and were taught in Him, as *the* truth is in Jesus; ²²for you have put off the old man, as regards the former behavior, having been corrupted according to the deceitful lusts; ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your mind; ²⁴and to have put on the new man *which* according to God *was* created in righteousness and true holiness.

²⁵Therefore, putting off the false, speak truth each with his neighbor, because we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry, but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷nor give place to the Devil. ²⁸The *one* stealing, let him steal no more, but rather let him labor, working what *is* good with the hands, that he may have *something* to give to the *one* that has need. ²⁹Let not every filthy word go out of

your mouth, but if *anything*, for good to building up in respect of need, that it may give grace to the ones hearing. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed to *the* day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, and tumult, and evil speaking be put away from you, along with all evil things. ³²And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, having forgiven one another, even as also God forgave you in Christ.

CHAPTER 5

¹Then be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and walk in love, even as Christ also loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell.

³But let not be named among you fornication, and all uncleanness, or greediness, as is fitting for saints; ⁴also filthiness, and foolish talking, or joking—the things not becoming — but rather thanksgiving. ⁵For be knowing this, that every fornicator, or unclean one, or covetous *one*, who is an idolater, has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for through these the wrath of God comes on the sons of disobedience. ⁷Then do not be partners with them; ⁸for you then were darkness, but now light in *the* Lord—walk as children of light. ⁹For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth, ¹⁰proving what is well-pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove *them*. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things being done by them in secret. ¹³But all things being exposed by the light are clearly revealed, for everything having been revealed *is* light. ¹⁴Because of this, He says, “Arise, sleeping one, and stand up out of the dead ones, and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Then watch how carefully you walk, not as unwise, but as wise ones, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷For this reason, do not be foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸And do not be drunk with

wine, in which is debauchery, but be filled by *the* Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and praising in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, even to God *the* Father, ²¹having been subject to one another in *the* fear of God.

²²Wives, subject yourselves to *your* own husbands, as to the Lord; ²³because a husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is Head of the church, and He is Savior of the body. ²⁴But even as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up on its behalf, ²⁶that He might sanctify it, cleansing *it* by the washing of the water in *the* word, ²⁷that He might present it to Himself *as* the glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such things; but that it be holy and without blemish. ²⁸So, husbands ought to love their wives as their *own* bodies—he loving his wife loves himself — ²⁹for then no one hated his *own* flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as also the Lord the church. ³⁰For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. ³¹“For this a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and the two shall be one flesh.” ³²The mystery is great, but I speak as to Christ and as to the church. ³³However, you also, everyone, let each love his wife as himself, and the wife, that she fears the husband.

CHAPTER 6

¹Children, obey your parents in *the* Lord, for this is right. ²Honor your father and mother, which is *the* first commandment with a promise, ³that it may be well with you, and you may be long-lived on the earth. ⁴And fathers, do not provoke your children, but bring them up in *the* discipline and admonition of *the* Lord.

⁵Slaves, obey *your* lords according to flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ; ⁶not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ doing the will of God from *the* soul, ⁷serving as slaves with good will to

the Lord, and not *as to* men; ⁸each one knowing that whatever good thing he does, this he shall receive from the Lord, whether a slave, or a freeman. ⁹And lords, do the same things toward them, forbearing threatening, knowing that the Lord of you and of them is in Heaven, and there is no respect of persons with Him.

¹⁰For the rest, my brothers, be made powerful in *the* Lord, and in the might of His strength. ¹¹Put on all the armor of God, for you to be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil; ¹²because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the rulers of this world, of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenlies. ¹³Because of this, take up all of the armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having worked out all things, to stand. ¹⁴Then stand firm, having girded your loins about with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod the feet with *the* preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the darts of the evil one, the things having been made fiery. ¹⁷Also, take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸through all prayer and petition, praying at every time in *the* Spirit, and watching to this same thing with all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints. ¹⁹*Pray* also for me, that to me may be given speech in *the* opening of my mouth with boldness to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I may speak boldly as it is right for me to speak.

²¹But that you also may know the things about me, what I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in *the* Lord will make known all things to you, ²²whom I sent to you for this same thing, that you might know the things about us, and *he* may comfort your hearts.

²³Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace *be* with all those that love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO *THE* PHILIPPIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, and Timothy, slaves of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and ministers: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God on all the remembrance of you, ⁴always in my every prayer on your behalf making *my* prayer with joy ⁵over your fellowship in the gospel, from *the* first day until now, ⁶being persuaded of this very thing, that the *One* having begun a good work in you will finish *it* until *the* day of Jesus Christ; ⁷as it is righteous for me to think this of you all, because you have me in *your* heart; both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you are all sharers of the grace with me. ⁸For God is my witness how I long after you all in *the* bowels of Jesus Christ. ⁹And this I pray, that your love may yet abound more and more in full knowledge and all perception, ¹⁰for you to distinguish the things that differ, that you may be sincere and without blame for *the* day of Christ, ¹¹being filled with *the* fruits of righteousness through Jesus Christ, to *the* glory and praise of God. ¹²But I want you to know, brothers, that the things concerning me have more fully come to *the* advancement of the gospel, ¹³so that in all the praetorium, and to all the rest, my bonds have become clearly revealed to *be* in Christ; ¹⁴and the most of the brothers in *the* Lord, being confident in my bonds, more exceedingly dare to speak the word fearlessly. ¹⁵Some, indeed, even proclaim Christ because of envy and strife; but some also because of good will. ¹⁶These, indeed, announce Christ out of party spirit, not sincerely, thinking to add affliction to my bonds. ¹⁷But these *others* out of love, knowing that I am set for defense of the gospel.

¹⁸For what? Yet in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is announced; and I rejoice in this; I will also yet rejoice. ¹⁹For I know that this will result in salvation to me through you

petition, and *the* supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but as always in all boldness even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

²¹For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die is gain. ²²But if I live in *the* flesh, this *is* to me fruit of *my* labor; and what I shall choose, I do not know. ²³For I am pressed together by the two: having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better— ²⁴but to remain in the flesh *is* more necessary on account of you. ²⁵And being persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with you all for your advancement and joy of faith; ²⁶so that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me, through my presence with you again. ²⁷Only behave yourself worthily of the gospel of Christ, so that whether coming and seeing you, or being absent, I hear the things concerning you, that you stand fast in one spirit and one soul, striving together in the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not being terrified in anything by those who oppose, which to them truly is a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation, and this from God; ²⁹because it was granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer on His behalf, ³⁰having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

CHAPTER 2

¹Then if *there is* any comfort in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of *the* Spirit, if any tendernesses and compassions, ²fulfill my joy, that you think the same, having the same love, one in soul, minding the one thing, ³*doing* nothing according to party spirit or self-glory, but in humility esteeming one another to surpass themselves; ⁴each not looking at their own things, but each also *at the* things of others. ⁵For let this mind be in you which also *was* in Christ Jesus, ⁶who subsisting in the form of God thought

it not robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking *the* form of a slave, having become in *the* likeness of men, ⁸and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, having become obedient until death, even *the* death of a cross. ⁹Because of this also God highly exalted Him and gave Him a name above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *those* of Heaven, and *those* of earth, and *those* under *the* earth; ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to *the* glory of God *the* Father.

¹²So, then, my beloved, even as you always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who is working in you both to will and to work for the sake of *His* good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without murmurings and disputings, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and harmless, children of God, without fault in the midst of a crooked generation, even having been perverted — among whom you shine as luminaries in *the* world, ¹⁶holding up a word of life, for a boast to me in *the* day of Christ, that I ran not in vain, nor labored in vain ¹⁷But if indeed I am poured out on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice; and I rejoice with you all. ¹⁸And you also rejoice in the same, and rejoice with me.

¹⁹But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I may also be of good cheer, knowing the things about you. ²⁰For I have no one likeminded, who genuinely will care for the things about you. ²¹For all seek their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus. ²²But you know the proof of him, that as a child to a father, he served with me for the gospel. ²³Then I hope to send this one at once, whenever I shall see the things about me. ²⁴But I trust in *the* Lord that I myself also will come soon. ²⁵But I thought it needful to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-worker, and my fellow-soldier, and your messenger and minister of my need; ²⁶since he was longing for you all, and has been troubled because you heard that he was sick. ²⁷For indeed he was sick, coming near to death; but God had

mercy on him, and not only on him, but also me, lest I should have grief on grief. ²⁸Therefore, I sent him more eagerly, that seeing him again you may rejoice, and I may be less grieved. ²⁹Then receive him in *the* Lord with all joy, and hold such in honor; ³⁰that through the work of Christ he drew near to death, exposing *his* soul, that he may fill up your lack of service toward me.

CHAPTER 3

¹For the rest, my brothers, rejoice in *the* Lord. To write the same things to you truly is not tiresome to me, but safe for you. ²Look out *for* the dogs; look out *for* the evil workers; look out *for* the concision party. ³For we are the circumcision, the ones who worship by the Spirit of God, and who glory in Christ Jesus, and who do not trust in flesh. ⁴Though I also might have trust in flesh—if any other thinks to trust in flesh, I more— ⁵in circumcision, *the* eighth day; of *the* race of Israel, *the* tribe of Benjamin; a Hebrew of the Hebrews; according to Law, a Pharisee; ⁶according to zeal, persecuting the church; according to righteousness in Law, being blameless. ⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss because of Christ. ⁸But, nay, rather I also count all things to be loss because of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count *them* to be trash, that I might gain Christ, ⁹and be found in Him; not having my own righteousness of Law, but through *the* faith of Christ *having* the righteousness of God *based* on faith, ¹⁰to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, having been conformed to His death; ¹¹if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I already received, or already have been perfected, but I press on, if I also may lay hold, inasmuch as I also was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³Brothers, I do not count myself to have laid hold, but one *thing I do*, forgetting the things behind, and stretching forward to those things before, ¹⁴I press on after the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Then as many as *are* perfect, let us be of this mind; and if

you think anything differently, God will also reveal this to you.

¹⁶Yet *as* to where we have reached, *let us* walk by the same rule, *being* of the same mind. ¹⁷Be fellow-imitators of me, brothers, and consider those walking this way, even as you have us *for* a pattern.

¹⁸For many walk *as* the enemies of the cross of Christ—of whom I often told you, and now even weeping I say *it* — ¹⁹whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* the belly, and *who* glory in their shame, those who mind earthly things.

²⁰For our citizenship *is* in Heaven, from where we also wait for a Savior, *the* Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our body of humiliation, for it to be conformed to His body of glory, according to the working of His power, even to put all things under Himself.

CHAPTER 4

¹So that, my brothers, ones loved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand firm in *the* Lord, beloved ones.

²I entreat Euodia, and I entreat Synuche, to mind the same thing in *the* Lord. ³And I also ask you, true yokefellow, help those who struggled along with me and with Clement in the gospel, and the rest, fellow-workers with me, whose names *are* in *the* Scroll of Life.

⁴Rejoice in *the* Lord always. Again I say, Rejoice! ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to all men. The Lord *is* near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and by petition, with thanksgivings, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸For the rest, brothers, whatever *is* true, whatever honorable, whatever *is*

right, whatever pure, whatever lovely, whatever of good report; if *of* any virtue, and if *of* any praise, think on these things. ⁹And what things you learned and received and heard and saw in me, practice these things; and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰But I rejoiced in *the* Lord greatly that now at last you revived *your* thinking of me—although you indeed did think, but lacked opportunity. ¹¹Not that I speak as to great need; for I have learned to be content in whatever state I am. ¹²But I know to be humbled, and I know to abound; in everything, and in all things, I am taught both to be filled, and to hunger; both to abound, and to lack. ¹³I can do all things through Christ, the *One* giving me power. ¹⁴Yet you did well in sharing my troubles. ¹⁵And you know, too, Philipians, that in *the* beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in *the* matter of giving and receiving, except you only.

¹⁶Because truly in Thessalonica you sent to my need, both once and twice. ¹⁷Not that I seek a gift, but I seek the fruit multiplying to your account. ¹⁸But I have all things, and more than enough; I have been filled, receiving from Epaphroditus the things from you, an odor of sweet smell, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

¹⁹And my God will fill your every need according to His riches in glory, in Christ Jesus. ²⁰Now may glory be to our God and Father forever and ever. Amen.

²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, most of all those of Caesar's house.

²³The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO *THE* COLOSSIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy the brother, ²to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

³We give thanks to God and *the* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying continually about you, ⁴hearing of your faith in Christ Jesus, and the love which *you have* toward all the saints, ⁵through the hope being laid up for you in Heaven; which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶coming to you, as also in all the world, and it is bearing fruit, even also among you, from the day in which you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷even as you also learned from Epaphras our beloved fellow-slave, who is a faithful minister of Christ for you, ⁸he also showing to us your love in *the* Spirit.

⁹For this cause also, from the day in which we heard, we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled *with* the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰for you to walk worthily of the Lord to all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing into the full knowledge of God; ¹¹being empowered with all power according to the might of His glory, to all patience and long-suffering with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has made us fit for a share of the inheritance of the saints in light, ¹³who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love; ¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins; ¹⁵who is *the* image of the invisible God, *the* Firstborn of all creation—¹⁶for all things were created in Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth; the visible and the invisible; whether thrones, or lordships, or rulers, or authorities, all things have been created through Him and for Him.

¹⁷And He is before all things, and all things consist in Him. ¹⁸And He is the Head of the body, the church; who is *the* Beginning, *the* Firstborn from *the* dead, that He be pre-eminent in all things; ¹⁹because all the fullness was pleased to dwell in Him, ²⁰and through Him making peace by the blood of His cross, to reconcile all things to Himself through Him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in the heavens. ²¹And you then were once alienated and enemies in *your* mind by evil works. But now He reconciled ²²in the body of His flesh, through death, to present you holy and without blame, and without charge before Him, ²³if you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and not being moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard proclaimed in all the creation under Heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now *I* rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf, and I fill up in my flesh the things lacking of the afflictions of Christ, on behalf of His body, which is the church; ²⁵of which I became a minister, according to the administration of God given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶the mystery having been hidden from the ages, and from the generations, but now was revealed to His saints; ²⁷to whom God desired to make known what *are* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory; ²⁸whom we announce, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man full-grown in Christ Jesus. ²⁹For which also I labor, working according to the working of Him who works in me in power.

CHAPTER 2

¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I have concerning you, and those in Laodicea, and as many as have not seen my face in *the* flesh; ²that their

hearts may be comforted, being joined together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of the understanding, to *the* full knowledge of the mystery of God, even of *the* Father and of Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge. ⁴And I say this, that no one may beguile you with persuasive words. ⁵For though I am indeed absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order, and the firmness of your faith in Christ. ⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, ⁷having been rooted and built up in Him, and having been confirmed in the faith, even as you were taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

⁸Watch, that there not be one robbing you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰and having been filled, you are in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority, ¹¹in whom also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made by hand, in the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ; ¹²being buried with Him in baptism, in whom also you were raised through the faith of the working of God, raising Him from the dead. ¹³And you, being dead in the offenses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all the offenses; ¹⁴blotting out the handwriting in the ordinances against us, which were contrary to us, even *He* has taken it out of the midst, nailing it to the cross; ¹⁵having stripped the rulers and the authorities, He made a show of them in public, triumphing *over* them in it.

¹⁶Then do not let anyone judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a feast, or the new moon, or of sabbaths, ¹⁷which are a shadow of coming things; but the body *is* of Christ. ¹⁸Let no one judge you unworthy, willing in humility and worship of the angels, pushing into things which he has not seen, *being* puffed up by the mind of his flesh without a cause, ¹⁹and not holding fast the Head, from whom all the body having been

supplied *with* the joints and bands, and having been joined together, will grow with the growth *which comes* from God.

²⁰If, then, you died with Christ from the elements of the world, why are you under *its* decrees, as living in *the* world? ²¹Do not handle; do not taste; do not touch—²²which things are all to rot away in the using, according to the injunctions and teachings of men. ²³Which things indeed have a reputation of wisdom in will-worship and humility, and unsparing *abuse* of the body, not in any honor for satisfaction of the flesh.

CHAPTER 3

¹If, then, you were raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is sitting at *the* right of God; ²mind the things above, not the things on the earth, ³for you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God. ⁴Whenever Christ our life is revealed, then also you will be revealed with Him in glory.

⁵Then put to death your members which *are* on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil lust, and covetousness, which is idolatry; ⁶on account of which things the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience; ⁷among whom you also walked at one time, when you were living in these. ⁸But now, you put off all *these* things also: wrath, anger, malice, evil speaking, shameful words out of your mouth.

⁹Do not lie to one another, having put off the old man with his practices, ¹⁰and having put on the new, having been renewed in full knowledge according to *the* image of the *One* creating him; ¹¹where there is no Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, foreigner, Scythian, slave *or* freeman—but Christ *is* all things and in all.

¹²Then put on as the elect of God, holy and beloved, tender feelings of compassions, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, ¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any has a complaint against anyone; even as Christ forgave you, so also *should* you. ¹⁴And above all these, *add* love, which is *the* bond of perfectness. ¹⁵And let the peace of

God rule in your hearts, to which you also were called in one body, and be thankful.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and exhorting yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷And everything, whatever you do in word or in work, *do* all things in the name of *the* Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and *the* Father through Him.

¹⁸Wives, be subject to *your* own husbands, as is becoming in *the* Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love the wives, and do not be bitter against them. ²⁰Children, obey the parents in all things; for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, that they may not be disheartened. ²²Slaves, obey the lords according to flesh in all respects, not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. ²³And whatever you may do, work from the soul, as to the Lord, and not to men, ²⁴knowing that from *the* Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance. For you serve *the* Lord Christ. ²⁵But the *one* doing wrong will receive what he did wrong, and there is no respect of persons.

CHAPTER 4

¹Lords, give that which *is* just and that which *is* equal to the slaves, knowing that you have a Lord in Heaven also.

²Steadfastly continue in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving, ³praying together about us also, that God may open to us a door of the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which I also have been bound, ⁴that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak. ⁵Walk in

wisdom toward the ones outside, redeeming the time. ⁶Let your word be always with grace, being seasoned with salt, to know how you ought to answer each one.

⁷All the things about me Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister, and fellow-slave in *the* Lord, will make known to you, ⁸whom I sent to you for this very thing, that he know the things about you, and that he might comfort your hearts; ⁹with Onesimus the faithful and beloved brother, who is of you. they will make known to you all the things here.

¹⁰Aristarchus, my fellow-prisoner, greets you; also Mark the cousin of Barnabas, about whom you received orders — if he comes to you, receive him — ¹¹and Jesus, the *one* being called Justus, those being of the circumcision, these only fellow-workers for the kingdom of God, who became a comfort to me.

¹²Epaphras greets you, he of you, a slave of Christ, always striving for you in prayers, that you may stand full-grown and being complete in every will of God.

¹³For I bear witness to him, that he has much zeal on your behalf, and those in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis. ¹⁴Luke the beloved physician greets you, also Demas. ¹⁵Greet the brothers in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church in his house.

¹⁶And when this letter is read before you, cause that it be read also in the Laodicean church; and the *one* of Laodicea, that you also read. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, Look to the ministry which you received in *the* Lord, that you may fulfill it.

¹⁸The greeting of Paul by my own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of Thessalonians in God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

²We give thanks to God always concerning you all, making mention of you at our prayers, ³remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love, and the patience of hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father; ⁴knowing, brothers, beloved by God, your election. ⁵For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in *the* Holy Spirit, and in much assurance, even as you know what we were among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, welcoming the word in much affliction with joy of *the* Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became examples to all those believing in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord sounded out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone out, so that there is no need for us to have to say anything. ⁹For they themselves announce concerning us, what kind of entrance we have to you, and how you had turned to God from the idols, to serve *the* true and living God, ¹⁰and eagerly to await His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from *the* dead, Jesus, the *One* delivering us from the wrath to come.

CHAPTER 2

¹For brothers, you yourselves know our entrance to you, that it has not been without fruit. ²But also suffering before and being insulted in Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak the gospel of God to you in much agony. ³For our exhortation *was* not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile; ⁴but even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted *with* the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵For neither were we then *found* with words of flattery, even as you know, nor with pretense of covetousness

—God is witness—⁶nor seeking glory from men; neither from you, nor from others, having been able to be *so* with heaviness as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle in your midst, even as a nurse should warmly cherish her children.

⁸Longing over you in this way, we were pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls, because you have become beloved to us. ⁹For, brothers, you remember our labor and toil, night and day, working in order not to put a burden on any one of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You and God *are* witnesses how holily and righteously and blamelessly we were to you, those believing; ¹¹even as you know how *I was to* each one of you, as a father *to* his children, exhorting and consoling you, ¹²testifying for you to walk worthily of God, He calling you to His kingdom and glory.

¹³And because of this we give thanks to God without ceasing, that having received *the* word of hearing from us, you welcomed *it as* of God, not *as* a word of men, but as it is, truly *the* word of God, which also works in you, the *ones* believing. ¹⁴For, brothers, you became imitators of the churches of God being in Judea in Christ Jesus, because you also suffered these things by *your* own fellow-countrymen, as they also by the Jews, ¹⁵who both killed the Lord Jesus and *their* own prophets, also driving us out, and not pleasing God, and *being* contrary to all men; ¹⁶hindering us from speaking to the nations in order that they be saved, to fill up their sins always. But the wrath has come on them to *the* uttermost.

¹⁷But, brothers, we being taken away from you for an hour's time, in presence, not in heart, we were much more eager with much desire to see your face. ¹⁸Because of this, we desired to come to you, truly I, Paul, both once and twice; but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹For what *is* our hope or joy, or crown of glorying? *Are* you not even *to be* before our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

CHAPTER 3

¹So no longer enduring, we were pleased to be left in Athens alone, ²and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow-worker in the gospel of Christ, in order to establish you and to encourage you concerning your faith, ³that no one be drawn aside by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. ⁴For even when we were with you, we said to you before that we are about to be afflicted; as it also happened, even you know. ⁵Because of this, no longer enduring, I also sent to know your faith, that the tempting *one* not somehow tempt you, and our labor should become to no avail. ⁶But now Timothy coming to us from you, and announcing good news to us of your love and faith, and that you have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as also we *long to see* you, ⁷because of this we were comforted as to you, brothers, on *knowing* all our affliction and distress through your faith, ⁸for now we live, if you should stand fast in *the* Lord. ⁹For what thanks are we able to return to God as to you, as to all the joy *with* which we rejoice because of you before our God, ¹⁰night and day praying exceedingly for *me* to see your face, and to complete the things lacking in your faith?

¹¹But may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you to increase and to abound in love toward one another and toward all, even as we also toward you, ¹³in order to establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

CHAPTER 4

¹For the rest, then, brothers, we beg you and we exhort in *the* Lord Jesus, even as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, that you abound more. ²For you know what injunctions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is God's will, your sanctification, *for* you to abstain from fornication, ⁴each one of you to know to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵not in passion of lust, even as also the nations not knowing

God *do*; ⁶not to go beyond and to overreach in the matter of his brother; because *the* avenger concerning all these *is* the Lord, even as we told you before, and solemnly testified. ⁷For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in sanctification. ⁸Therefore, the *one* that despises does not despise man, but God, even He giving His Holy Spirit to us.

⁹Now as to brotherly love, you have no need *for me* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. ¹⁰For you also do it toward the brothers in all Macedonia. But, brothers, we exhort you to abound more. ¹¹And try earnestly to be quiet, and to do *your* own things, and to work with your own hands, as we enjoined you, ¹²that you may walk becomingly toward those outside, and that you may have need of nothing.

¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who sleep, that you not grieve, as the rest also, not having hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him all those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. ¹⁵For we say this to you in *the* word of *the* Lord, that we the living who remain to the coming of the Lord not at all will go before those who have fallen asleep; ¹⁶because the Lord Himself shall come down from Heaven with a commanding shout of an archangel's voice, and with God's trumpet. And the dead in Christ will rise again first, ¹⁷then we who remain alive will be caught up together with them in *the* clouds to a meeting with the Lord in *the* air. And so we will always be with *the* Lord. ¹⁸So, then, comfort each other with these words.

CHAPTER 5

¹But as to the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need for you to be written *to*, ²for you yourselves know accurately the day of *the* Lord comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, Peace and safety! Then suddenly destruction comes upon them, like travail to the pregnant woman, and they shall not at all escape. ⁴But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that the Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵You are all sons of light

and sons of day; we are not of night, nor of darkness. ⁶So, then, we should not sleep as the rest also *do*, but we should watch and be calm. ⁷For the *ones* who sleep sleep by night, and the *ones* having been drunk are drunk by night; ⁸but we being of day should be calm, having put on *the* breastplate of faith and love, and *the* hope of salvation *as* a helmet; ⁹because God has not appointed us to wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰He dying on our behalf, so that whether we watch or we sleep, we may live together with Him. ¹¹Therefore, comfort one another, and build up one another, as you indeed do.

¹²But, brothers, we beg you to know those laboring among you, and taking the lead of you in *the* Lord, and warning you; ¹³even esteem them most exceedingly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

¹⁴And we exhort you, brothers, to warn the unruly ones, comfort those *that are*

faint-hearted, sustain the weak, be patient towards all. ¹⁵See *that* no one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue the good, both towards one another and towards all.

¹⁶Rejoice always. ¹⁷Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸In everything give thanks, for this *is the* will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies. ²¹Test all things, hold fast to the good. ²²Keep back from every form of evil.

²³And may the God of peace Himself fully sanctify you, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴*He* who calls you *is* faithful, who also will perform *it*.

²⁵Brothers, pray concerning us.

²⁶Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. ²⁷I charge you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brothers.

²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE TO *THE* THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of Thessalonians in God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

³Brothers, we are bound to give thanks to God always concerning you, even as it is right, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all multiplies toward one another; ⁴so as for us to boast ourselves in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions, and the afflictions which you endure, ⁵a clear token of the just judgment of God, for you to be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you indeed suffer; ⁶since *it* is a just thing with God to repay affliction to the ones afflicting you; ⁷and to you, those being afflicted, rest with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from Heaven with angels of His power, ⁸in flaming fire giving full vengeance to those not knowing God, and to those not obeying the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁹who will pay the penalty: eternal destruction from *the* face of the Lord, and from the glory of His strength, ¹⁰when He comes to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all those who believe in that Day, because our testimony to you was believed. ¹¹For which we also always pray concerning you, that our God may count you worthy of the calling, and may fulfill every good pleasure of goodness, and work of faith in power, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 2

¹And, brothers, we beg you, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of our gathering together to Him, ²for you not to be quickly shaken *in* the mind, nor to be troubled; neither through a spirit, nor through speech, nor through letter, as through us, as if the Day of Christ has come. ³Do not let anyone deceive you in any way, because *that Day will not come*

unless first comes the falling away, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴the *one* opposing and exalting himself over everything being called God, or object of worship, so as *for* him to sit in the temple of God as God, showing himself that he is a god. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things, *I* yet being with you? ⁶And now you know the thing holding back, for him to be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness already is working, only he holding back now, until it comes out of *the* midst; ⁸and then the Lawless One will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume by the spirit of His mouth; and *He* will bring to nothing by the brightness of His coming; ⁹*His* coming is according to the working of Satan in all power and miracles and lying wonders, ¹⁰and in all deceit of unrighteousness in those being lost, because they did not receive the love of the truth in order for them to be saved. ¹¹And because of this, God will send to them a working of error, for them to believe the lie, ¹²that all may be judged, those not believing the truth, but who have delighted in unrighteousness.

¹³But we ought to thank God always concerning you, brothers, beloved by *the* Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to salvation in sanctification of *the* Spirit and belief of *the* truth, ¹⁴to which He called you through our gospel, to obtain *the* glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So, then, brothers, stand firm and strongly hold the teachings you were taught, whether by word or by our letter. ¹⁶But may our Lord Himself, Jesus Christ, and our God and Father, He who loves and gives us everlasting encouragement and good hope by grace, ¹⁷encourage your hearts, and may He establish you in every good word and work.

CHAPTER 3

¹For the rest, brothers, pray concerning us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also with you, ²and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men—for faith *is* not in all. ³But

the Lord is faithful, who will establish and will guard you from the evil. ⁴But we are persuaded in *the* Lord as to you, that whatever things we enjoin you, you both do and will do. ⁵And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

⁶And we enjoin you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to draw yourselves back from every brother walking in *an* unruly way, and not according to the teaching which you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how it is right to act like us, because we were not disorderly among you; ⁸nor did we eat bread from anyone *as* a gift; but by labor and toil working night and day in order not to burden anyone of you. ⁹Not that we do not have authority, but that we give ourselves an example to you, for *you* to act like us. ¹⁰For even when we were with

you, we enjoined this to you: If anyone does not desire to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear some *are* walking in a disorderly way among you, not working at all, but being busybodies. ¹²And we enjoin such and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that working with quietness they may eat their own bread. ¹³And you, brothers, do not lose heart *in* well-doing. ¹⁴But if anyone does not obey our word through the letter, mark that one, and do not associate with him, that he be shamed; ¹⁵but do not count *him* an enemy, but warn *him* as a brother.

¹⁶And may the Lord of peace Himself continually give peace to you in every way. The Lord *be* with all of you.

¹⁷The greeting of Paul by my hand is *the* sign in every letter; so I write. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ according to a command of God our Savior, even *the* Lord Jesus Christ, our Hope, ²to Timothy, a true child in *the* faith: Grace, mercy, peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

³Even as I begged you to remain in Ephesus — *I* going to Macedonia — that you might charge some not to teach other doctrines, ⁴nor to give heed to fables and to endless genealogies—which provide doubts rather than a stewardship of God in faith — ⁵but the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience, and faith not pretended; ⁶from which having missed the mark some turned aside to empty talking, ⁷wishing to be teachers of Law, neither understanding what they say, nor about that which they strongly affirm. ⁸And we know that the Law *is* good, if anyone uses it lawfully; ⁹knowing this, that law is not laid down for a righteous one but for lawless and unruly ones, for ungodly and sinful ones, for unholy and profane ones, for slayers of fathers and slayers of mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰for fornicators, for homosexuals, for slave-traders, for liars, for perjurers, and if any other thing opposes sound teaching, ¹¹according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God *with* which *I* was entrusted.

¹²And I have thanks to Him empowering me, our Lord Jesus Christ, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³the *one* who before was a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and insolent; but I obtained mercy, because being ignorant I did *it* in unbelief. ¹⁴But the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Faithful *is* the word, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶But for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all long-suffering, for an example to those being about to believe on Him to everlasting life. ¹⁷Now to the King eternal, incorruptible, invisible, *the*

only wise God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁸This charge I commit to you, *my* child Timothy, according to the prophecies going before as to you, that you might war the good warfare by them, ¹⁹having faith and a good conscience, which some having thrust away made shipwreck concerning the faith; ²⁰of whom are Hymeneus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan, that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

CHAPTER 2

¹First of all, then, I exhort *that* petitions, prayers, intercessions, *and* thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; ²for kings and all the ones being in high position, that we may lead a tranquil and quiet existence in all godliness and reverence. ³For this *is* good and acceptable before God our deliverer, ⁴who desires all men to be delivered, and to come to a full knowledge of truth. ⁵For God *is* one, also *there is* one Mediator of God and of men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶the *One* having given Himself a ransom on behalf of all, the testimony *to be given* in its own times; ⁷to which I was appointed a herald and apostle—I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie—a teacher of *the* nations, in faith and truth.

⁸Therefore, I desire the men to pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting. ⁹Likewise also the women to adorn themselves in decent clothing, with modesty and sensibleness, not with plaiting, or gold, or pearls, or expensive garments, ¹⁰but what becomes women professing fear of God, through good works.

¹¹Let a woman learn in silence, in all subjection. ¹²But I do not allow a woman to teach, nor to exercise authority *over* a man, but to be in silence. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived has come to be in transgression; ¹⁵but she will be delivered through the bearing of children, if they remain in faith and love and holiness, with sensibleness.

CHAPTER 3

¹Faithful *is* the word: If anyone reaches out to overseership, he desires a good work. ²Then the overseer must be blameless, husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, modest, hospitable, apt at teaching; ³not a drinker, not a contentious one, not greedy of ill gain—but gentle, not quarrelsome, not loving money; ⁴ruling his own house well, having children in subjection with all reverence — ⁵but if anyone does not know to rule *his* own house, how will he care for a church of God? — ⁶not a novice, lest being puffed up he may fall into *the* judgment of the Devil. ⁷But he must also have a good witness from those outside, that he not fall into reproach, and *into* a snare of the Devil.

⁸Likewise, deacons *to be* reverent, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy of ill gain, ⁹having the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. ¹⁰And also let these be tested first, then let them serve, being blameless. ¹¹Likewise, *their* wives *to be* reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling *their* own households and children well. ¹³For those having served well gain a good grade for themselves, and much boldness in faith, those in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴I write these things to you, hoping to come to you shortly. ¹⁵But if I delay, that you may know how to behave in the house of God, which is *the* church of the living God, *the* pillar and foundation of the truth. ¹⁶And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in flesh, was justified in Spirit, was seen by angels, was proclaimed among nations, was believed on in *the* world, was taken up in glory.

CHAPTER 4

¹But the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, cleaving to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons, ²in hypocrisy of liars, being seared in *their* own conscience, ³forbidding to marry, *saying* to abstain from foods, which God created for partaking with thanksgiving by the believers, and *those* knowing the truth.

⁴Because every creature of God is good and nothing to be thrust away, but having been received with thanksgiving; ⁵for through God's word and prayerfully coming together, it is sanctified.

⁶Having suggested these things to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, having been nourished by the words of faith, and by the good teaching which you have followed. ⁷But refuse the profane and old-womanish tales. And exercise yourself to godliness. ⁸For bodily exercise is profitable for a little, but godliness is profitable to all things, having promise of the present life, and of that coming. ⁹Faithful *is* the word, and worthy of all acceptance; ¹⁰for to this we also labor and *are* reproached, because we hope on *the* living God, who is deliverer of all men, especially of believers. ¹¹Enjoin and teach these things.

¹²Let no one despise your youth, but become an example of the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. ¹³Until I come, attend to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴Do not be neglectful of the gift in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with laying on of the hands of the elderhood. ¹⁵Meditate on these things; be in these things in order that your progress may be plain to all. ¹⁶Hold on to yourself and to the teaching; continue in them; for doing this, you will both deliver yourself and those hearing you.

CHAPTER 5

¹Do not sharply rebuke an elder, but exhort as a father, *and* younger ones as brothers; ²elder women as mothers; younger women as sisters in all purity. ³Honor widows, the *ones* really being widows; ⁴but if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to be godly to their own house, and to make a return payment to *their* forebears; for this is good and pleasing before God. ⁵But she being really a widow, even having been left alone, has set *her* hope on God, and continues in petitions and prayers night and day. ⁶But she who lives in self-pleasure has died *while* living. ⁷And enjoin these things that they may be blameless. ⁸But if anyone does not provide

for *his* own, and especially *his* family, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever. ⁹Let a widow be enrolled having become not less than sixty years, wife of one man, ¹⁰being witnessed by good works; if she brought up children; if she hosted strangers; if she washed the feet of the saints; if she relieved afflicted ones; if she followed after every good work.

¹¹But refuse younger widows; for whenever they grow lustful against Christ, they desire to marry, ¹²having guilt because they set aside the first faith; ¹³and with it all, they also learn *to be* idle, going around the houses, and not only idle but also gossips and busy-bodies, speaking the things not proper. ¹⁴Therefore, I desire *the* young women to marry, to bear children, to rule the house, giving no occasion to the adversary on account of reproach. ¹⁵For some already have turned aside behind Satan. ¹⁶If any believing man or believing woman has widows, let them relieve *them*; and do not burden the church, that it may relieve those being really widows.

¹⁷Let the elders who take the lead well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those laboring in word and teaching. ¹⁸For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox treading out *grain*" — and, "The laborer *is* worthy of his pay."

¹⁹Do not receive an accusation against an elder unless on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. ²⁰The ones sinning before all, rebuke; that the rest also may have fear. ²¹I solemnly witness before God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that you should guard these things without prejudice, doing nothing by way of partiality.

²²Lay hands quickly on no one, nor share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. ²³No longer drink water, but use a little wine on account of your stomach and your frequent infirmities. ²⁴The sins of some men are plain before, going before to judgment; but indeed some follow after. ²⁵Likewise, also the good works are plain beforehand, and those otherwise cannot be hidden.

CHAPTER 6

¹Let as many as are slaves under a yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name and teaching of God may not be blasphemed. ²And those having believing masters, let them not despise *them* because they are brothers, but rather let them serve as slaves because they are believing and beloved ones, those receiving of the good service in return. Teach and exhort these things.

³If anyone teaches differently, and does not consent to sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the teaching according to godliness, ⁴he has been puffed up, understanding nothing, but *is* sick concerning doubts and arguments, out of which comes envy, strife, evil-speakings, evil suspicions, ⁵meddling, of men whose mind has been corrupted and deprived of the truth, supposing gain to be godliness. Withdraw from such *persons*. ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we have brought nothing into the world, *and it is* plain that neither can we carry anything out. ⁸But having food and clothing, we will be satisfied with these. ⁹But those having purposed to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and many foolish and hurtful lusts which plunge men into death and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils, *by means of* which some having lusted after *it* were seduced from the faith, and *they* themselves pierced through by many pains.

¹¹But you, O man of God, flee these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, *and* meekness. ¹²Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called, and confessed the good confession before many witnesses. ¹³I charge you before God, He making all things alive, and Christ Jesus, He witnessing the good confession *to* Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴that you keep the commandment spotless, blameless, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; ¹⁵who in His own time will reveal the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords; ¹⁶the only *One* having immortality, living in light that cannot be approached; whom no one of

men saw, nor can see; to whom be honor and everlasting might. Amen.

¹⁷Charge the rich in the present age not to be high-minded, nor to set hope on *the* uncertainty of riches, but in the living God, He offering to us richly all things for enjoyment; ¹⁸to do good, to be rich in good works, to be ready to share, generous, ¹⁹treasuring up for themselves a

good foundation for the coming *age*, that they may lay hold on everlasting life.

²⁰O Timothy, guard the deposit, having turned away from the profane, empty babblings and opposing theories of the falsely named knowledge, which some having asserted have missed the mark concerning the faith.

Grace *be* with you. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul *an* apostle of Jesus Christ by *the* will of God, according to the promise of life which *is* in Christ Jesus, ²to *my* beloved child Timothy: Grace, mercy, peace from God *the* Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I have thanks to God, whom I worship from *my* forebears in a pure conscience, how unceasingly I have remembrance concerning you in my petitions night and day, ⁴longing to see you, being reminded of your tears, that I may be filled with joy; ⁵taking recollection of the unpretended faith in you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and *in* your mother Eunice; and I am assured that *it is* also in you. ⁶For which cause I remind you to fan the flame of the gift of God, which *is* in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give a spirit of fearfulness to us, but of power, and of love, and of self-control.

⁸Then do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor *of* me, His prisoner. But suffer hardship with the gospel, according to *the* power of God, ⁹He having saved us and having called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to *His* own purpose and grace given to us in Christ Jesus before eternal times, ¹⁰but now revealed through the appearance of our Savior, Jesus Christ, making death of no effect *and* bringing life and incorruption to light through the gospel; ¹¹for which I was appointed a herald and apostle, and a teacher of nations. ¹²For which cause I also suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He *is* able to guard my deposit until that Day. ¹³Hold a pattern of sound words which you heard from me, in faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit *given* through *the* Holy Spirit indwelling in us.

¹⁵You know this, that all those in Asia turned away from me, of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶May the Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me, and he

was not ashamed *of* my chain; ¹⁷but having come to Rome, he more diligently sought and found me. ¹⁸May the Lord give to him to find mercy from *the* Lord in that Day. And what things he served in Ephesus, you know very well.

CHAPTER 2

¹Then my child, you be empowered by grace in Christ Jesus. ²And what things you heard from me through many witnesses, commit these things to faithful men, such as will be competent also to teach others. ³Then you suffer hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴No one serving as a soldier tangles with the affairs of this life, so that he might please the *one* enlisting *him*.

⁵And also if anyone competes, he is not crowned unless he competes lawfully. ⁶*It is* right *that* the laboring farmer partake first of the fruits. ⁷Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ having been raised from *the* dead, *of* the seed of David, according to my gospel, ⁹in which I suffer ill as an evildoer, unto bonds; but the word of God has not been bound. ¹⁰Because of this, I endure all things on account of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus, with everlasting glory. ¹¹Faithful *is* the word: for if we died with *Him*, we also shall live with *Him*. ¹²If we endure, we shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, that One will deny us. ¹³If we are unfaithful, that One remains faithful; He is not able to deny Himself.

¹⁴Remind *them of* these things, solemnly testifying before the Lord not to dispute about words for nothing useful, *to* the throwing down *of* those hearing. ¹⁵Earnestly *study* to show yourself approved to God, a workman unashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. ¹⁶But shun profane, empty babblings, for they will go on to more ungodliness, ¹⁷and their word will have growth like gangrene — of whom is Hymeneus and Philetus; ¹⁸who missed the mark concerning the truth, saying the resurrection already has

come, and overturn the faith of some. ¹⁹However, the foundation of God stands firm, having this seal, "*The Lord knew those being His*;" also, "Let everyone naming the name of Christ depart from unrighteousness."

²⁰But in a great house not only are there vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. ²¹Then if anyone purifies himself from these, he will be a vessel to honor, having been sanctified and made useful to the Master, having been prepared to every good work. ²²But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, with the *ones* calling on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³But refuse the foolish and uninstructed questionings, knowing that they generate quarrels. ²⁴But a slave of the Lord ought not to quarrel, but to be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, ²⁵in meekness teaching those who have opposed, if perhaps God may give them repentance for a full knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and they may awake out of the snare of the Devil, having been taken captive by him, so as to do the will of that one.

CHAPTER 3

¹But know this, that in the last days grievous times will be at hand. ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, braggarts, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³without natural feeling, unyielding, slanderers, without self-control, savage, haters of good, ⁴betrayers, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it — even turn away from these. ⁶For of these are those creeping into houses and leading silly women captive, the *ones* having been heaped with sins, being led away by various lusts, ⁷always learning, but never being able to come to a full knowledge of the truth. ⁸But in the way Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so also these withstand the truth, men having been corrupted in mind, found worthless as to the faith. ⁹But they will not go further, for their foolishness will be plain to all, as also that of those became.

¹⁰But you have closely followed my teaching, the conduct, the purpose, the faith, the long-suffering, the love, the patient endurance, ¹¹the persecutions, the sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra; what persecutions I bore. And the Lord delivered me out of all. ¹²And, indeed, all desiring to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³But evil men and pretenders will go forward to worse, leading astray, and being led astray. ¹⁴But you keep on in what you learned and were assured of, knowing from whom you learned, ¹⁵and that from a babe you know the Holy Scriptures, those being able to make you wise to salvation through belief in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be perfect, fully furnished for every good work.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then I solemnly witness before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, He being about to judge living and dead according to His appearance and His kingdom: ²preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; convict, warn, encourage with all long-suffering and teaching. ³For a time will be when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own lusts, they will heap up to themselves teachers tickling the ear; ⁴and they will turn away the ear from the truth, and will be turned aside to myths. ⁵But you be clear-minded in all; suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist; fully carry out your ministry. ⁶For I am already being poured out, and the time of my release is here. ⁷I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. ⁸For the rest, the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me in that Day — and not only to me, but also to all the ones loving His appearance.

⁹Make haste to come to me shortly; ¹⁰for Demas deserted me, loving the present age; and he went to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Taking

Mark, bring *him* with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. ¹²But I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak which I left in Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith showed many evil things to me. The Lord will give to him according to his works. ¹⁵You also guard against *him*, for he greatly resisted our words.

¹⁶In my first defense, no one was beside me, but all deserted me. May it not be reckoned to them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood with me and gave me power, that through me the preaching might be fulfilled, and

all the nations might hear. And I was delivered out of *the* mouth of the lion. ¹⁸And the Lord will deliver me from every wicked work, and will save *me* for His heavenly kingdom; to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus remained in Corinth, but I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

²¹Try to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brothers.

²²The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO TITUS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of the elect of God and full knowledge of the truth according to godliness, ²on hope of eternal life which the God that does not lie promised before the eternal times, ³but revealed in its own times in a proclamation of His word, with which I was entrusted by the command of our Savior God: ⁴to Titus, a true child according to our common faith. Grace, mercy, peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

⁵For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things lacking, and appoint elders in every city, as I ordered you:

⁶If anyone is blameless, husband of one wife, having believing children, not in accusation of loose behavior, or unruly. ⁷For the overseer must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-pleasing, not full of passion, not given to wine, not a quarreller, not greedy of ill gain; ⁸but hospitable, a lover of good, discreet, just, holy, temperate, ⁹clinging to the faithful word according to the teaching, that he may be able both to encourage with sound teaching, and to convict the ones speaking against.

¹⁰For there are indeed many unruly men, empty talkers and mind-deluders, especially those of the circumcision, ¹¹whose mouth you must stop, who overturn whole houses, teaching things which they ought not for the sake of ill gain. ¹²One of them, a prophet of their own, said: Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons. ¹³This testimony is true; for which cause convict them severely, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴not listening to Jewish myths and commandments of men, having turned away from the truth.

¹⁵Truly, all things are pure to the pure; but to the ones having been defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled.

¹⁶They profess to know God, but by their works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient, and reprobate to every good work.

CHAPTER 2

¹But you speak things which become sound doctrine: ²aged men to be temperate, sensible, discreet, sound in faith, in love, in patience; ³aged women likewise in reverent behavior, not slanderers, not having been enslaved by much wine, teachers of good, ⁴that they might train the young women to be lovers of husbands, lovers of children, ⁵discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be spoken against; ⁶the younger men in the same way exhort to be discreet; ⁷having shown yourself a pattern of good works about all things, in teaching, in purity, sensibleness, incorruption, ⁸in sound speech, not to be condemned; that he who is opposed may be ashamed, having nothing bad to say about you.

⁹Let slaves be subject to their own masters, well-pleasing in all things, not speaking against them, ¹⁰not stealing, but showing all good faith, that they may adorn the teaching of our Savior God in all things.

¹¹For the grace of God which brings salvation appeared to all men, ¹²instructing us that having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live discreetly and righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself on our behalf, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify a special people for Himself, zealous of good works.

¹⁵Speak these things, and exhort, and convict with all authority. Let no one despise you.

CHAPTER 3

¹Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready in every good work; ²to speak evil of no one, not quarrelsome, but forbearing, having displayed all meekness to all men.

³For we also once were senseless, disobedient, led astray, slaving for various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴But

when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works in righteousness which we had done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through *the* washing of regeneration and renewal of *the* Holy Spirit, ⁶which He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior; ⁷that being justified by His grace, we should become heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. ⁸Faithful is the word, and concerning these things I desire you strongly to affirm that the *ones* believing God should take thought to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

⁹But keep back from foolish questionings, and genealogies, and arguments, and

quarrels of law, for they are unprofitable and vain. ¹⁰After the first and second warning, avoid a man of heresy, ¹¹knowing that such a one has been perverted, and sins, being self-condemned.

¹²When I shall send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, hasten to come to me at Nicopolis. For I have decided to winter there.

¹³Diligently set forward Zenas the lawyer, and Apollos, that nothing be lacking to them.

¹⁴And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they may not be without fruit.

¹⁵All those with me greet you. Greet those who love us in *the* faith.

Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy the brother, to Philemon the beloved and our fellow-worker, ²and to Apphia the beloved, and to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always making mention of you in my prayers, ⁵hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints, ⁶so that the fellowship of your faith may operate in a full knowledge of every good thing in you for Jesus Christ. ⁷For we have much joy and encouragement over your love, in that the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

⁸Because of this, having much boldness in Christ to enjoin you *to do* what *is* becoming — ⁹rather because of love I entreat, being such a one as Paul *the* aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ;

¹⁰I entreat you concerning my child Onesimus, whom I fathered in my bonds, ¹¹*the one* once worthless to you, but now useful to you and to me; whom I sent back.

¹²Even receive him, that is, my heart;

¹³whom I resolved to hold with myself, that for you he might minister to me in the

bonds of the gospel. ¹⁴But I was willing to do nothing without your consent, that your good might not be by way of necessity, but by way of willingness.

¹⁵For perhaps for this he was separated for an hour, that you might receive him eternally; ¹⁶no longer as a slave, but beyond a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, and how much more to you, both in *the* flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷Then if you have me as a partner, receive him as me. ¹⁸And if he wronged you *in* anything, or owes, put this to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, wrote with my hand; I will repay; that I not say to you that you even owe yourself to me also. ²⁰Yes, brother, *that* I may have your help in *the* Lord, refresh my heart in *the* Lord.

²¹Trusting to your obedience, I wrote to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say. ²²But at once prepare lodging for me; for I hope that through your prayers I shall be given to you.

²³Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, ²⁴*also* my fellow-workers Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, *and* Luke.

²⁵The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

CHAPTER 1

¹In many parts and in many ways of old, God spoke to the fathers in the prophets; ²in these last days *He* spoke to us in the Son, whom He appointed heir of all; through whom He indeed made the ages; ³who being *the* shining splendor of *His* glory, and the express image of His essence, and upholding all things by the word of His power, having made purification of our sins through Himself, *He* sat down on *the* right of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become so much better than the angels, He has inherited a name more excellent than they. ⁵For to which of the angels did He ever say, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You"? And again, "I will be a Father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me." ⁶And again, when He brought the Firstborn into the world, He said, "And let *all the* angels of God worship Him."

⁷And as to the angels, He said, "Who makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire;" ⁸but as to the Son, "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever, A sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of Your kingdom;" ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; because of this God, Your God, has anointed You *with* the oil of gladness above Your companions." ¹⁰And, "You, Lord, *at the* beginning founded the earth, and the heavens are works of Your hands. ¹¹They will vanish away, but You will continue; and *they* will all become old, like a garment, ¹²and You shall fold them up like a covering, and *they* shall be changed. But You are the same, and Your years shall not fail." ¹³But to which of the angels did He ever say, "Sit at My right *hand* until I place Your enemies *as* a footstool of Your feet"? ¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits for service, being sent out because of the *ones* being about to inherit salvation?

CHAPTER 2

¹For this reason we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things heard, that we should not slip away at any time. ²For if the word spoken by angels

was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just repayment; ³how shall we escape *if* we neglect so great a salvation? Which having received a beginning to be spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by the ones hearing; ⁴God bearing witness with *them* by both miracles and wonders, and by various works of power, even by distribution of *the* Holy Spirit, according to His will.

⁵For He did not put the coming world under angels, about which we speak, ⁶but one fully testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You are mindful of him; or the son of man, that You look upon him? ⁷You made him a little less than *the* angels; You crowned him with glory and honor; and You set him over the works of Your hands; ⁸You put all things under his feet." For in putting all things under him, He left nothing not subjected to him. But now we do not yet see all things being subjected to him; ⁹but we do see Jesus crowned with glory and honor, who on account of the suffering of death *was* made a little less than the angels, so that by *the* grace of God He might taste of death for every son. ¹⁰For it was fitting for Him, because of whom *are* all things, and through whom *are* all things, bringing many sons to glory, to perfect *Him as* the Author of their salvation through sufferings. ¹¹For both He sanctifying and the *one* being sanctified *are* all of one; for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, "I will announce Your name to My brothers; I will sing to You *in the* midst of the church." ¹³And again, "I will be trusting on Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children whom God gave to Me."

¹⁴Since, then, the children have partaken of flesh and blood, in like manner He Himself also shared the same things, that through death He might cause to cease the *one* having the power of death, that is, the Devil; ¹⁵and might set these free, as many as by fear of death were subject to slavery through all the *time* to live. ¹⁶For indeed He does not take hold of angels, but He takes hold of *the* seed of

Abraham. ¹⁷For this reason He ought by all means to become like *His* brothers, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest *in* the things respecting God, in order to make propitiation for the sins of *His* people. ¹⁸For in what He has suffered, being tried, He is able to help those having been tried.

CHAPTER 3

¹For this reason, holy brothers called *to be* partakers of a heavenly *calling*, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ²being faithful to Him who appointed Him, as also Moses in all his house. ³For He was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by so much as the *one* having built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴For every house is built by someone; but He who built all things *is* God. ⁵And Moses truly *was* faithful in all his house as a ministering servant, for a testimony of the things having been spoken; ⁶but Christ as Son over His house, whose house we are, if truly we hold fast the boldness and rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

⁷Because of this, even as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you will hear His voice, ⁸do not harden your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness, ⁹there where your fathers tempted Me, testing Me, and saw My works forty years. ¹⁰Because of this, I was angry with that generation, and said, They always go astray in heart; and they did not know My ways; ¹¹so I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest."

¹²Watch, brothers, lest perhaps shall be in any one of you a heart of evil unbelief in falling away from *the* living God. ¹³But exhort yourselves each day, as long as it is being called today, that not any of you be hardened by the deceit of sin. ¹⁴For we have become sharers of Christ, if truly we hold the beginning of the assurance firm to *the* end; ¹⁵as in the saying, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as in the provocation." ¹⁶For hearing, some provoked *Him*, but not all those coming out of Egypt through Moses. ¹⁷But with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with the ones sinning, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

¹⁸And to whom did He swear *they would* not enter into His rest, except to those not obeying? ¹⁹And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then let us fear, a promise having been left to enter into His rest, any of you never may seem to come short. ²For, indeed, we have had the gospel preached *to us*, even as they also; but the word did not profit those hearing *it*, not having been mixed with faith in the ones who heard. ³For we, the ones believing, enter into the rest, even as He said, "As I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter into My rest," though the works had come into being from *the* foundation of the world. ⁴For He has spoken somewhere about the seventh *day* this way, "And God rested from all His works in the seventh *day*." ⁵And in this *place* again, "They shall not enter into My rest." ⁶Therefore, since it remains *for* some to enter into it, and those who formerly had the gospel proclaimed did not enter in on account of disobedience, ⁷He again marks out a certain day, saying in David, "Today"—after so long a time, according as He has said — "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." ⁸For if Joshua gave them rest, then He would not have afterwards spoken about another day. ⁹So, then, there remains a rest to the people of God. ¹⁰For He entering into His rest, *He* Himself also rested from His works, as God *had done* from His own.

¹¹Therefore, let us labor to enter into that rest, that not anyone fall in the same example of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God *is* living, and powerfully working, and sharper than every two-edged sword, even piercing as far as *the* dividing apart of both soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge of the thoughts and intentions of the heart; ¹³and there is no creature unrevealed before Him; but all things *are* naked and laid open to His eyes, with whom *is* our account.

¹⁴Then having a great High Priest *who* has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest not

being able to sympathize with our infirmities, but *One* having been tried in all respects according to *our* likeness, apart from sin. ¹⁶Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and we may find grace for help in time of need.

CHAPTER 5

¹For every high priest being taken from men is appointed on behalf of men *in* the things respecting God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; ²being able to feel in due measure for those not knowing and having been led astray, since he also is circled about *with* weakness. ³And because of this he ought to offer for sins as concerning the people and concerning himself. ⁴And no one takes the honor to himself, but he being called by God, even as Aaron also. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become a high priest, but He speaking to Him, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You." ⁶As He also says in another, "You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek, ⁷who in the days of His flesh offering both petitions and entreaties to Him being able to save Him from death, with strong crying and tears, and being heard from *His* godly fear; — ⁸though being a Son, He learned obedience from what He suffered — ⁹and being perfected, He became *the* Author of eternal salvation to all those obeying Him, ¹⁰having been called out by God *as* a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹Concerning whom we *have* much to say, and hard to interpret, since you have become dull in hearing. ¹²For indeed because of the time *you are* due to be teachers, you need to have someone to teach you again the rudiments of the beginning of the oracles of God, and you have become *in* need of milk, and not of solid food; ¹³for everyone partaking of milk *is* not skilled *in the* word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴But solid food *is* for those full-grown, having exercised the faculties through habit, for distinguishing both good and bad.

CHAPTER 6

¹Because of this, leaving the discourse of the beginning of Christ, let us be borne

on to full growth, not laying down again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, ²of *the* baptisms, of teaching, of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of dead ones, and of eternal judgment. ³And this we will do, if indeed God permits. ⁴For those being once enlightened, and having tasted of the heavenly gift, and becoming sharers of *the* Holy Spirit, ⁵and tasting *the* good word of God, and *the* works of power of a coming age, ⁶then falling away, *it is* impossible *for them* again to renew to repentance, *for they* again *will be* crucifying for themselves the Son of God, and putting *Him* to open shame. ⁷For the earth drinking in the rain often coming upon it, and producing plants fit for those for whom it is also worked, receives blessing from God; ⁸but bearing thorns and thistles, *it is* deemed unfit and near a curse, of which the end *is* for burning.

⁹But, loved ones, even if we indeed speak so, we have been persuaded better things concerning you, even holding fast salvation. ¹⁰For God is not unjust, to forget your work and the labor of love which you showed to His name, ministering to the saints, and *now are* ministering. ¹¹But we desire each of you to show the same eagerness, to the full assurance of the hope to *the* end; ¹²that you not become dull, but imitators of those who through faith and long-suffering *are* inheriting the promises.

¹³For God having made promise to Abraham, since He had no greater to swear by, *He* swore by Himself, ¹⁴saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." ¹⁵And so, being long-suffering, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath to make things sure *is* to them the end of all gainsaying. ¹⁷In which way, desiring to more fully declare to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His counsel, God interposed by an oath, ¹⁸that through two unchangeable things, in which *it was* not possible *for* God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, those having fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before *us*, ¹⁹which we have as an anchor of the soul, both certain and sure, and entering into

the inner *side* of the veil; ²⁰where Jesus entered as forerunner for us, having become a High Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

CHAPTER 7

¹For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, the *one* meeting Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessing him; ²to whom also Abraham divided a tenth from all — first being interpreted, king of righteousness; and then also king of Salem, which is, king of peace, ³without father, without mother, without genealogy, nor beginning of days, nor having end of life, but having been made like the Son of God, *he* remains a priest in perpetuity.

⁴Now behold how great this *one* was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils; ⁵and indeed those of the sons of Levi receiving the priesthood have a command to tithe the people according to Law—that is, from their brothers, though coming forth out of Abraham's loins — ⁶but he not counting *his* genealogy from them has tithed Abraham, and has blessed the *one* having the promises. ⁷But without contradiction, the lesser is blessed by the better. ⁸And here dying men indeed receive tithes, but there *it* having been witnessed that he lives; ⁹and as a word to say, through Abraham Levi also, the *one* receiving tithes, has been tithed. ¹⁰For he was yet in his father's loins when Melchizedek met him.

¹¹Truly, then, if perfection was through the Levitical priestly office — for the people had been given Law under it — why yet need *for* another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not to be called according to the order of Aaron? ¹²For the priestly office having been changed, of necessity a change of law also occurs. ¹³For the *One* of whom these things are said has partaken of another tribe, from which no one has given devotion at the altar. ¹⁴For it is clear that our Lord has risen out of Judah, as to which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵And it is still more abundantly clear *that* if another priest arises according to the likeness of

Melchizedek, ¹⁶who has not become *so* according to a law of a fleshly command, but according to *the* power of an indissoluble life — ¹⁷for it is testified, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." ¹⁸For a voiding of *the* preceding command comes about because of its *weakness* and unprofitableness. ¹⁹For the Law perfected nothing, but a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰And by how much *it was* not apart from *the* swearing of an oath — for they have become priests without *the* swearing of an oath, ²¹but He with *the* swearing through Him who says to Him, "The Lord swore, and will not repent, You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" — ²²by so much Jesus has become Surety of a better covenant. ²³And they truly are many priests, being hindered from continuing because of death; ²⁴but He has the priesthood not to be passed on, because of His continuing forever. ²⁵From this also He is able to save to perfection those who come to God through Him, ever living to intercede for them.

²⁶For such a High Priest was fitting for us: holy, harmless, undefiled, and separated from sinners, and having become higher than the heavens; ²⁷who has no need, as do the high priests, to offer sacrifices day by day, first for His own sins, then for those of the people. For He did this once for all, offering up Himself. ²⁸For the Law makes men high priests who have infirmity, but the word of the swearing of an oath, after the Law, *appoints the Son* forever, having been perfected.

CHAPTER 8

¹Now a summary over the things being said: We have such a High Priest, who sat down on *the* right of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven, ²Minister of the holies, and of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man.

³For every high priest is set in place to offer both gifts and sacrifices; from which *it is necessary for* this *One* also to have something which He may offer. ⁴For if indeed He were on earth, He would not even be a priest, there being those priests offering gifts according to the Law, ⁵who

serve *the* pattern and shadow of heavenly things, even as Moses was divinely warned, being about to make the tabernacle: For He says, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown to you in the mount." ⁶But now He has gotten a more excellent ministry, also by so much as He is a Mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. ⁷For if that first was faultless, place would not have been sought for a second. ⁸For finding fault, He said to them, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, and I will make an end on the house of Israel, and on the house of Judah; a new covenant *shall be*, ⁹not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day of My taking hold of their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not regard them, says *the* Lord. ¹⁰Because this *is* the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says *the* Lord, giving My laws into their mind, and I will write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹¹And they shall no more teach each one his neighbor, and each one his brother, saying, Know the Lord; because all shall know Me, from the least of them to their great ones. ¹²For I will be merciful to their unrighteousnesses, and I will not at all remember their sins and their lawless deeds."

¹³In the saying, "New," He has made the first old. And the thing having been made old and growing aged *is* near disappearing.

CHAPTER 9

¹Truly, then, the first *tabernacle* also had ordinances of service, and the worldly holy place. ²For the first tabernacle was prepared, in which *was* both the lampstand and the table, and the setting out of the loaves, which is called holy; ³but behind the second veil *is* a tabernacle, that called Holy of Holies, ⁴having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant covered around on all sides with gold, in which *was* the golden pot having the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; ⁵and above it

the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat—about which now is not *time* to speak piece by piece. ⁶And these having been prepared thus, the priests go into the first tabernacle through all, completing the services. ⁷But into the second the high priest *goes* alone once *in* the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself and the ignorances of the people; ⁸the Holy Spirit signifying *by* this *that* the way of the Holies has not yet been made manifest, the first tabernacle still having standing; ⁹which *has* a parable for the present time, according to which both gifts and sacrifices are offered, *but* as regards conscience, not being able to perfect the *one* serving, ¹⁰but only on foods and drinks, and various washings, and fleshly ordinances, until *the* time of setting things right has been imposed.

¹¹But Christ having appeared *as* a High Priest of the coming good things, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, ¹²nor through *the* blood of goats and of calves, but through *His* own blood, *He* entered once for all into the Holies, having procured everlasting redemption. ¹³For if the blood of bulls and goats, and ashes of a heifer sprinkling those having been defiled, sanctifies to the purity of the flesh, ¹⁴by how much more the blood of Christ, who through *the* eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, will purify your conscience from dead works *for the* serving of *the* living God! ¹⁵And because of this He is Mediator of a new covenant, so that, death having occurred for redemption of transgressions under the first covenant, those having been called out might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance.

¹⁶For where a covenant *is*, *the* death of him covenanting must be offered. ¹⁷For a covenant is affirmed over *those* dead, since it never has force when he covenanting *is* living. ¹⁸From which: Neither the first was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹For *when* every command had been spoken according to Law by Moses to all the people, *he* took the blood of the calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, *and* he sprinkled both the scroll and all the people, ²⁰saying, This *is* the

blood of the covenant which God enjoined to you. ²¹And he likewise sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the service vessels with the blood. ²²And almost all things are cleansed by blood according to the Law; and apart from shedding of blood no remission occurs. ²³Then *it was* needful for the figures of the things in the heavens to be cleansed *with* these; but the heavenly things *themselves* by better sacrifices than these. ²⁴For Christ did not enter into *the* Holies made by hands, types of the true things, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf — ²⁵not that often He should offer Himself, even as the high priest enters into the Holies year by year with blood of others; ²⁶since He must often have suffered *from the* foundation of the world. But now once, at the completion of the ages, He has been manifested for putting away of sin through the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷And as it is reserved to men once to die, and after this Judgment; ²⁸so being once offered to bear the sins of many, Christ shall appear a second time without sin to those expecting Him for salvation.

CHAPTER 10

¹For the Law had a shadow of the coming good things, not the image *itself* of *those* things. *Appearing* year by year with the same sacrifices, which they offer continually, *they* never are able to perfect the ones drawing near. ²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because those serving did not still have conscience of sins, having once been cleansed? ³But in these *there is* a remembrance of sins year by year — ⁴for *it is* not possible *for* the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵For this reason, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but You prepared a body for Me. ⁶You did not delight in burnt offerings and *sacrifices* as to sins. ⁷Then I said, Lo, I come — *in the* heading of the Book, it was written concerning Me — to do Your will, O God."

⁸Above, saying, "You did not desire nor were pleased *with* sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *sacrifices* about sins," which are offered according

to the Law, ⁹then He said, "Lo, I come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first in order that He may set up the second; ¹⁰by which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹And indeed every priest stands day by day ministering, and often offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But He, offering but one sacrifice for sins, sat down in perpetuity at *the right hand* of God, ¹³from then on expecting until His enemies are placed *as* a footstool of His feet. ¹⁴For by one offering He has perfected in perpetuity the ones being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit witnesses to us also. For after having said before, ¹⁶"This *is* the covenant which I will covenant to them after those days, says *the* Lord: Giving My laws on their hearts, and I will write them on their minds; ¹⁷and I will not at all still remember their sins and their lawless deeds." ¹⁸But where forgiveness of these *is*, there *is* no longer offering concerning sins.

¹⁹Then, brothers, having confidence for the entering of the Holies by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰which He consecrated for us, a new and living way through the veil; that is, His flesh; ²¹and *having* a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, *our* hearts having been sprinkled from an evil conscience, and *our* body having been washed in pure water; ²³let us hold fast the confession of the hope without yielding, for He who has promised *is* faithful. ²⁴And let us consider one another, to incitement of love and of good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling together of ourselves, as *is the* custom of some, but exhorting; and by so much more as you see the Day drawing near.

²⁶For *if we are* willfully sinning after receiving the full knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice concerning sins, ²⁷but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and zealous fire being about to consume the adversaries. ²⁸*If* anyone did not regard the Law of Moses, *that one* dies without pities *on the word* of two or three witnesses. ²⁹How much worse punishment do you think he will thought worthy *to receive*, *he* trampling

the Son of God, and having counted common the blood of the covenant in which he was sanctified, and having insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know Him who has said, "Vengeance *belongs* to Me; I will repay, says *the* Lord." And again, "*The* Lord will judge His people." ³¹*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

³²But call to mind the former days in which being enlightened you endured much conflict of sufferings; ³³partly being exposed both to reproaches and to afflictions; and partly having become partners of those so conducting themselves. ³⁴For also you suffered together in my bonds; and you accepted the seizure of your possessions with joy, knowing yourselves to have a better and abiding possession in Heaven. ³⁵Then do not throw away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶For you have need of patience, that having done the will of God you may obtain the promise. ³⁷For, "yet a very little *and* the *One* coming will come, and will not delay." ³⁸"But the just shall live by faith; and if he draws back, My soul is not pleased in him." ³⁹But we are not of *those* drawing back to destruction, but of faith, to the preservation of *the* soul.

CHAPTER 11

¹Now faith is *the* substantiation of things having been hoped, *the* evidence of things not having been seen. ²For by this the elders obtained witness. ³By faith we understand the worlds to have been framed by *the* word of God, so that the things seen *should* not come into being out of things that appear.

⁴By faith Abel offered a greater sacrifice to God than Cain, by which he obtained witness to be righteous, God testifying over his gifts; and through it, having died, he yet speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was translated *so as* not to see death, and was not found, because God translated him. For before his translation, he had obtained witness to have been pleasing to God. ⁶But without faith it is impossible to please *God*. For it is right *that* the *one* drawing near to God should believe that He is, and *that* He becomes a rewarder to the ones seeking Him out. ⁷Being warned

by God about the things not yet having been seen, moved with fear, by faith Noah prepared an ark for *the* salvation of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness according to faith.

⁸Having been called out by faith, Abraham obeyed to go forth to a place which he was going to receive for an inheritance, and went out not understanding where he went. ⁹By faith he resided as a foreigner in a land of promise, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the joint-heirs of the same promise; ¹⁰for he looked for a city having the foundations of which the builder and maker *is* God. ¹¹Also by faith Sarah herself received power for conceiving seed even beyond *the* time of age, and gave birth; since she deemed the *One* having promised *to be* faithful. ¹²Because of this came into being from one—and that *from* one having died —seed even as the stars of the heaven in multitude, and countless as sand by the seaside.

¹³These all died by way of faith, not having received the promises, but seeing them from afar, and being persuaded, and having embraced and confessed that they are aliens and sojourners on the earth. ¹⁴For those saying such things make clear that they seek a fatherland. ¹⁵And truly if they remembered that from which they came out, they had time to return. ¹⁶But now they stretch forth to a better, that is, a heavenly *land*. Therefore, God is not ashamed *of* them, to be called their God; for He prepared a city for them.

¹⁷By faith, being tested, Abraham offered up Isaac; and he receiving the promises was offering up the only-begotten, ¹⁸as to whom it was said, "In Isaac your Seed shall be called;" ¹⁹reckoning that God *was* able to raise even from *the* dead; from where indeed he obtained him in a parable. ²⁰By faith concerning things to come Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith dying Jacob blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped on the top of his staff. ²²Dying Joseph by faith made mention of the Exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones. ²³Moses being born, *he* was by faith hidden by his parents three months, because they saw the child *was* beautiful;

and they did not fear the king's decree. ²⁴By faith Moses, Having become great, refused to be called son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵having chosen rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than for a time to have enjoyment of sin; ²⁶having counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the anger of the king; for he kept on as seeing the Invisible One. ²⁸By faith he made the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith they passed through the Red Sea, as through dry land; by which attempt the Egyptians taking, *they* were swallowed up. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, having been circled during seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those disobeying, having received the spies with peace.

³²And what more may I say? For the times will fail me telling about Gideon, Barak, and also Samson and Jephthah, and also David and Samuel, and the prophets, ³³who through faith overcame kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched *the* power of fire, escaped *the* mouths of *the* sword, acquired power from weakness, became strong in war, made armies of foreigners to yield. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection; but others were beaten to death, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶And others received trial of mockings and of floggings; yea, more, of bonds and of prison: ³⁷they were stoned; they were tried; they were sawn in two; they died by murder of sword; they went about in sheepskins *and* in goatskins, being in need, being afflicted, being ill-treated; ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy, wandering in deserts, and mountains, and caves, and the holes of the earth. ³⁹And having obtained witness through the faith, these all did not obtain the promise, ⁴⁰God having foreseen something better concerning us, that they should not be perfected apart from us.

CHAPTER 12

¹So therefore we, having so great a

cloud of witnesses encircling us, having laid aside every weight and the easily-surrounding sin, through patience let us also run the race set before us, ²looking to the Author and Finisher of *our* faith, Jesus, who because of the joy set before Him endured *the* cross, despising the shame, and sat down at *the* right of the throne of God. ³For consider Him who had endured such gainsaying of sinners against Himself, that you do not grow weary, fainting in your souls. ⁴You did not yet resist unto blood, wrestling against sin. ⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation which *He* speaks with you, as with sons, "My sons, do not despise the chastening of *the* Lord, nor faint *while* being corrected by Him. ⁶For whom *the* Lord loves, He disciplines, and whips every son whom He receives." ⁷If you endure discipline, God is dealing with you as with sons; for who is *the* son whom a father does not discipline? ⁸But if you are without discipline, of which all have become sharers, then you are bastards, and not sons. ⁹Moreover, we have had fathers of our flesh *as* correctors, and we respected *them*. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits, and we shall live? ¹⁰For they truly disciplined *us* for a few days according to the thing seeming good to them; but He for *our* profit, in order *for us* to partake of His holiness. ¹¹And all discipline for the present indeed does not seem to be joyous, but grievous; but afterward it gives back peaceable fruit of righteousness to the ones having been exercised by it. ¹²Because of this, straighten the hands hanging alongside, and the enfeebled knees; ¹³and make straight tracks for your feet, that the lame not be turned aside, but rather healed.

¹⁴Eagerly pursue peace and holiness with all, without which no one will see the Lord, ¹⁵watching diligently that not any lack from the grace of God, that no root of bitterness growing up may disturb *you*, and through this many be defiled; ¹⁶that not any fornicator, or profane one—as Esau, who for one feeding gave up his birthright; ¹⁷for you know also that afterwards desiring to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, although seeking it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not drawn near to *the* mountain being touched, and having been lit with fire, and to gloom, and darkness, and tempest, ¹⁹and to a sound of trumpet, and to a voice of words, which those hearing begged not a word be added to them; ²⁰for they could not bear that *which* was enjoined: "Even if a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned, or shot through with a dart." ²¹And so fearful was the thing appearing, Moses said, "I am terrified and trembling." ²²But you have drawn near Mount Zion, even the city of *the* living God, to a heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³and to an assembly, a church of the firstborn ones having been enrolled in Heaven; and to God *the* judge of all; and to spirits of just ones who have been perfected; ²⁴and to Jesus *the* Mediator of a new covenant, and to blood of sprinkling speaking better things than *that* of Abel. ²⁵Watch *that* you do not refuse the *One* speaking; for if these did not escape who refused Him who divinely warned *them* on earth, much rather we, those turning away from Heaven; ²⁶whose voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." ²⁷Now the words "Yet once" make clear the removal of the things being shaken, as having been made, so that the things not shaken may remain. ²⁸For this reason, receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us have grace, by which we may serve God pleasingly, with reverence and awe; ²⁹for also, "Our God *is* a consuming fire."

CHAPTER 13

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not forget hospitality, for by this some unknowingly took in angels as guests. ³Be mindful of the prisoners, as having been bound with *them*; of those ill-treated, as also being in the body yourselves. ⁴Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Set your way of life without money-loving, being satisfied with present things; for He has said, "I will never leave you, nor will I ever forsake you." ⁶So that we may boldly say, *The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid;*

what shall man do to me?

⁷Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you, considering the issue of *their* conduct, imitate *their* faith: ⁸Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be carried away by various and strange teaching; for *it is good that* the heart be confirmed by grace, not by foods, in which those walking in *them* were not profited. ¹⁰We have an altar of which those serving the tabernacle have no authority to eat. ¹¹For of the animals *whose* blood is brought by the high priest into the Holies concerning sins, of these the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹²Indeed, because of this, in order that He might sanctify the people by His own blood, Jesus also suffered outside the gate. ¹³So now let us go forth to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴For we do not have here a continuing city, but we seek the *city* coming. ¹⁵Then through Him let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God always, that is, *the* fruit of the lips, confessing to His name. ¹⁶But do not be forgetful of doing good and sharing, for God is well-pleased with such sacrifices.

¹⁷Obey those taking the lead of you, and submit, for they watch for your souls, giving account, that they may do this with joy, and not *with* groaning; for this *would* be no profit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us, for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, in all things wishing to behave well. ¹⁹But I much more urge *you* to do this, that I may sooner be restored to you.

²⁰Now the God of Peace, He leading up out of *the* dead, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in *the* blood of the everlasting covenant, our Lord Jesus, ²¹perfect you in every good work, to do His will, doing in you that *which* is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

²²And, brothers, I exhort you, endure the word of exhortation, for I indeed wrote to you by *a few words*. ²³You know the brother, Timothy, with whom if I come sooner, having been freed, I will see you.

²⁴Greet all those leading you, also all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

²⁵Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JAMES

CHAPTER 1

¹James, a slave of God and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion, greeting:

²My brothers, count *it* all joy when you fall into various temptations, ³knowing that the proving of your faith works patience. ⁴But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

⁵But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from God, *who* gives to all freely and with no reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For the *one* who doubts *is* like a wave of *the* sea, being driven by wind and being tossed; ⁷for do not let that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord—⁸*he is* a double-souled man, not dependable in all his ways.

⁹But let the lowly brother rejoice in his lifting up; ¹⁰and the rich one *rejoice* in his humiliation, because he will pass away like *the* flower of *the* grass. ¹¹For the sun rose with the hot wind and dried up the grass, and its flower fell out, and the beauty of its appearance perished—so also the rich one will fade away in his ways.

¹²Blessed *is the* man who endures temptation, because having been approved he will receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to the ones loving Him.

¹³Let no one being tempted say, I am tempted from God. For God is not tempted by evils, and He tempts no one. ¹⁴But each one is tempted by *his* lusts, having been drawn out and having been seduced *by them*. ¹⁵Then being conceived lust brings forth sin. And sin being fully formed brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not go astray, my beloved brothers, ¹⁷every *act* of giving good and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom is no change or shadow of turning. ¹⁸Having purposed, He brought us forth by *the* word of truth, for us to be a certain firstfruit of His creatures.

¹⁹So that, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. ²⁰For *the* wrath of man

does not work out *the* righteousness of God. ²¹On account of this, having put aside all filthiness and overflowing of evil, in meekness receive the implanted word being able to save your souls. ²²But become doers of *the* word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³Because if anyone *is* a hearer of *the* word, and not a doer, this one is like a man studying his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for he studied himself, and has gone away, and immediately *he* forgot of what kind he was. ²⁵But the *one* looking into the perfect law of liberty, and continuing in *it*, this one not having become a forgetful hearer, but a doer of *the* work, this one will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶If anyone thinks to be religious among you, *yet* not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, this one's religion *is* vain. ²⁷Pure and undefiled religion before God and *the* Father *is* this: to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

CHAPTER 2

¹My brothers, do not with partiality to persons have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *Lord* of glory. ²For if a gold-fingered man in splendid clothing comes into your synagogue, and a poor one in shabby clothing also comes in; ³and you look on the *one* wearing the splendid clothing, and say to him, You sit here comfortably; and to the poor one you say, You stand there, or, Sit here under my footstool; ⁴did you not also make a difference among yourselves and become judges *with* evil thoughts? ⁵Hear, my beloved brothers, did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to the *ones* loving Him? ⁶But you dishonored the poor one. Do not the rich ones oppress you, and they drag you to judgment seats? ⁷Do they not blaspheme the good Name called on you? ⁸If you truly fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. ⁹But if you have partiality to persons, you work sin, having

been found guilty as transgressors by the law. ¹⁰For whoever shall keep all the law, but stumbles in one, he has become guilty of all. ¹¹For He who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." But if you do not commit adultery, but commit murder, you have become a transgressor of *the* law. ¹²So speak and so do as being about to be judged by *the* law of liberty. ¹³For Judgment *will be* without mercy to the *one* not doing mercy. And mercy rejoices over judgment.

¹⁴My brothers, what *is* the gain if anyone says *he* has faith, but he does not have works? Is faith able to save him? ¹⁵But if a brother or a sister is naked and may be lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and any one of you say to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled — but does not give them the things the body needs — what gain *is it*? ¹⁷So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself. ¹⁸But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith out of my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one. You do well; even the demons believe and shudder. ²⁰But are you willing to know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is dead? ²¹Was not our father Abraham justified by works, offering up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith worked with his works; and out of the works the faith was made complete. ²³And the Scripture was fulfilled, saying, "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted for righteousness to him;" and he was called, "Friend of God." ²⁴You see, then, that a man is justified out of works, and not out of faith only. ²⁵But in the same way Rahab the harlot was also justified out of works, having received the messengers, and sending *them* out by another way. ²⁶For as the body is dead apart from *the* spirit, so also faith is dead apart from works.

CHAPTER 3

¹My brothers, do not be many teachers, knowing that we will receive greater judgment. ²For we all stumble *in* many ways. If any one does not stumble in word, this *one* is a mature man, able also to bridle the whole body. ³Behold, we put bits in the mouths of the horses, for them to obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

⁴Behold, the ships also, being so great, and being driven by violent winds, *they are* directed by a very small rudder, where the impulse of the *one* steering purposes. ⁵So also the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how little a fire kindles how large a forest! ⁶And the tongue *is* a fire, the world of iniquity. So the tongue is set among our members, spotting all the body, and inflaming the course of nature, and having been inflamed by Hell. ⁷For every species of beasts, both indeed of birds, of creeping things, and of sea-animals, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human species; ⁸but no one of men is able to tame the tongue — it is an evil that cannot be restrained, full of death-dealing poison. ⁹By this we bless God and *the* Father; and by this we curse men having come into being according to *the* image of God. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, it is not fitting *for* these things to be so. ¹¹*Does* the fountain out of the same hole send forth the sweet and the bitter? ¹²My brothers, is a fig-tree able to produce olives, or a vine figs? So neither *can* a fountain produce *both* salt and sweet water.

¹³Who *is* wise and knowing among you? Let him show his works by *his* good behavior, in meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and contention in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but *is* earthly, beastly, devilish. ¹⁶For where jealousy and contention *are*, there *is* confusion and every foul deed. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is firstly truly pure, then peaceable, forbearing, yielding, full of mercy and of good fruits, not partial and not pretended. ¹⁸And *the* fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for the *ones* making peace.

CHAPTER 4

¹From where do wars and fightings among you *come*? *Is it* not from this, from your lusts warring in your members? ²You desire and do not have. You murder, and are jealous, and are not able to obtain. You fight and you war, and you do not have, because you do not ask *God*. ³You ask, and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order that you may spend on

your lusts. ⁴Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity *with* God? Whoever, then, purposes to be a friend of the world is shown to be an enemy of God.

⁵Or do you think that vainly the Scripture says, "The spirit which has dwelt in us yearns with envy"? ⁶But He gives greater grace. Because of this it says, "God sets *Himself* against proud ones; but He gives grace to humble ones." ⁷Then be subject to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners! And purify *your* hearts, double-minded ones! ⁹Be distressed, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy into shame. ¹⁰Be humbled before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

¹¹Do not speak against one another, brothers. He that speaks against a brother, and *is* judging a brother, *he* speaks against law, and judges law. But if you judge law, you are not a doer of law, but a judge.

¹²One is the Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you who judges another? ¹³Come now, those saying, To-day or tomorrow we will go into this city, and we will spend one year there, and we will trade and will make a profit; ¹⁴who do not know of the morrow. For what *is* your life? For it is a mist, which for a little *while* appears, and then disappears. ¹⁵Instead of you saying, If the Lord wills, even we will live, and we will do this or that; ¹⁶but now you boast in your presumptions. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷Therefore, to *anyone* knowing to do good, and not doing *it*, it is sin to him.

CHAPTER 5

¹Come now, rich ones, weep, howling over your hardships coming on. ²Your riches have rotted, and your garments have become moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have rusted over, and their poison will be a testimony to you, and will eat your flesh as fire. You heaped treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the workmen who have reaped your fields cry out, being kept back by you. And the cries of the ones who have reaped have entered into the ears of *the* Lord of Hosts. ⁵You lived

luxuriously on the earth, and lived in self-gratification; you nourished your hearts as in a day of slaughter; ⁶you condemned; you murdered the righteous—he does not resist you.

⁷Therefore, brothers, be long-suffering until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being long-suffering over it until it may receive *the* early and the latter rain. ⁸You also be long-suffering. Set your hearts firmly, because the coming of the Lord has drawn near. ⁹Do not murmur against one another, brothers, that you not be condemned. Behold, *the* Judge stands before the door.

¹⁰My brothers, *as* an example of suffering ill, and of long-suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of *the* Lord. ¹¹Behold, we call those blessed who endure. You have heard *of* the patience of Job, and you saw the end of *the* Lord, that the Lord is full of tender mercy and pity.

¹²But before all things, my brothers, do not swear, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor any other oath. But let your yes be yes, and the no, no, that you may not fall under judgment. ¹³Does anyone suffer ill among you? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him praise. ¹⁴Is any among you sick? Let him call the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will cure those being sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he may have committed sin, it will be forgiven him.

¹⁶Confess faults to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. *The* prayer of a righteous one *has* great strength, having been made effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a man of like feeling to us, and he prayed in prayer *for it* not to rain; and it did not rain on the earth three years and six months. ¹⁸And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth caused its fruit to sprout.

¹⁹If anyone among you goes astray from the truth, brothers, and anyone turns him back, ²⁰know that the *one* turning a sinner from *the* error of his way will save *the* soul from death, and will hide a multitude of sins.

THE FIRST GENERAL EPISTLE OF PETER

CHAPTER 1

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, *to the elect sojourners of the dispersion of Pontus, of Galatia, of Cappadocia, of Asia, and of Bithynia,* ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of *the Spirit* to obedience and sprinkling of *the blood* of Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, He according to His great mercy having regenerated us to a living hope through *the resurrection* of Jesus Christ from *the dead*, ⁴to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and unfading, having been kept in Heaven for you ⁵by *the power* of God, having been guarded through faith to a salvation ready to be revealed in *the last time*; ⁶in which you exult; yet a little *while*, if need be, grieving in manifold trials, ⁷so that the proving of your faith, much more precious than perishing gold, but having been proved through fire, may be found to praise and honor and glory at *the revelation* of Jesus Christ; ⁸whom you love, not having seen *Him*; in whom you exult with unspeakable joy, and have glorified; believing in *Him*, yet not seeing, ⁹obtaining the end of your faith, the salvation of *your souls*.

¹⁰About which salvation the prophets sought out and searched out, prophesying concerning the grace for you, ¹¹searching for what, or what sort of time the Spirit of Christ made clear within them; testifying beforehand of the sufferings *belonging* to Christ, and the glories after these. ¹²To whom it was revealed that not to themselves, but to us they ministered the same things, which now were announced to you by those having announced the gospel to you in *the Holy Spirit* sent from Heaven — into which things angels long to look into.

¹³Because of this, girding up the loins of your mind, being sober, perfectly hope on the grace being brought to you at *the revelation* of Jesus Christ, ¹⁴as obedient children, not in ignorance fashioning yourselves to your former lusts, ¹⁵but according to the Holy One who has called you,

you also become holy in all conduct; ¹⁶because it has been written, “Be holy, because I am holy.” ¹⁷And if you call on *Him as Father*, He judging without respect to persons, according to the work of each one, pass the time of your sojourning in fear, ¹⁸knowing that not with corruptible things, silver or gold, you were redeemed from your worthless way of life handed down from *your fathers*, ¹⁹but with precious blood of Christ, as of an unblemished and unspotted lamb, ²⁰indeed having been foreknown before *the foundation of the world*, but revealed in *the last times* because of you, ²¹the ones believing in God through Him, He raising Him from *the dead*, and giving glory to Him so that your faith and hope may be in God. ²²Purifying your souls in the obedience of the truth through *the Spirit* to unpretended brotherly love, love one another fervently out of a pure heart, ²³having been born again, not by corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the living word of God, and remaining forever. ²⁴Because all flesh *is* as grass, and all *the* glory of men *as the flower of grass*—the grass was dried, and its flower fell out — ²⁵but *the word of the Lord* remains forever. And this is the word announced as gospel to you.

CHAPTER 2

¹Then laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil words, ²as newborn babes desire the pure soul-nourishing milk, that you may grow by it; ³if indeed you tasted that the Lord *is* good. ⁴Having drawn near to *Him*, a living Stone, indeed having been rejected by men, but chosen by God, precious; ⁵you also as living stones are being built a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶Because of this, it is also contained in the Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion an elect, precious Stone, a Corner-foundation; and the *one* believing in Him shall never in any way be ashamed.”

⁷Then to you who believe *belongs* the

honor. But to disobeying ones, *He is the Stone* which those building rejected—this One became *the Head-of-the-corner*,⁸ and a Stone-of-stumbling, and a Rock-of-offense to those disobeying, stumbling at the word, to which they were also appointed.⁹ But you are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you may openly speak of the virtues of the *One* who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;¹⁰ *you* who then were not a people, but now *are* the people of God; the one not pitied *then* but now pitied.

¹¹Beloved, I exhort *you* as sojourners and aliens to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul;¹² having your behavior good among the nations, in that which they speak against you as evildoers, by observing *your* good works, they may glorify God in a day of visitation.

¹³Then be in obedience to every ordinance of men because of the Lord; whether to a king, as being supreme;¹⁴ or to governors, as through Him having indeed been sent for vengeance *on* evildoers — but praise *on* well-doers —¹⁵ because so is the will of God, doing good to silence the ignorance of foolish men;¹⁶ as free, and not having freedom as a cover of evil, but as slaves of God;¹⁷ honor all, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

¹⁸Servants, be obedient to *your* masters in all fear, not only to those good and forbearing, but also to the perverse *ones*.¹⁹ For this *is* a grace, if because of conscience *toward* God anyone bears grief, suffering unjustly.²⁰ For what glory *is it* if you patiently endure *while* sinning and being buffeted? But if you *are* suffering *while* doing good, and patiently endure, this *is* a grace from God.²¹ For you were called to this, for even Christ suffered on our behalf, leaving behind an example for us, that you should follow His steps;²² who did not sin, nor was guile found in His mouth;²³ who, having been reviled, did not revile in return; suffering, He did not threaten, but gave *Himself* up to Him who was judging righteously;²⁴ who Himself bore in His body our sins onto the tree; that dying to sins, we might live to righteousness; of whom, by His wound,

you were healed.²⁵ For you were straying sheep, but now you *are* turned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

CHAPTER 3

¹Likewise, wives, submitting yourselves to *your* own husbands, that even if any disobey the word, through the behavior of the wives, without a word they will be won,² observing your pure behavior in fear.³ Of whom let it not be the outward *act* of braiding of hairs, and of putting gold around, or of clothing *or* adorning of garments,⁴ but the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible *adornment* of the meek and quiet spirit, which is of great value before God.⁵ For so once indeed the holy women *who were* hoping on God adorned themselves, submitting themselves to their own husbands,⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose children you became, doing good, and fearing no terror.⁷ Likewise, husbands, dwelling together according to knowledge, as with a weaker vessel, the female, bestowing honor, as truly *being* co-heirs of the grace of life, not cutting off your prayers.

⁸And, finally, *be* all of one mind, sympathetic, loving the brothers, tender-hearted, friendly,⁹ not giving back evil for evil, or reviling against reviling; but, on the contrary, *give* blessing; knowing that you were called to this in order that you might inherit blessing.¹⁰ For the *one* desiring to love life, and to see good days, let him restrain his tongue from evil, even his lips not to speak guile.¹¹ Let him turn aside from evil, and let him do good. Let him seek peace, and pursue it;¹² because the eyes of the Lord *are* on the righteous, and His ears *open* to their prayer. But *the* face of the Lord *is* against *any* doing bad things.

¹³And who *is* the *one* harming you, if you become imitators of the good?¹⁴ But if you truly suffer because of righteousness, blessed *are* you. But do not fear their fear, nor be troubled.¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to give an answer to everyone asking you a reason concerning the hope in you, with meekness and fear,¹⁶ having a good conscience, that while they speak against you

as evildoers, they may be shamed, those falsely accusing your good behavior in Christ. ¹⁷For *it is* better, if the will of God wills *it*, to suffer *for* doing good than *for* doing evil. ¹⁸Because even Christ once suffered concerning sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; indeed being put to death in *the flesh*, but made alive in the Spirit; ¹⁹in which also, going in to the spirits in prison, He then proclaimed ²⁰to disobeying ones, when once the long-suffering of God waited in *the days of Noah*, an ark having been prepared in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹Which figure now also saves us, baptism—not a putting away of *the filth of the flesh*, but *the answer of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*; ²²who going into Heaven is *at the right of God, the angels, and authorities, and powers being subjected to Him*.

CHAPTER 4

¹Therefore, Christ having suffered for us in *the flesh*, you also arm yourselves *with the same mind*, because the *one* suffering in flesh has ceased from sin, ²for *him* no longer to live in *the lusts of men*, but in *the will of God* the remaining time in *the flesh*. ³For *the time of life* having passed *is sufficient* for us to have worked out the will of the nations, having gone *on* in wantonness, lusts, drunkennesses, parties, carousings, and unlawful idolatries; ⁴in which they are surprised, you not running with *them* into the same overflow of unsavedness, blaspheming; ⁵who will give account to Him having readiness to judge *the living and dead*. ⁶For to this *end also* the gospel was preached to *the dead*, that they might be judged according to men in *the flesh*, but might live according to God in *the Spirit*.

⁷But the end of all things has drawn near. Be of sound mind, then, and be sensible to prayers; ⁸and above all things having fervent love to yourselves, because love will cover a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without murmurings, ¹⁰each one as he received a gift, ministering it to yourselves as good stewards of *the manifold grace of God*. ¹¹If anyone speaks, *let it be as the words of*

God; if anyone ministers, as by strength which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ; to whom is the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be astonished *at* the fiery trial happening among you for your testing, as *if a surprise were* occurring to you; ¹³but according as you share the sufferings of Christ, rejoice; so that you may rejoice exultingly at the revelation of His glory.

¹⁴If you are reviled in *the name of Christ, you are* blessed, because the Spirit of God and of glory rests on you. Truly, according to them, He is blasphemed; but according to you, He is glorified. ¹⁵For do not let any of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in the affairs of others. ¹⁶But if *he suffers* as a Christian, do not let him be ashamed, but to glorify God in this respect. ¹⁷Because the time *has come* to begin the judgment from the house of God; and if firstly from us, what *will be* the end of the ones disobeying the gospel of God? ¹⁸And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and sinner appear? ¹⁹So as indeed the ones suffering according to God's will, as to a faithful Creator, let them commit their souls in welldoing.

CHAPTER 5

¹I, a fellow-elder, exhort the elders among you, *I being* also witness of the sufferings of Christ, and being sharer of the glory about to be revealed: ²Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight, not by compulsion, but willingly; nor eagerly for base gain, but readily; ³nor as exercising lordship over the ones allotted *to you*, but becoming examples of the flock. ⁴And *at* the appearing of the Chief Shepherd, you will receive the never-fading crown of glory.

⁵Likewise, younger ones be subject to older ones; and all being subject to one another. Put on humility, because God sets *Himself* against proud ones, but He gives grace to humble ones. ⁶Then be humbled under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in time; ⁷casting all your anxiety onto Him, because it

matters to Him concerning you. ⁸Be sensible, watch, because your adversary *the Devil* walks about as a roaring lion seeking someone he may devour; ⁹whom firmly resist in the faith, knowing the same sufferings *that are* in the world are being completed in your brotherhood. ¹⁰Now the God of all grace, the *One* calling you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, *you* having suffered a little, *He* Himself will perfect, confirm, strengthen, establish

you. ¹¹To Him *be* the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

¹²I wrote to you by a few *words* by way of Silvanus the faithful brother, as I reckon, exhorting and witnessing this to be *the* true grace of God, in which you stand. ¹³The fellow-elected in Babylon greet you; also Mark my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace *be* to you, all those in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SECOND GENERAL EPISTLE OF PETER

CHAPTER 1

¹Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those equally precious with us, having obtained faith in *the* righteousness of our God and our Savior, Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you, and peace be multiplied by a full knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

³As His divine power has given to us all things pertaining to life and godliness through the full knowledge of the *One* calling us through glory and virtue, ⁴by which means He has given to us the very great and precious promises, so that through these you might be partakers of *the* divine nature, escaping from the corruption in *the* world by lust. ⁵But also in this very thing, bringing in all diligence, filling out your faith *with* virtue; and virtue *with* knowledge; ⁶and knowledge *with* self-control; and self-control *with* patience; and patience *with* godliness; ⁷and godliness *with* brotherly love; and brotherly love *with* love. ⁸For these things being in you, and abounding, make *you* not barren, not unfruitful in the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For the *one* in whom these things *are* not present is blind, being short-sighted, taking on forgetfulness of the cleansing of his sins in time past.

¹⁰On account of this, brothers, rather be diligent to make sure of your calling and election; for doing these things, you will not ever fall. ¹¹For so will be richly furnished to you the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

¹²For this reason I will not neglect to cause you to remember always concerning these things, though *you* know and have been confirmed in the present truth.

¹³But I deem *it* right, so long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by a reminder, ¹⁴knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle is soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will also be diligent to cause you always to have memory of these things after my departure.

¹⁶For not following fables which had

been cleverly devised, but becoming eye-witnesses of the majesty of Jesus Christ, that *One* made known to you the power and coming of our Lord. ¹⁷For receiving honor and glory from God *the* Father—such a voice being borne to Him from the magnificent glory, “This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I was well-pleased,” ¹⁸even we heard this voice being borne out of Heaven, being with Him in the holy mountain — ¹⁹and we have the more established prophetic word, in which you do well to take heed, as to a lamp shining in a murky place, until day dawns and the Daystar rises in your hearts; ²⁰knowing this first, that every prophecy of Scripture did not come into being of *its* own interpretation; ²¹for prophecy was not at any time borne by *the* will of man, but having been borne along by *the* Holy Spirit, holy men of God spoke.

CHAPTER 2

¹But false prophets were also among the people, as also false teachers will be among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, and denying the Master who has bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, by whom the way of truth will be evil spoken of. ³And by covetousness, with well-turned words, they will use you for gain—for whom judgment of old does not linger, and their destruction does not slumber. ⁴For if God did not spare sinning angels, but delivered *them* to chains of darkness, thrust down into Tartarus, having been kept to judgment; ⁵and did not spare *the* ancient world, but preserved Noah *the* eighth, a herald of righteousness, bringing a flood on a world of ungodly ones; ⁶and covering the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with ashes, *He* condemned *them* with an overthrow, setting an example to men intending to live ungodly. ⁷And He delivered righteous Lot, who had been oppressed by the behavior of the lawless in lustfulness. ⁸For that righteous one living among them day after day, in seeing and in hearing, *his*

righteous soul *was* tormented with *their* lawless deeds.

⁹*But the Lord knows to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unjust for a day of judgment, being punished,* ¹⁰*and most of all those going after flesh in the lust of defilement, and despising rulership, darers, self-satisfied; they do not tremble at glories, speaking evil;* ¹¹*where angels being greater in strength and power do not bring against them a reproaching charge before the Lord.* ¹²*But these as unreasoning natural beasts, having been born for capture and corruption, speaking evil in that of which they are ignorant, they shall utterly perish in their corruption,* ¹³*being about to receive the wages of unrighteousness, having deemed indulgence in the day to be pleasure; reveling in spots and blemishes, feasting along with you in their deceits;* ¹⁴*having eyes full of an adulteress, and never ceasing from sin; alluring unsettled souls; having a heart busied with covetousness; cursed children;* ¹⁵*forsaking a straight path, they went astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,* ¹⁶*but had reproof of his own transgression — the dumb ass speaking in a man's voice held back the madness of the prophet.* ¹⁷*These are springs without water, clouds being driven by tempest, for whom the blackness of darkness is kept forever.* ¹⁸*For speaking great swelling words of vanity, by the lusts of the flesh, by unbridled lusts, they allure those who were escaping the ones living in error,* ¹⁹*promising them freedom, though themselves being slaves of corruption; for by whom anyone has been overcome, even to this one he has been enslaved.* ²⁰*For if by a full knowledge of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, they have escaped the defilements of the world, and again being entangled they have been overcome by these, then their last things are worse than the first.* ²¹*For it was better for them not to have fully known the way of righteousness, than fully knowing to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.* ²²*But the word of the true proverb has happened to them: The dog*

turning to *his* own vomit; also, *the* washed sow to wallowing in mud.

CHAPTER 3

¹Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle, in which by reminder I stir up your sincere mind to remember ²the words having been spoken before by the holy prophets, and the command of the Lord and and Savior — by us, the apostles; ³first, knowing this, that during *the* last days scoffers will come, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue this way from *the* beginning of creation. ⁵For this is hidden from them *by their willing it so*, that heavens were of old, and earth by water, and through water, being held together by the word of God, ⁶through which the world which then *was*, being flooded by water, perished. ⁷But the heavens and the earth now, having been stored up by the same word, are being kept for fire to a day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

⁸But let not this one thing be hidden *from* you, beloved, that one day with *the* Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow *as to* the promise, as some deem slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not having purposed any *of us* to perish, but all *of us* to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of *the* Lord will come as a thief in *the* night, in which the heavens will pass away with rushing sound, and having burned *the* elements will be dissolved, and earth and the works in it will be burned up. ¹¹Then all these being *about* to be dissolved, what sort ought you to be in holy behavior and godliness, ¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the Day of God, through which *the* heavens having been set afire will be dissolved; and burning, *the* elements will melt? ¹³But according to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Because of this, beloved, looking for these things, be diligent, spotless, and without blemish, to be found in peace by Him. ¹⁵And think of the long-suffering of

our Lord *as* salvation, as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him; ¹⁶as also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them concerning these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the unlearned and unsettled pervert, as also *they do* the rest of the Scriptures, to *their* own destruc-

tion. ¹⁷Then beloved, you knowing beforehand, watch lest being led away by the error of the lawless you fall from *your* own steadfastness.

¹⁸But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to *the* day of eternity. Amen.

THE FIRST GENERAL EPISTLE OF JOHN

CHAPTER 1

¹*We announce to you* what was from *the* beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld, and *what* our hands touched, as regards the Word of Life. ²And the Life was revealed, and we have seen, and we bear witness, and we announce to you the everlasting Life which was with the Father, and was revealed to us. ³We announce to you what we have seen, and *what* we have heard, that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴And we write these things to you, that your joy may be full.

⁵And this is the message which we have heard from Him, and we announce to you: God is light, and no darkness is in Him — none. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and we walk in darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of His Son Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous that He may forgive us the sins, and may cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

CHAPTER 2

¹My little children, I write these things to you so that you do not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ *the* righteous. ²And He is *the* propitiation relating to our sins, and not relating to ours only, but also relating to all the world. ³And by this we know that we have known Him, if we keep His commands. ⁴The *one* saying, I have known Him, and not keeping His commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that one. ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly in this one the love of God has been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶The *one* saying to rest in Him ought so to walk himself as that *One* walked.

⁷Brothers, I do not write a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from *the* beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from *the* beginning. ⁸Again I write a new commandment to you which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true Light already shines. ⁹The *one* saying to be in the light, yet hating his brother, is in the darkness until now. ¹⁰The *one* loving his brother rests in the light, and no offense is in him. ¹¹But the *one* hating his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness blinded his eyes.

¹²Little children, I write to you because you have been forgiven *your* sins through His name. ¹³Fathers, I write to you because you have known Him from *the* beginning. I write to you, young men, because you overcome the evil one. I write to you, young ones, because you have known the Father. ¹⁴Fathers, I wrote to you because you have known Him from *the* beginning. I wrote to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, ¹⁶because all that which *is* in the world: the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and its lust. But the *one* doing the will of God abides forever.

¹⁸Young ones, it is a last hour, and as you heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have risen up; from which you know that it is a last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they were not of us. For if they were of us, they would have remained with us; but *they left* so that it might be revealed that they all are not of us. ²⁰And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. ²¹I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because

you know it, and because every lie is not of the truth. ²²Who is the liar, except the *one* denying, saying that Jesus is not the Christ? This is the antichrist, the *one* denying the Father and the Son. ²³Everyone denying the Son does not have the Father. The *one* confessing the Son also has the Father. ²⁴Then what you heard from *the* beginning, let it abide in you. If what you heard from *the* beginning abides in you, you will abide both in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise which He promised us: everlasting life.

²⁶I wrote these things to you concerning the ones leading you astray. ²⁷And the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you. But as His anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and as He taught you, abide in Him. ²⁸And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He is revealed we may have confidence, and not be shamed from Him in His coming. ²⁹If you know that He is righteous, know that everyone doing righteousness has been born of Him.

CHAPTER 3

¹See what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called children of God. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ²Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it was not yet revealed what we shall be. But we know that if He is revealed, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone having this hope on Him purifies himself, even as that *One* is pure. ⁴Everyone practicing sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that He was revealed that He might bear our sins; and sin is not in Him.

⁶Everyone remaining in Him does not sin. Everyone sinning has not seen Him, nor known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one lead you astray; the *one* practicing righteousness is righteous, even as that *One* is righteous. ⁸The *one* practicing sin is of the Devil, because the Devil sins from *the* beginning. For this the Son of God was revealed, that He undo the works of the Devil. ⁹Everyone who has

been begotten of God does not sin, because His seed abides in him, and he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰By this the children of God and the children of the Devil are revealed: Everyone not practicing righteousness is not of God; also the *one* not loving his brother. ¹¹Because this is the message which you heard from *the* beginning, that we should love one another, ¹²not as Cain was of the evil one, and killed his brother. And for what did he kill him? Because his works were evil, but the things of his brother *were* righteous.

¹³Do not marvel, my brothers, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brothers. The *one* not loving the brother remains in death. ¹⁵Everyone hating the brother is a murderer, and you know that every murderer does not have everlasting life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we have known the love of God, because that *One* laid down His soul for us; and on behalf of the brothers we ought to lay down *our* souls. ¹⁷Whoever has the means of life of the world, and sees his brother having need, and shuts up his bowels from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word, or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹And in this we shall know that we are of the truth, and shall persuade our hearts before Him, ²⁰that if our heart accuses us, *we know* that God is greater than our heart and knows all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not accuse us, we have confidence with God. ²²And whatever we ask, we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments, and we do the things pleasing before Him. ²³And this is His commandment, that we should believe the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as He gave command to us. ²⁴And the *one* keeping His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit which He gave to us.

CHAPTER 4

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from

God; for many false prophets have gone forth into the world. ²By this know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in *the* flesh is from God. ³And every spirit which does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in *the* flesh is not from God; and this is the antichrist which you heard is coming, and now is already in the world. ⁴Little children, you are of God and have overcome them, because He in you is greater than he in the world. ⁵They are of the world; because of this they speak of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶We are of God; the *one* knowing God hears us. Whoever is not of God does not hear us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and everyone who loves has been born of God, and knows God. ⁸The *one* who does not love has not known God, because God is love. ⁹By this the love of God was revealed in us, because His Son, the Only-begotten, God has sent into the world that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be a propitiation relating to our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love having been perfected is in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because of His Spirit He has given to us. ¹⁴And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶And we have known and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and the *one* abiding in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷By this love has been perfected with us, that we have confidence in the day of judgment, that as He is, we are also in this world.

¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment; and the *one* fearing has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love Him because He first loved us. ²⁰If anyone

says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. For the *one* not loving his brother whom he has seen, how is he able to love God whom he has not seen? ²¹And we have this commandment from Him, that the *one* who loves God also loves his brother.

CHAPTER 5

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God. And everyone who loves Him who begets also loves the *one* who has been born of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not heavy. ⁴Because everything having been born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory overcoming the world, our faith. ⁵Who is the *one* overcoming the world except the *one* who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the *One* coming through water and blood, Jesus Christ; not by the water only, but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the *One* witnessing, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷*For there are three bearing witness in Heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.* ⁸And there are three who bear witness on the earth: The Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and the three are to the one. ⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; because this is the witness of God which He has witnessed about His Son: ¹⁰The *one* believing in the Son of God has the witness in himself. The *one* not believing God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness which God has witnessed concerning His Son. ¹¹And this is the witness: that God gave us everlasting life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²The *one* having the Son has life. The *one* not having the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I wrote these things to you, the ones believing in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have everlasting life, and that you may believe in the name of the Son of God. ¹⁴And this is the

confidence we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

¹⁶If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask; and He shall give life to him, to the ones not sinning unto death. There is a sin unto death. I do not say that he should ask about that. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not unto death.

¹⁸We know that everyone having been born of God does not sin, but the *one* born of God keeps himself, and the evil does not touch him. ¹⁹We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in evil. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come, and *He* has given to us an understanding that we may know the true *One*, and we are in the true *One*, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and the life everlasting.

²¹Little children, guard yourselves from idols. Amen.

THE SECOND GENERAL EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹The elder to *the* elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all those who have known the truth, ²because of the truth remaining among us, and will be with us forever. ³Grace, mercy, peace will be with you from God *the* Father and from *the* Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

⁴I rejoiced greatly because I found your children walking in truth, as we received command from the Father. ⁵And I now request you, lady, not writing as a new commandment, but *one* which we had from *the* beginning, that we should love one another. ⁶And this is love, that we should walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from *the* beginning, that you should walk in it. ⁷Because many deceivers went out into the world, those not confessing Jesus Christ to have come in

the flesh — this is the deceiver and the antichrist.

⁸Watch yourselves, that we may not lose the things we worked out, but that we may receive a full reward. ⁹Everyone transgressing and not abiding in the teaching of Christ does not have God. The *one* abiding in the teaching of Christ, this one has the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bear this teaching, do not receive him into *the* house, and do not speak a greeting to him. ¹¹For the *one* speaking a greeting shares in his evil works.

¹²Having many things to write to you, I do not intend to *speak* by means of paper and ink, but I am hoping to come to you, and to speak mouth to mouth, that our joy may be full.

¹³The children of your elect sister greet you.

Amen.

THE THIRD GENERAL EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth.

²Beloved, in regard to all things, I pray for you to do well, and to be in health, as your soul does well. ³For I rejoiced greatly at *the* coming of *the* brothers, also bearing witness of you in the truth, as you walk in truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear my children are walking in truth.

⁵Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you work for the brothers and for the strangers, ⁶who in love bore witness of you before *the* church, whom you will do well to send forward worthily of God. ⁷For on behalf of His name they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore, we ought to entertain such *men*, that we may become co-workers in the truth.

⁹I wrote to the church, but he loving to be first of them, Diotrephes, does not

receive us. ¹⁰Because of this, if I come, I will recall his works which he does, ranting against us with evil words. And not being satisfied *with* these, neither does he receive the brothers; and those intending *it* he prevents, and thrusts them out from the church.

¹¹Beloved, do not imitate the bad, but the good. The *one* doing good is of God; but the *one* doing bad has not seen God.

¹²Witness has been borne to Demetrius by all, and by the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our witness is true.

¹³I had many things to write, but I do not desire to write by means of pen and ink. ¹⁴But I am hoping to see you at once, and we will speak mouth to mouth.

Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JUDE

¹Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to the *ones* called in God *the* Father, having been set apart, and having been kept to Jesus Christ: ²Mercy and peace, and love be multiplied to you.

³Having made all diligence to write to you about the common salvation, beloved, I had need to write to you *to* exhort you to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. ⁴For certain men crept in secretly, those having been of old marked out to this condemnation, ungodly ones perverting the grace of God for unbridled lust, and denying the only Master, God, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵But I intend to remind you, you once knowing these things, that the Lord having saved a people out of *the* land of Egypt, in the second place destroyed the ones not believing. ⁶And those angels not having kept their first place, but having deserted *their* dwelling-place, He has kept in everlasting chains under darkness for *the* judgment of a great Day; ⁷as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, in like manner to these, committing fornication, and going away after other flesh, laid down an example beforetimes, undergoing vengeance of everlasting fire. ⁸Likewise, indeed, also those dreaming ones even defile flesh, and despise rulership, and speak evil of glories. ⁹But Michael the archangel, when contending with the Devil, he argued about the body of Moses—he dared not bring a judgment of blasphemy, but said, Let *the* Lord rebuke you! ¹⁰But what things they do not know, they speak evil of these. And what things they understand naturally, like the animals without reason, they are corrupted by these.

¹¹Woe to them, because they went the way of Cain, and gave themselves up to the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the speaking against of Korah!

¹²These are sunken rocks in your love feasts, feasting together with you; feeding themselves without fear, waterless clouds being carried about by winds; fruitless autumn trees, having died twice, having been plucked up by the roots; ¹³wild waves of *the* sea foaming up their shames; wandering stars for whom blackness of darkness has been kept forever.

¹⁴And *the* seventh from Adam, Enoch also prophesied to these men, saying, Behold, *the* Lord came with myriads of His saints, ¹⁵to do judgment against all, and to rebuke all the ungodly of them concerning all their ungodly works which they ungodly did, and concerning all the hard things ungodly sinners spoke against Him. ¹⁶These are murmurers, complainers, leading lives according to their lusts, and their mouth speaks proud things, admiring faces for the sake of gain. ¹⁷But you, beloved, remember the words spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁸because they told you that at *the* last time there will be mockers according to their lusts, leading ungodly lives. ¹⁹These are the *ones* setting themselves apart, animal-like ones, not having *the* Spirit.

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up by your most holy faith, praying in *the* Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in *the* love of God, eagerly awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to everlasting life. ²²And pity some, making distinction. ²³But save others with fear, snatching *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment having been stained from the flesh.

²⁴Now to Him being able to keep you without stumbling, and to set *you* before His glory without blemish, with unspeakable joy; ²⁵to *the* only wise God, our Savior, *be* glory and majesty and might and authority, even now and forever. Amen.

THE HOLY REVELATION OF JOHN THE DIVINE

CHAPTER 1

¹A revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him to show to His slaves things which must occur quickly. And He signified by sending through His angel to His slave, John, ²who testified of the word of God and the witness of Jesus Christ, even as many things as he saw. ³Blessed is the *one* reading, and those hearing, the words of this prophecy, and keeping the things having been written; for the time is near.

⁴John to the seven churches in Asia:

Grace to you, and peace, from the *One* who is, and who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits which are before His throne; ⁵even from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him loving us and washing us from our sins by His blood, ⁶and made us kings and priests to God, even His Father. To Him is the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, He comes with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, and the ones who pierced Him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Yes, Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* Ending, says the Lord, the *One* who is, and who was, and who is coming — the Almighty.

⁹I, even your brother John, and co-sharer in the affliction, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, came to be in the island being called Patmos because of the word of God, and because of the witness of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I came to be in *the* Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last; also, What you see, write in a scroll, and send to the seven churches of Asia: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea. ¹²And I turned to see the voice which spoke with me. ¹³And turning, I saw seven golden lampstands, and in *the* midst of the seven lampstands *One* like *the* Son of man, having been

clothed to *the* feet, and having been girded with a golden girdle at the breasts. ¹⁴And the hairs of His head *were* white as white wool, as snow, and His eyes as a flame of fire; ¹⁵and His feet like burnished metal having been fired in a furnace; and His voice as a sound of many waters; ¹⁶and having in His right hand seven stars; and a sharp, two-edged sword proceeding out of His mouth; and His face shining as the sun in its power. ¹⁷And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet, as dead. And He put His right hand on me, saying to me, Do not fear. I am the First and the Last, ¹⁸and the Living One; and I became dead; and, behold, I am living forever and ever. Amen. And I have the keys to Hades, and of death. ¹⁹Write what things you saw, and what things are, and what things are about to occur after these things. ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which you saw on My right, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are angels of the seven churches; and the seven lampstands you saw are seven churches.

CHAPTER 2

¹To the angel of the Ephesian church, write:

²These things says the *One* holding the seven stars in His right *hand*, He walking in *the* midst of the seven golden lampstands: I know your works, and your labor, and your patience, and that you cannot bear evil ones; and *you* tried those pretending to be apostles, and are not, and found them *to be* liars. ³And *I know* you bore up and on account of My name you have labored and have not wearied, ⁴But I have against you that you left your first love. ⁵Then remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works. And if not, I am coming to you quickly, and will remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶But you have this, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷The *one* who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the *one* over-coming, I will give to him to eat of the

Tree of Life which is in *the* midst of the Paradise of God.

⁸And to the angel of the church of Smyrna, write:

⁹These things says the First and the Last, who became dead, and lived: I know your works, and the affliction, and the poverty; but you are rich. And *I know* the evil speaking of those saying themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not at all fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the Devil is about to throw you into prison, so that you may be tried; and you will have affliction ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹The *one* who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The *one* overcoming will not at all be hurt by the second death.

¹²And to the angel of the church in Pergamos, write:

These things says the *One* having the sharp, two-edged sword: ¹³I know your works, and where you dwell, where the throne of Satan *is*. And you hold My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful witness; who was killed alongside you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you, that you have there those holding the teachings of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, to eat idol-sacrifices, and to commit fornication. ¹⁵So you also have those holding the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. ¹⁶Repent! But if not, I will come to you quickly, and I will make war with them by the sword of My mouth. ¹⁷The *one* who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the *one* overcoming, I will give him to eat from the hidden manna. And I will give to him a white stone, and on the stone a new name having been written, which no one knows except the *one* receiving it.

¹⁸And to the angel of the church in Thyatira, write:

These things says the Son of God, the *One* having His eyes as a flame of fire, and His feet like burnished metal: ¹⁹I know your works, and the love, and the ministry, and the faith, and your patience, and your

works; and the last more than the first.

²⁰But I have a few things against you, that you allow the woman Jezebel to teach, she saying herself to be a prophetess, and to cause My slaves to go astray, and to commit fornication, and to eat idol-sacrifices. ²¹And I gave time to her that she might repent of her fornication. And she did not repent. ²²Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and those committing adultery with her into great affliction, unless they repent of their works. ²³And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches will know that I am the *One* searching the inner parts and hearts. And I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴But I say to you and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, and who did not know the deep things of Satan, as they say: I am not casting another burden on you; ²⁵but what you have, hold until I shall come. ²⁶And the *one* overcoming, and the *one* keeping My works until the end, I will give to him authority over the nations, ²⁷and he will shepherd them with an iron staff—they are broken to pieces like clay vessels—as I also have received from My Father. ²⁸And I will give to him the morning star. ²⁹The *one* who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER 3

¹And to the angel of the church in Sardis, write:

These things says the *One* having the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have the name that you live, and are dead. ²Be watching, and establish the things left, which are about to die. For I have not found your works being fulfilled before God. ³Then remember how you received and heard, and keep, and repent. If, then, you do not watch, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not at all know what hour I come upon you. ⁴You also have a few names in Sardis which did not defile their robes, and they shall walk with Me in white because they are worthy. ⁵The *one* overcoming, this *one* shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not at all blot his name out of the Book of Life; and I will acknowledge his name before My Father,

and before His angels. ⁶The *one* who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

⁷And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia, write:

These things says the Holy One, the True One, the *One* having the key of David, the *One* opening, and no one shuts; and shuts, and no one opens: ⁸I know your works. Behold, I have given a door being opened before you, and no one is able to shut it, for you have a little power and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. ⁹Behold, I give out of the synagogue of Satan those saying themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but they lie. Behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they shall know that I loved you. ¹⁰Because you kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which is going to come on all the habitable world in order to try those dwelling on the earth. ¹¹Behold, I am coming quickly. Hold what you have that no one take your crown. ¹²The *one* overcoming, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall not go out any more. And I will write the name of My God on him, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem which comes down out of Heaven from My God, and My new name. ¹³The *one* who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

¹⁴And to the angel of the church of Laodicea, write:

These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Head of the creation of God: ¹⁵I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold, or hot. ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷Because you say, I am rich, and I am made rich, and I have need of nothing, and do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. ¹⁸I advise you to buy from Me gold having been fired by fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, and your shame and nakedness may not be revealed. And anoint your eyes with eye-salve, that you may see. ¹⁹I, as many as I love, I rebuke and I chasten.

Be zealous, then, and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will go in to him, and I will dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹The *one* overcoming, I will give to him to sit with Me in My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father in His throne. ²²The *one* who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER 4

¹After these things I saw. And behold, a door being opened in Heaven! And I heard the first voice as a trumpet speaking with me, saying, Come up here, and I will show you what needs to happen after these things. ²And at once I became in spirit. And, behold, a throne was set in Heaven, and *One* sitting on the throne. ³And the *One* sitting was in appearance like a jasper stone, and a sardius; and a rainbow *was* around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. ⁴And around the throne I saw twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, having been clothed in white garments. And they had golden crowns on their heads. ⁵And out of the throne come forth lightnings and thunders and voices. And seven lamps of fire *are* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; ⁶and a glassy sea before the throne, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne and around the throne *were* four living creatures, full of eyes before and behind.

⁷And the first living creature *was* like a lion; and the second living creature like a calf; and the third living creature having a face like a man; and the fourth living creature like an eagle flying. ⁸And the four living creatures each one had six wings around, and within being full of eyes. And they had no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, the *One who was*, and is, and is coming! ⁹And when the living creatures shall give glory and honor and thanks to the *One* sitting on the throne, to the *One* living forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him sitting on the throne; and they will worship the *One* living forever and ever, and will throw their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹Lord, You are worthy to receive the

glory and the honor and the power, because You created all things, and through Your will they exist and were created.

CHAPTER 5

¹And I saw on the right of the *One* sitting on the throne a scroll having been written within and on the back, having been sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice: Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to loosen its seals? ³And no one in Heaven was able to open the scroll nor to see it, neither on the earth, nor underneath the earth. ⁴And I wept very much, because no one worthy was found to open and to read the scroll, nor to see it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep, Behold, the Lion being of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, overcame *so as* to open the scroll, and to loose its seven seals.

⁶And I saw, and behold, in *the* midst of the throne, and of the four living creatures, and in *the* midst of the elders, *was* a Lamb standing, as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, having been sent out into all the earth. ⁷And He came and took the scroll out of the right *hand* of Him sitting on the throne. ⁸And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having harps, and golden bowls full of incenses, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy are You to receive the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and by Your blood purchased us to God out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰and made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign over the earth. ¹¹And I saw, and I heard a sound of many angels around the throne, and the living creatures, and the elders, and their number was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb having been slain to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. ¹³And every creature which is in Heaven, and in the earth, and underneath the earth, and the things that

are on the sea, and the things in all of them, I heard saying: To Him sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb *be* the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever. ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped *the* Living One forever and ever.

CHAPTER 6

¹And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals. And I heard one of the four living creatures, like a sound of thunder, saying, Come and see. ²And I saw, and behold, a white horse! And the *one* sitting on it had a bow. And a crown was given to him, and he went out overcoming, and that he might overcome.

³And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come and see. ⁴And another horse went out, red. And it was given to the *one* sitting on it to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another. And a great sword was given to him.

⁵And when He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and the *one* sitting on it having a balance in his hand. ⁶And I heard a voice in *the* midst of the four living creatures saying, A choenix of wheat *for* a denarius, and three choenices of barley *for* a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.

⁷And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard a voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come and see. ⁸And I saw, and behold, a pale green horse, and the name of the *one* sitting on it *was* Death; and Hades followed after him. And authority was given to them to kill over the fourth of the earth with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

⁹And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those having been slain for the word of God, and for the witness which they had. ¹⁰And they cried with a great voice, saying, Until when, holy and true Master, do You not judge and take vengeance *for* our blood, from those dwelling on the earth? ¹¹And there was given to each one a white robe.

And it was said to them that they should rest yet a little time, until might be fulfilled also *the number* of their fellow-slaves and their brothers, those being about to be killed, even as they.

¹²And I saw when He opened the sixth seal. And behold, a great earthquake occurred. And the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair; and the moon became as blood; ¹³and the stars of the heaven fell to the earth, as a fig-tree being shaken by a great wind casts its unripe figs. ¹⁴And *the* heaven departed like a scroll being rolled up. And every mountain and island were moved out of their places. ¹⁵And the kings of the earth, and the great ones, and the rich ones, and the commanders, and the powerful ones, and every slave, and every freeman hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from *the* face of the *One* sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷because the great day of His wrath has come; and who is able to stand?

CHAPTER 7

¹And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on every tree. ²And I saw another angel coming up from the rising of the sun, having a seal of *the* living God. And he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to them to harm the earth and the sea, saying, ³Do not harm the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, until we seal the slaves of our God on their foreheads. ⁴And I heard the number of those having been sealed: one hundred forty-four thousands, having been sealed out of every tribe of *the* sons of Israel:

⁵Out of *the* tribe of Judah, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Gad, twelve thousand having been sealed.

⁶Out of *the* tribe of Asher, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Manasseh,

twelve thousand having been sealed.

⁷Out of *the* tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Levi, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand having been sealed.

⁸Out of *the* tribe of Zebulun, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand having been sealed.

⁹After these things I saw, and behold, a great crowd which no one was able to number them, out of every nation, even tribes and peoples and tongues standing in front of the throne, and before the Lamb, having been clothed *with* white robes, and palms in their hands. ¹⁰And they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation to our God sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb.

¹¹And all the angels and of the elders and of the four living creatures stood around the throne. And *they* fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, ¹²saying, Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³And one of the elders answered, saying to me, These, the ones having been clothed *in* the white robes, who are they, and from where did they come? ¹⁴And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are those coming out of the great tribulation; and *they* washed their robes and whitened them in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Because of this they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He sitting on the throne will spread *His* skirt over them. ¹⁶And they will not hunger still, nor will they thirst still, nor at all shall fall on them the sun, nor any *kind* of heat. ¹⁷Because the Lamb in the midst of the throne will shepherd them, and will lead them on the living fountains of waters; and God will wipe off every tear from their eyes.

CHAPTER 8

¹And when He opened the seventh seal, a silence occurred in Heaven, about a half-hour. ²And I saw the seven angels

who stood before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

³And another angel came and stood on the altar, having a golden censer. And many incenses were given to him, that he give *them* with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne.

⁴And the smoke of the incenses went up with the prayers of the saints out of *the* hand of the angel before God. ⁵And the angel has taken the censer, and has filled it from the fire of the altar, and has cast *it* into the earth; and sounds and thunders and lightnings and earthquakes occurred.

⁶And the seven angels having the seven trumpets prepared themselves, that they might trumpet.

⁷And the first angel trumpeted. And hail and fire mixed with blood occurred. And it was cast onto the earth; and the third *part* of the trees was burned; and all green grass was burned.

⁸And the second angel trumpeted. And as a great mountain burning with fire, it was thrown into the sea. And the third *part* of the sea became blood; ⁹and the third *part* of the creatures having souls died in the sea; and the third *part* of the ships was destroyed.

¹⁰And the third angel trumpeted. And a great burning star, like a lamp, fell out of the heaven. And it fell onto the third *part* of the rivers, and onto the fountains of waters. ¹¹And the name of the star is said to be Wormwood. And the third *part* of the waters became *changed* into wormwood. And many men died from the waters, because they were bitter.

¹²And the fourth angel trumpeted. And the third *part* of the sun, and the third *part* of the moon, and the third *part* of the stars, was struck, that the third *part* of them might be darkened, and the third *part* of the day might not appear; and in the same way the night.

¹³And I saw, and I heard one angel flying in mid-heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe! Woe! Woe to those dwelling on the earth, from the rest of *the* voices of the trumpet of the three angels being about to trumpet!

CHAPTER 9

¹And the fifth angel trumpeted. And I saw a star out of the heaven falling onto

the earth. And the key to the pit of the abyss was given to it. ²And he opened the pit of the abyss. And smoke went up out of the pit, like smoke of a great furnace. And the sun was darkened, and the air, by the smoke of the pit. ³And out of the smoke locusts came forth to the earth. And authority was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have authority. ⁴And it was said to them that they should not harm the grass of the earth, nor every green thing, nor every tree, except only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they be tormented five months. And their torment *is* as *the* torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. ⁶And in those days men will seek death, and they will not find it. And they will long to die, yet death will flee from them. ⁷And the likenesses of the locusts *were* like horses having been prepared for war; and on their heads as crowns, like gold; and their faces like the faces of men. ⁸And they had hairs like *the* hairs of women; and their teeth were like *those* of lions. ⁹And they had breastplates like iron breastplates; and the sound of their wings *was* like *the* sound of chariots with many horses running to war. ¹⁰And they have tails like scorpions, and their stings were in their tails; and their authority *is* to harm men five months. ¹¹And they have a king over them, the angel of the abyss. In Hebrew his name *was* Abaddon, and in Greek he has *the* name Apollyon.

¹²The first woe has departed; behold, after these things come two woes.

¹³And the sixth angel trumpeted. And I heard one voice out of the four horns of the golden altar before God, ¹⁴saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Release the four angels, those having been bound at the great river Euphrates. ¹⁵And the four angels were released, those having been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third *part* of men.

¹⁶And the number of the armies of the cavalry *was* two myriads of myriads; and I heard their number. ¹⁷And so I saw in the vision the horses, and those sitting on them, having fire-colored breastplates,

even dusky red and brimstone-like; and the heads of the horses as heads of lions; and out of their mouths come fire and smoke and brimstone. ¹⁸By these three were killed the third *part* of men, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone coming out of their mouths. ¹⁹For their authority is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails *are* like snakes, having heads, and they do harm with them.

²⁰And the rest of men, those not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they will not worship demons, and golden idols, and silver, and bronze, and stone, and wooden *idols*, which neither are able to see, nor to hear, nor to walk. ²¹And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornications, nor of their thefts.

CHAPTER 10

¹And I saw another strong angel coming down out of Heaven, having been clothed *with* a cloud, and a rainbow on the head; and his face as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire. ²And he had in his hand a little scroll having been opened. And he placed his right foot on the sea, and the left on the land, ³and cried with a great voice, as a lion roars. And when he cried, the seven thunders spoke their sounds. ⁴And when the seven thunders spoke their sounds, I was about to write. And I heard a voice out of Heaven saying to me, Seal what things the seven thunders spoke, and do not write these things. ⁵And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted his hand to Heaven, ⁶and swore by Him living forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that time shall no longer be; ⁷but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, whenever he is about to trumpet, was even ended the mystery of God, as He preached to His slaves, the prophets. ⁸And the voice which I heard out of Heaven was again speaking to me, and saying, Go, take the little scroll having been opened in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land. ⁹And I went away toward the angel, saying to him, Give the little scroll to me.

And he said to me, Take and eat it up, and it will make your belly bitter, but it will be sweet as honey in your mouth. ¹⁰And I took the little scroll out of the angel's hand, and ate it up. And it was sweet like honey in my mouth; and when I ate it, my belly was made bitter. ¹¹And he said to me, You must again prophesy before peoples and nations and tongues and many kings.

CHAPTER 11

¹And a reed like a staff was given to me, and the angel stood, saying, Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those worshipping in it. ²And cast aside the outside court of the temple, and do not measure it. For it was given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city forty-two months. ³And I will give to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy a thousand, two hundred and sixty days, dressed *in* sackcloth. ⁴These are the two olive trees, and the two lampstands, standing before the God of the earth. ⁵And if anyone desires to harm them, fire comes out of their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone desires to harm them, so it is right for him to be killed.

⁶These have the authority to shut up the heaven, that no rain may rain in the days of their prophecy. And they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth *with* every plague, as often as they desire. ⁷And when they complete their witness, the beast coming up out of the abyss will make war with them, and will overcome them, and will kill them. ⁸And their bodies *will be* on the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom, and Egypt—where our Lord was crucified. ⁹And *some* from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will see their dead bodies three days and a half; and they do not allow their dead bodies to be put in tombs. ¹⁰And those living on the earth will rejoice over them, and will make merry. And they will send one another gifts, because these two prophets tormented those living on the earth. ¹¹And after three days and a half, a spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet. And great fear fell on the ones beholding them.

¹²And they heard a great voice out of Heaven saying to them, Come up here. And they went up into the heaven in the cloud. And their enemies saw them. ¹³And in that hour a great earthquake occurred, and the tenth *part* of the city fell. And there were killed in the earthquake seven thousand names of men. And the rest became terrified, and gave glory to the God of Heaven.

¹⁴The second woe departed. And, behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

¹⁵And the seventh angel trumpeted. And there were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of the world became our Lord's, even of His Christ; and He shall reign forever *and* ever. ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders sitting before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying, We thank You, Lord God Almighty, the *One* who is, and who was, and who *is* coming, because You took Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸And the nations were full of wrath; and Your wrath came, and the time of the judging of the dead, and to give the reward to Your slaves the prophets, and to the saints, and to the ones fearing Your name — to the small and to the great — and to destroy those destroying the earth. ¹⁹And the temple of God in Heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple, and lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and earthquake, and a great hail occurred.

CHAPTER 12

¹And a great sign was seen in Heaven, a woman having been clothed *with* the sun, and the moon was underneath her feet; and on her head a crown of twelve stars; ²and having a *babe* in womb. She cries, being in labor, and having been distressed to bear. ³And another sign was seen in Heaven. And, behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns! And on his heads *were* seven diadems, ⁴and his tail drew the third *part* of the stars of the heaven. And *he* throws them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman being about to bear, so that when she bears he might devour her child. ⁵And she bore a son, a male, who is going to

shepherd all the nations with an iron staff. And her child was caught away to God, and to His throne. ⁶And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place, *it* having been prepared from God, that there they might nourish her a thousand two hundred *and* sixty days.

⁷And war occurred in Heaven, Michael and his angels making war against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels made war, ⁸but they did not have strength, nor yet was place found *for* them in Heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was cast out — the old serpent being called Devil, and, Satan, he deceiving the whole habitable world — was cast out onto the earth, and his angels were cast with him.

¹⁰And I heard a great voice saying in Heaven, Now has come the salvation and power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ, because the accuser of our brothers is thrown down, the *one* accusing them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony. And they did not love their soul *even* until death. ¹²Because of this, be glad, the heavens and those tabernacled in them. Woe *to* the ones dwelling on the earth, and in the sea, because the Devil came down to you having great anger, knowing that he has a little time!

¹³And when the dragon saw that he was cast out onto the earth, he pursued the woman who bore the male. ¹⁴And two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness, to her place, where she is nourished there a time, and times, and half a time, away from *the* serpent's face. ¹⁵And the serpent threw water out of his mouth like a river after the woman, that he might cause her *to be* carried off *by the* river. ¹⁶And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the dragon threw out of his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, those keeping the commandments of God, and having the testimony of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 13

¹And I stood on the sand of the sea.

And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten diadems, and on its heads names of blasphemy. ²And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and its feet as of a bear, and its mouth as a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave its power to it, and its throne, and great authority. ³And I saw one of its heads, as having been slain to death, and its deadly wound was healed. And all the earth marveled after the beast. ⁴And they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who *is* like the beast; who is able to make war with it?

⁵And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to it. And authority to act forty-two months was given to it. ⁶And it opened its mouth in blasphemy toward God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, and those tabernacling in Heaven. ⁷And it was given to it to war with the saints, and to overcome them. And authority was given to it over every tribe and tongue and nation. ⁸And all those dwelling in the earth will worship it, *those* of whom the names had not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb having been slain, from *the* foundation of *the* world. ⁹If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰If anyone gathers captivity, into captivity he goes. If anyone will kill by a sword, by a sword he must be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

¹¹And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. And it had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon. ¹²And it executes all the authority of the first beast before it. And it causes that the earth and those dwelling in it should worship the first beast, of which was healed its deadly wound. ¹³And it does great signs, that even fire it causes to come down out of the heaven onto the earth before men. ¹⁴And it deceives those dwelling on the earth, because of the signs which were given to it to do before the beast, saying to those dwelling on the earth to make an image to the beast who has the wound of the sword, and lived. ¹⁵And was given to it to give a spirit to the image of the beast, so that the

image of the beast might even speak, and might cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶And the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the freemen and the slaves, it causes that they give to them all a mark on their right hand, or on their foreheads, ¹⁷even that not any could buy or sell, except the *one* having the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of its name. ¹⁸Here is wisdom: Let the *one* having reason count the number of the beast, for it is *the* number of a man—and its number *is* six hundred *and* sixty-six.

CHAPTER 14

¹And I saw, and behold, *the* Lamb standing on Mount Zion! And with Him *were* a hundred *and* forty-four thousands, *with* the name of His Father having been written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a sound out of the heaven, as a sound of many waters, and as a sound of great thunder. Also I heard a sound of harpers harping on their harps. ³And they sing as a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders. And no one was able to learn the song except the hundred *and* forty-four thousands, those having been redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones following the Lamb wherever He may go. These were redeemed from among men *as* first-fruit to God and to the Lamb. ⁵And no guile was found in their mouth, for they are without blemish before the throne of God.

⁶And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an everlasting gospel to proclaim to those dwelling on the earth, even *to* every nation and tribe and tongue and people, ⁷saying in a great voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come; also, Worship Him who has made the heaven, and the earth, and and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

⁸And another angel followed, saying, The great city, Babylon, has fallen, has fallen; because of the wine of the anger of her fornication, *she* made all nations to drink.

⁹And a third angel followed them, saying in a great voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or in his hand, ¹⁰he also shall drink of the wine of the anger of God having been mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath. And *he* will be tormented by fire and brimstone before the holy angels and before the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment goes up forever *and* ever. And those worshipping the beast and its image have no rest night and day, even if anyone receives the mark of its name. ¹²Here *is* the patience of the saints; here *are* the ones keeping the commands of God, and the faith of Jesus. ¹³And I heard a voice out of Heaven saying to me, Write: Blessed *are* the dead, the ones dying in *the* Lord from now. Yes, says the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, and their works follow with them. ¹⁴And I saw; and behold, a white cloud; and on the cloud *One* sitting, like *the* Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. ¹⁵And another angel went forth out of the temple, crying in a great voice to the *One* sitting on the cloud, Send Your sickle and reap, because Your hour to reap came, because the harvest of the earth was dried. ¹⁶And the *One* sitting on the cloud thrust His sickle onto the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷And another angel went forth out of the temple in Heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. ¹⁸And another angel went forth out of the altar having authority over the fire. And he spoke with a great cry to the *one* having the sharp sickle, saying, Send your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because its grapes are ripened. ¹⁹And the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw into the winepress of the great anger of God. ²⁰And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood went out of the winepress as far as the bridles of the horses, from a thousand, six hundred stadia.

CHAPTER 15

¹And I saw another sign in Heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the last seven plagues, because the

anger of God was completed in them.

²And I saw, as a glassy sea having been mixed with fire. And the ones overcoming the beast, and its image, and its mark, of the number of its name, *were* standing on the glassy sea, having harps of God. ³And they sing the song of Moses the slave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty, righteous and true *are* Your ways, King of the saints. ⁴Who will not fear You, Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* only *are* holy. For all the nations will come and will worship before You, because Your righteousnesses were made known.

⁵And after these things I saw; and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in Heaven was opened! ⁶And the seven angels having the seven plagues came forth out of the temple, having been clothed *in* clean and bright linen, and golden bands having been girded around the breasts. ⁷And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the anger of the living God, forever *and* ever. ⁸And the temple was filled with *the* smoke of the glory of God, and with His power. And no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels should be completed.

CHAPTER 16

¹And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels: Go and pour out the bowls of the anger of God onto the earth.

²And the first went away and poured out his bowl onto the earth. And it became a bad and evil sore onto the men, the *ones* having the mark of the beast, and the ones worshipping its image.

³And the second angel poured out his bowl onto the sea. And it became blood, as of a dead one, and every soul of life died in the sea.

⁴And the third angel poured out his bowl onto the rivers, and onto the fountains of the waters; and it became blood.

⁵And I heard the angel of the waters saying, You are righteous, Lord, the *One* who is, and who was, and who will be, because You judged these things, ⁶since

they poured out *the* blood of the saints and of *the* prophets; and You gave blood to them to drink, for they were deserving.

⁷And I heard another out of the altar saying, Yes, Lord God Almighty, Your judgments *are* true and righteous

⁸And the fourth angel poured out his bowl onto the sun. And it was given to him to burn men with fire. ⁹And men were burned *with* great heat. And they blasphemed the name of God, the *One* having authority over these plagues — and they did not repent to give Him glory.

¹⁰And the fifth angel poured out his bowl onto the throne of the beast. And its kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues from the pain. ¹¹And they blasphemed the God of Heaven, from their pains and from their sores. And they did not repent of their works.

¹²And the sixth angel poured out his bowl onto the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up so that might be prepared the way of the kings from *the* rising of *the* sun. ¹³And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴For they are spirits of demons doing signs, which go forth to the kings of the earth, even of the whole habitable world to assemble them to the war of that day, the great *day* of God Almighty. ¹⁵Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is *the one* watching and keeping his garments, that he does not walk naked, and they may see his shame. ¹⁶And He assembled them in the place having been called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

¹⁷And the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a great voice came from the throne from the temple of Heaven, saying, It has happened! ¹⁸And voices and thunders and lightnings occurred. And a great earthquake occurred, such as did not occur since man came into being on the earth, such a huge earthquake, so great! ¹⁹And the great city came to be into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the anger of His wrath. ²⁰And every island fled away, and mountains were not found. ²¹And a great

hail, as the size of a talent, came down out of the heaven upon men. And men blasphemed God from the plague of the hail, because its plague is exceedingly great.

CHAPTER 17

¹And one of the seven angels having the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying to me, Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot sitting on the many waters, ²with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the ones inhabiting the earth became drunk from the wine of her fornication. ³And he carried me away into a desert, by *the* Spirit. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, filled *with* names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and being gilded with gold and precious stone and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand, filled *with* abominations and unclean things of her fornication. ⁵And on her forehead was a name having been written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

⁶And I saw the woman being drunk from the blood of the saints, and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And I marveled, seeing her *with* a great marveling. ⁷And the angel said to me, Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast supporting her, *the one* having the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸The beast which you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss, and goes to perdition. And those dwelling on the earth will marvel, *the ones* whose names have not been written on the Book of Life from *the* foundation of *the* world, seeing the beast, that it was a thing, and is not, yet now is. ⁹Here is the mind having wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains, where the woman sits on them. ¹⁰And *the* kings are seven. The five fell, and the one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he does come, he must remain a little. ¹¹And the beast which was, and is not, even he is *the* eighth, and is of the seven, and goes to perdition. ¹²And the ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but will receive

authority as kings one hour with the beast. ¹³These have one mind, and their power and authority they shall give up to the beast. ¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and the ones with Him *are the* called and elect and faithful ones.

¹⁵And he says to me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples and crowds and nations and tongues. ¹⁶And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, and will make her desolated and naked. And *they* will eat her flesh, and will burn her down with fire. ¹⁷For God gave into their hearts to do His mind, and to act in one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. ¹⁸And the woman whom you saw is the great city, having a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

CHAPTER 18

¹And after these things I saw another angel coming down out of Heaven having great authority, and the earth was lighted up from his glory. ²And he cried in a strong, great voice, saying, Babylon the great has fallen! *It* has fallen, and it has become a dwelling-place of demons, and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean bird, even having been hated; ³because of the wine of the anger of her fornication *which* all the nations have drunk, even the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her; and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her luxury.

⁴And I heard another voice out of Heaven saying, My people, come out of her, that you may not share in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues; ⁵because her sins joined together, *even* up to Heaven, and God remembered her unjust deeds. ⁶Give back to her as also she gave back to you, and double to her double, according to her works. In the cup which she mixed, mix to her double. ⁷By what things she glorified herself, and luxuriated, by so much give back to her torment and mourning. Because she says in her heart, I sit *as* a queen, and I am not a widow; and I do not

see mourning at all. ⁸Because of this, in one day her plagues shall come: death, and mourning, and famine; and she will be consumed with fire, for *the* Lord God judging her *is* strong. ⁹And the kings of the earth will weep for her, and will wail over her, those having fornicated and having luxuriated with her, when they see the smoke of her burning; ¹⁰standing from afar because of the fear of her torment, saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment came.

¹¹And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargo any more, ¹²cargo of gold, and silver, and of precious stone, and of pearls, and of fine linen, and of purple, and of silk, and of scarlet, and all thyine wood, and every ivory vessel, and every vessel of very precious wood, and of bronze, and of iron, and of marble, ¹³and cinnamon, and incenses, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine meal, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and of bodies and souls of men. ¹⁴And the ripe fruits of the lust of your soul went away from you, and all the fat things, and the bright things went away from you, and you will find them no more, not at all. ¹⁵The merchants of these things, the ones being enriched from her, will stand from afar because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning; ¹⁶and saying, Woe! Woe to the great city having been clothed in linen and purple and scarlet, and having been gilded with gold and precious stone, and pearls! ¹⁷For in one hour such great wealth was desolated. And every ship-pilot and all company on the ships, and sailors, and as many as work the sea, stood from afar, ¹⁸and cried out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What *is* like the great city? ¹⁹And they threw dust on their heads, and cried out, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, by which all those having ships in the sea were rich, from her costliness, because in one hour she was ruined. ²⁰Rejoice over her, Heaven, and the holy apostles, and the prophets, because God judged your judgment on her.

²¹And one strong angel lifted a stone like a great millstone, and threw *it* into the sea, saying, This way, on an impulse, Babylon the great city will be thrown down, and *it* will never more still be found. ²²And the sound of harpers, and of musicians, and flutists, and of trumpeters will never more be heard in you. And every craftsman of every craft will never more be found in you. And the sound of a mill will never more be heard in you. ²³And the light of a lamp *will* never more shine in you. And the voice of the bridegroom and bride will never more be heard in you. For your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were misled. ²⁴And in her was found *the* blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all the ones having been slain on the earth.

CHAPTER 19

¹And after these things, I heard a great voice of a numerous crowd in Heaven, saying, Hallelujah! The salvation and the glory and the honor and the power of *the* Lord our God! ²For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He judged the great harlot who defiled the earth with her fornication. And He avenged the blood of His slaves out of her hand. ³And secondly they said, Hallelujah! Also her smoke goes up forever *and* ever. ⁴And the twenty-four elders, and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God sitting on the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah! ⁵And a voice came out from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all His slaves, and the ones fearing Him, the small and the great.

⁶And I heard as a sound of a numerous crowd, and as a sound of many waters, and as a sound of strong thunders, saying, Hallelujah! Because *the* Lord God Almighty reigned. ⁷Let us rejoice and let us exult, and we will give glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb came, and His wife prepared herself. ⁸And it was given to her that she be clothed *in* fine linen, pure and bright; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.

⁹And he says to me, Write: Blessed *are* the ones having been called to the supper of the marriage of the Lamb. And he says

to me, These words of God are true. ¹⁰And I fell before his feet to worship him, but he said to me, Behold! Stop! I am your fellow-slave, and of your brothers, having the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

¹¹And I saw Heaven being opened. And, behold! A white horse, and He sitting on it having been called Faithful and True. And He judges and wars in righteousness. ¹²And His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on His head many diadems, having a name that had been written, which no one knows except Himself; ¹³and having been clothed *in* a garment which had been dipped in blood. And His name is called The Word of God.

¹⁴And the armies in Heaven followed Him on white horses, being dressed *in* fine linen, white and pure. ¹⁵And out of His mouth goes forth a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations. And He will shepherd them with an iron rod. And He treads the winepress of the wine of the anger and of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name having been written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷And I saw one angel standing in the sun. And he cried with a great voice, saying to all the birds flying in mid-heaven, Come and gather together to the supper of the great God, ¹⁸that you may eat *the* flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of commanders, and *the* flesh of strong ones, and *the* flesh of horses, and of the *ones* sitting on them, and *the* flesh of all, both freemen and slaves, even of *the* small and great.

¹⁹And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies being assembled to make war with the *One* sitting on the horse, and with His army.

²⁰And the beast was seized, and with this *one* the false prophet doing signs before it, by which he led astray those having received the mark of the beast, and those worshiping its image. The two were thrown alive into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone. ²¹And the rest were killed with the sword of the *One* sitting on the horse, *it* having gone out of His mouth.

And all the birds were filled from their flesh.

CHAPTER 20

¹And I saw an angel coming down out of Heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain on his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the old serpent who is *the* Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³and threw him into the abyss, and shut him up, and sealed over him, that he should not still lead astray the nations, until the thousand years are fulfilled. And after these things, he must be set loose a little time.

⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat on them. And judgment was given to them, and the souls of the *ones* having been beheaded because of the witness of Jesus, and because of the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast nor its image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the *one* having part in the first resurrection. The second death has no authority over these, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him a thousand years.

⁷And whenever the thousand years are ended, Satan will be set loose out of his prison, ⁸and he will go to mislead the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to assemble them in war, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹And they went up over the breadth of the land and encircled the camp of the saints, and the beloved city. And fire from God came down out of Heaven and burned them down. ¹⁰And the Devil leading them astray was thrown into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *were*. And they were tormented day and night forever *and ever*.

¹¹And I saw a great white throne, and the *One* sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled; and a place was not found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, *the* small and the great, standing before God. And books were opened. And another Book was opened, which is the

Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead in it. And death and Hades gave up the dead in them. And they were each judged according to their works. ¹⁴And death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

CHAPTER 21

¹And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea no longer is. ²And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, having been prepared as a bride, having been adorned for her Husband. ³And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God with men! And He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. ⁴And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death shall be no longer, nor mourning, nor outcry, nor pain will be any longer; for the first things passed away. ⁵And the *One* sitting on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He says to me, Write, because these words are faithful and true.

⁶And He said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending. To the *one* thirsting, I will freely give of the fountain of the water of life. ⁷The *one* overcoming will inherit all things, and I will be God to him, and he will be the son to Me. ⁸But for the cowardly and unbelieving, and those having become foul, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all the lying ones, their part *will be* in the Lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is *the* second death.

⁹And one of the seven angels came to me, he having the seven bowls being filled with the seven last plagues, and spoke with me, saying, Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb. ¹⁰And he carried me in spirit onto a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, holy Jerusalem, coming down out of

Heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God. And its light *was* like a very precious stone, as a jasper stone, being clear as crystal, ¹²and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names having been inscribed, which are of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. ¹³From *the* east, three gates; from *the* north, three gates; from *the* south, three gates; and from *the* west, three gates.

¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them *the* names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵And he speaking with me had a golden reed, that he may measure the city, and its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶And the city lies four-cornered, even its length as much as the width also. And he measured the city with the reed at twelve thousand stadia; its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷And he measured its wall, a hundred *and* forty-four cubits, a measure of a man, which is of an angel. ¹⁸And the structure of its wall *was* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like pure glass.

¹⁹And the foundation of the wall of the city having been adorned with every precious stone: The first foundation, jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; ²⁰the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, hyacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. ²¹And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; respectively each one of the gates *was* of one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, as transparent glass. ²²And I saw no temple in it, for *the* Lord God Almighty is its temple, even the Lamb.

²³And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, that they might shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, even its lamp *is* the Lamb. ²⁴And the nations of the ones saved will walk in its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵And its gates may not at all be shut by day, for no night will be there. ²⁶And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷And all profaning may not at all enter into it, or *any* making an abomination or a lie; but

only the ones having been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb.

CHAPTER 22

¹And he showed me a pure river of water of life, bright as crystal, coming forth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²In *the* midst of its street and of the river, from here and from there, *was* a tree of life producing twelve fruits: according to one month each yielding its fruit. And the leaves of the tree *were* for healing of the nations. ³And every curse will no longer be. And the throne of God and the Lamb will be in it; and His slaves will serve Him. ⁴And they will see His face; and His name *will be* on their foreheads. ⁵And night will not be there; and they have no need of a lamp or a light of *the* sun, because *the* Lord God will shed light on them. And they shall reign forever *and* ever.

⁶And he said to me, These words *are* faithful and true. And *the* Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His slaves what must happen quickly. ⁷Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed *is* the *one* keeping the words of the prophecy of this Book.

⁸And I, John, *was* the *one* seeing and hearing these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel showing me these things. ⁹And he said to me, Behold! Stop! For I am your fellow-slave, and of your brothers the prophets, and of the *ones* keeping the words of this Book. Do worship to God.

¹⁰And he said to me, Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this Book, because the time is near. ¹¹The *one* acting unjustly, let him still act unjustly; and the filthy, let *him* still be filthy; and the righteous, let *him* still *do* righteousness; and the holy, let *him* still be holy.

¹²And, behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to each as his work is. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last. ¹⁴Blessed *are* the *ones* doing His commands, that their authority will be over the tree of life, and by the gates they may enter into the city. ¹⁵But outside *are* the dogs and the sorcerers,

and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone loving a lie, and making *it*.

¹⁶I, Jesus, sent My angel to testify these things to you over the churches. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the bright and morning Star.

¹⁷And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And the *one* thirsting, let *him* come; and the *one* desiring, let him take of the water of life freely.

¹⁸For I testify together with everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this

Book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add upon him the plagues having been written in this Book. ¹⁹And if anyone takes away from the words of *the* Book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from *the* Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and of the things having been written in this Book.

²⁰The *One* testifying these things says, Yes, I am coming quickly. Amen. Yes, come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with all of you. Amen.